

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

*'We seek to become a more welcoming community where God's message of faith,
hope and love is experienced'*

THE WILDERNESS TEST.

At some point in our life we have to go into the desert, to identify what compulsions operate in our life. It may come when your last parent has died. When you realise that you are no longer someone's son or daughter, but an individual standing alone on the surface of life.

To go into the desert means to stare our inner-chaos in the face and face the demons. They don't change that much in any age.

There's the demon of grandiosity - it tells us that we are the centre of the universe, that our lives are more important than those of others.

Loneliness is a demon, as well as being the most frequently 'googled' word in Ireland. This is a demon of fear which torments us by telling us constantly that, at the end of the day, we will be alone, unloved, excluded, outside the circle. We look for anything or anyone to remove that fear - in the right and wrong places.

The demon called paranoia enters whenever we become embittered, cynical, distrustful, angry or jealous - believing that life has cheated us, that others win and we lose.

The Season of Lent is a time to honestly confront the demons within us and let God be God and do battle within us.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - February 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 9 a.m. / Friday 8 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m., / Thursday 9 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Claire Conroy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Marren and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Anne Deacy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Niamh O'Grady.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 3rd March 8 p.m. Paul Quinn Shane Cunney Niall Armstrong Lorraine Kavanagh.

Sunday 4th March 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr Brid Rogers Caoimhe Warde Ciara Hussey.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Howley Family (Dunmaynor)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Conlon Family (Cullen) and The
Igoe Family (Corley)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hurst Family (Carramore-Moy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7.00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be Sunday 6th May. The Children of Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time at 11.30 a.m. Mass on that day.

FIRST CONFESSIONS/PENNANCE celebration was planned for Killasser Church on Thursday 29th March at 7.00 p.m. This needs to be changed on account of Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass planned for that date. Five families are involved. The new date is Wednesday 28th March at the same time. Hopefully this is suitable for all concerned.

DONATIONS TOWARDS RENOVATION AT CALLOW CHURCH: Sincere thanks for the following donations towards the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House - €5,000 / €1,000 / €1,000 / €250 / €100 / €50 / €100 / €100 / €50 / €50 / €50 / €200 / €1,400 / €150 / €400 / €1,000 / €250 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / 250 These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

THE NEW SEATING FOR CALLOW CHURCH was delivered on Monday 29th January. The new furniture definitely enhances the appearance of the church a great deal and highlights the excellent work that has already been carried out. Sincere thanks to those who have already made donations towards the cost of the new furniture - five in number and to a number of others who have indicated they are willing to make a donation. The amount of each donation is €1,000. The total cost of the furniture is €38,483.52c. The conventional seat/benches in the main body of the Church will accommodate a minimum of 82 people. There are also 80 Chairs which will obviously seat 80 people. The chairs are placed in the choir area, baptismal area, the gallery and area inside the side door of the Church. Chairs are moveable and as a result give one the freedom to use the areas where they are for a variety of purposes. The chairs are connected to each other but can also be arranged in different formations. With traditional seating, one is very restricted in what one can do, because it cannot be moved around. This is a pity, because with buildings (churches) that so much money is spent on, it is a pity that they have not more flexibility for a variety of uses. Callow Church now has that advantage.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE: Five women from Achonry Diocese have recently completed two years training in Spiritual Direction with the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality, Manresa. They are now available to meet with individuals. Spiritual Direction/Guidance offers a reflective look at life and working of the Holy Spirit in it. For more information, Phone Patricia McCarthy on 086-1021532 or Frances Mellett on 087-7813926. You can get a brochure in the Sacristy.

PILATES CLASSES continues in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next, 28th February, from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. Anyone interested in losing a couple of inches from the waistline is more than welcome.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 17th / 18th February amounted to €1,451

BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE: There are a few places remaining in the Office Procedures Course if you are interested in learning basic office procedures, please contact Cosgallen CDP in Charlestown. This course is run under the Back to Education Initiative and is free to medical card holders or people getting a social welfare payment.

EVENING CLASSES: Cosgallen CDP is organising Digital Camera classes. If you are interested in participating please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070. The cost of this course is €60.

CLASSES: If you are interested in attending beginners or follow-up Computer classes or beginners or follow-on Irish classes, please contact Cosgallen by phoning 094-9255070 or calling in to the office at the Enterprise Centre, Charlestown.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF IRELAND: The Community Foundation of Ireland is currently inviting applications to their Small Grant Scheme for Community and Voluntary Groups 2007. Applications must be from Community and Voluntary Groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit. They will favour projects leading to the social inclusion of communities who are excluded by reason of geography, age, disability, poverty, gender or race. The next closing date is Friday 30th March.

NEWS: Cosgallen is hoping to hold an eight week course in organic gardening. This course would be held one night per week for two hours. If you are interested in taking part please contact Cosgallen on 094-55070

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The A.G.M. of Cosgallen was held on Monday 12th February in Charlestown. This was an open meeting and in attendance were management, staff and members of the public. Chairman Pdraig Phillips gave his report on all the work undertaken by the Project during 2006. Accounts were presented, followed by re-election of members and nominations of new members. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Pdraig Phillips, Vice-Chairman - Con McMenamin, Secretary - Tommy Calter, Assistant Secretary - Margaret Phelan, Treasurer - Seamus Bermingham, Assistant Treasurer - Margaret Casey. The Voluntary Management Committee members are: Seamus Bermingham, Tommy Calter, Margaret Casey, Patrick Conroy, Sean Grimes, Julie Ryan Kneafsey, Con McMenamin, Catherine Maloney, Margaret Phelan, Pdraig Phillips and Jimmy Tully.

A THREE NIGHT COURSE - PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday Nights - 1st / 8th / 15th March from 8 - 10 p.m. Each Parish will have a maximum of eight places on the Course. If you are interested, contact Fr. O'Mahony or the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. The cost has been fixed for €35. A minimum of fifteen people is needed to make the course viable. Application Forms are available from Fr. O'Mahony.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME every Monday Night at 9 p.m. All support welcome.

THE OLD SEATS IN CALLOW CHURCH have now all been taken. Apologies to those who did not get one.

NEW TARMAC will be laid on the church grounds in Callow and on the driveways when everything else is complete inside and outside. This will be done before the two weddings that are being held in the Church in March.

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NEW MEMBERS WANTED: As the Pastoral Council is now two years in existence, according to its constitution, one third of the council will be requested to step aside. This is to make sure that it never become an elite or select group that never changes. You are welcome to nominate somebody, provided you have consulted that person and they are willing to serve or you can also volunteer yourself for service. Never feel that taking responsibility for the parish is up to someone else to step forward. Why not you this time? If everybody left it to someone else, then nothing would happen and our parish/community would collapse and cease to function. Everything we have and everything that is organised should never be taken for granted. Somebody has to make it happen. Why not you. If you are contacted about this matter, do not be surprised.

TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Two people have volunteered to join the Parish Pastoral Council for the year ahead. Two more are needed, so do think about it. It would be ideal to have two men to get the gender balance as even as possible.

INFORMATION SERVICE: A service providing information and advice to members of the community will be available each Monday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre.

ACHONRY PIONEER DINNER DANCE will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Friday 9th March at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Tickets at €25 each are available from Thomas Marren or Margaret McGowan.

THE ALL-IRELAND PIONEER READOIRI FINALS has been taking place this Saturday afternoon in the Travellers Friend Royal Theatre, Castlebar. Killasser is being represented in the Group Singing by Darina Burke, Eimear Burke, Linda McNulty and Sarah Scully. We hope they have an enjoyable and successful experience.

ACHONRY REGIONAL PIONEER COUNCIL meet in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Monday 26th at 8.30 p.m.

STAFF FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ARAS ATTRACTA SWINFORD are hosting a gala Fashion Show on Thursday 1st March. All proceeds from the show will go directly to the clients social fund. Any donation or spot prize that you could sponsor for the event will be gratefully accepted. The venue is the Gym in Aras Attracta at 8 p.m. Cheese and wine will be served

TROCAIRE BOXES FOR THE LENTEN CAMPAIGN are available in both churches at the doors this weekend. Each family is encouraged to take one and make whatever contribution you can during Lent. They can be handed in on Holy Thursday.

PRAY FOR Patrick John Gallagher, Tulleague and Daughter Gertie Kelly, Saturday 8 p.m.
Dick Crowley, Toorard, Saturday 8 p.m.
John and Margaret Marren, Son John and Baby Neil, Fross, Saturday 8 p.m.
Johnny Kerrane, Carrownedan, Saturday
Tom Naughton, Cullen, Sunday 10 a.m
For Deceased People for whom a Light was lit on Callow Christmas Tree, Callow, Friday 8 p.m.
John and Bridie Howley, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.
Jim Hughes, Corley and Luke O'Hara, Saturday 8 p.m.
Tom Conlon, Cullen, Months Mind, Sunday 4th March 10 a.m.
Mary Igoe, Corley, Months Mind, Sunday 4th March 10 a.m.
Josie Boran, Lismorane, who died on Sunday 18th February. Funeral on Wednesday last in Callow.
Fr. Liam Cawley, Charlestown, died on Friday 23rd, Remains will be brought to Charlestown Church
From Funeral Home, arriving at 7 p.m. this Sunday, Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 Noon
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

KILLASSER **ALL-IRELAND**

READOIRI CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

DARINA BURKE

EIMEAR BURKE

LINDA McNULTY

SARAH SCULLY

ON THEIR WONDERFUL WIN IN

THE GROUP SINGING

COMPETITION IN CASTLEBAR LAST

EVENING

WELL DONE EVERYBODY

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WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT
