

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

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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'*

UP-FRONT SHEPHERD.

Part of the Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier goes like this: *I asked for strength that I might achieve / I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey / I asked for power that I might have the praise of people / I was given weakness that I might feel the need for God.*

That soldier got more than he bargained for. So do we. He ends his prayer with gratitude to God; *Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered / I am, among all people, most richly blessed. Thus should we end ours.*

Today's first reading reminds me of that prayer. *It is you who will be shepherd of my people Israel*, you who shall be ruler over Israel (2 Samuel 5 : 2. This applies to David, newly anointed King. His model - a ridiculous one to all power-conscious bosses - is the shepherd. This type of leadership is gentle and caring. It provides safety. It creates peace. It knows the need for vigilance. Shepherds, lowly and illiterate men, are up-front with their flocks.

Leaders at any level have a lot to learn from this image - even though those they 'lead' may not in any way be sheepish.

(Fr. Tom Lane - Intercom - November 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Thursday 8 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Monday 11 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson

Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Anne Holleran

Sunday 10 a.m. Anne Deacy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 1st December 8.00 p.m. Ciara Hussey Liam Moran Conor Stephens Colin Hughes.

Sunday 2nd December 11.30 a.m. Lorraine Kavanagh Erin Rochford Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Noone Family (Culduff)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

FEAST DAYS:

Sunday - Solemnity of Christ the King.

Friday - St. Andrew, Apostle.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held in Killasser Church on Monday from 4 - 7 p.m.

PREPARATION/PRACTICE FOR CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW will continue on this Sunday 25th November at 4.00 p.m. There has been a wonderful attendance of children at the first two rehearsals which is most encouraging.

THE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE IN CALLOW CHURCH will take place this year on Sunday 23rd December at 7.00 p.m.

CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP: The Killala Diocesan Music and Liturgy Commission presented a Church Music Workshop in **The Ramada Hotel, Old Foxford Road, Ballina on Tuesday last 20th November at 8.00 p.m.** Over 100 people attended what was a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience. Sincere thanks to all who attended from Killasser and Callow - approximately 20. It is so important to avail of all these opportunities to nourish our spiritual lives and to enable us to worship in a more meaningful way. Another workshop is planned for early 2008. More about that when details become available.

THE NEXT CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' the programme of preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion, will be celebrated during the 8.00 p.m. Mass on this Saturday 15th December. This year there are six Children from Carramore and Killasser National Schools preparing to receive these Sacraments. They are: Emma Howley / Courtney Groarke / Finn Stephens / Dara Kavanagh / Saoirse Warde / Jonathan O'Hara.

DEMOLITION AND REBUILDING OF WALL AT KILLASSER CHURCH: The wall around the perimeter of Killasser Church Ground on lower side of the grounds near the Community Centre was demolished over a week ago. It has been in very bad condition in recent times. The new foundation was prepared during the past week. On Friday the readymix concrete was poured. It will be rebuilt under the Rural Social Scheme and hopefully will be faced with stone like the wall opposite the Killasser Housing Estate. The building of the block will begin the week after next. Some grant aid has been sanctioned by IRD Kiltimagh and the local County Councillors.

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 / €100 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200 / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / €250 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 / €2,000 / €100 / €1,000 / €50 These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

LAUNCH OF PAMPERING DAY IN AID OF AIDS PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA will take place in the Mayo County Library, Castlebar on Tuesday 27th November at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. Vouchers on sale on the night. An ideal Christmas Gift.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME: The Annual Rent is now due and the Rent Collector will be calling to each household over the next few weeks.

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren (094-9251327) Fr. O'Mahony (094-9251431), Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox (094-9253603), Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Bridie Sheerin (094-9251062), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is still progressing very well. The two new class rooms are now plastered inside and out. They have been painted inside and units have also been installed. New furniture has also arrived. The outdoor playing area beside the new General Purposes Building is now complete. The children are now able to play on it. It is an all-weather surface that can be used in all kinds of conditions. It is really state of the art.

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? French language Courses for Primary and Post Primary Students are now available. The 15 Week Course is given by a highly qualified French Native Teacher with 20 years experience. The Course can tip the scales in your favour when exam times come around, getting the professional help you need now. For enrolment and full details please contact Jacqueline Duffy on 094-9861146.

AT THE LAST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday evening last 21st November in Killasser Church. The following items were discussed as well as others: The analysis of the Parish Questionnaire - 71 were returned. / Cluster Baptism Preparation Team / Evaluation of Remembrance Service for the Dead, Donal Harrington Workshop, Killala Diocesan Liturgical and Music Workshop / Internal adjustment/reorganisation of Killasser Church / Loose Change Collection / 'Do This In Memory' / Bishop-Elect Brendan Kelly etc.

THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE Michael Fox / Collette Howley / Helen Thompson / Maureen Murphy / Anna Howley / Margaret McGowan / Mary Mulligan / Joe Kennedy / Joe McNulty / Bridie Sheerin / Marty Noone / Patricia Tansey

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING will take place on Wednesday next at 8.30 p.m. in Callow Church. A first draft of the analysis of the Parish Questionnaire Responses is now complete and will be looked at in detail at this meeting to make any adjustments or carry out any refinement that is necessary. The full meeting will be devoted to this purpose.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE will be made available to everyone who wishes to see it at a later stage when it is ready for publication. It is very clear from it already that the majority of people who responded wish to have the

Vigil Mass for Christmas at 12 Midnight as it has been for many years. It will be at Midnight again this year. There is also agreement to have a two-hour gap between the starting times of the Masses in Callow and Killasser on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday to allow sufficient time for the celebrant to travel from one to the other with a little less pressure of time. Mass this year on Christmas Day in Callow Church will be at 9.30 a.m. and in Killasser Church at 11.30 a.m.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre Attymass on Thursday night last 22nd November. The possibility of having a group of people to work with the priests in the cluster in preparing Parents and Godparents better for the Baptism of their children was discussed again. **It is hoped to have two people from each parish for an information evening on Monday 26th November from 8.30 - 10.00 p.m. in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. This will, hopefully, enable them to become involved in this ministry. We now have two volunteers and we would still like to have one more. Do think about it.** Other items discussed were: Marriage Preparation Booklet / Christmas Cluster Newsletter / Rationalisation of Parish Services / Preparation for Advent and Christmas / Services of Reconciliation / Bishop-Elect Brendan Kelly / Ecumenical Service.

THE NEXT CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 17th January 2008 at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives are Maureen Murphy and Joe McNulty.

A CLUSTER NEWSLETTER will be published again for Christmas this year. Maureen Murphy is a member of the editorial team and is looking for any articles or photographs of interest you might have. You can contact her on 094-9251525.

AN ADVENT CLUSTER MINI-VIGIL will take place in Attymass Parish Church on Wednesday 5th December from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. This will be an opportunity on the journey of Advent to prepare prayerfully for the celebration of Christmas. It will consist of Scripture Readings, Reflections, Music, Song and Silence. We hope that as many as possible will avail of the opportunity. It is hoped that Lasair - Darina Burke, Sarah Scully, Linda McNulty and Eimear Burke - will be present to play and sing as well as the Attymass Church Choir. It is hoped that this type of Service will rotate from Parish to Parish over the coming years.

THE FOXFORD CLUSTER ECUMENICAL SERVICE will be held in January and this time it is the turn of Foxford to host the event. Last January it was celebrated in Killasser Church and was a most meaningful and enjoyable service. More details later.

BUS TO TEA DANCE: Would you like a Rural Transport Service from your area to the Tea Dance in Midfield, Swinford on Sunday afternoons? If you would like to use this service, please contact Anne-Marie Carroll on 094-9381494 as soon as possible. This pilot service will only run if there is a need and passengers using the route.

NEW ARTS OFFICER FOR IRD KILTIMAGH: IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. has recently appointed Anne Marie McGing as the new Arts Officer. Anne Marie hails from Killawalla and has been working in the arts previously in Galway and Mayo. She will be working throughout the year on developing a programme of arts activities in the Town Hall Theatre and other venues. You can contact Anne Marie at the IRD Kiltimagh by calling 094-9381494 or emailing ANNEMARIEMCGING@IRD-KILTIMAGH.IE

KILTIMAGH ARTS MAILING LIST: IRD Kiltimagh Arts Office is in the process of updating its arts interest mailing list. If you are interested in receiving information about up-coming events in the East Mayo Area please contact the IRD Kiltimagh Arts Officer, Anne Marie McGing with your contact details. You can e-mail the information to the above address or you can contact IRD on 094-9331494. Please include a contact name, address and e-mail address in e-mails.

WRITERS' GROUP IN KILTIMAGH: Kiltimagh Writers' Group will have their next Meeting on Tuesday 4th December. There will be a 3 hour workshop with local poet Terry McDonagh on the night. Admission to the meeting is €5. If you are interested in creative writing, you may be interested in coming along. New members are always welcome. This will be held in the Old School House on Monday 3rd December at 7.00 p.m. For more details and to register please contact Anne Marie McGing at the IRD Kiltimagh on 094-9381494.

'FLIGHT OF EARLS' PREMIERS IN KILTIMAGH TOWN HALL THEATRE: Kiltimagh Town Hall Theatre proudly presents 'Flight of Earls' on Tuesday 4th December at 8.. p.m. This is the opening night of the play's tour of the county. The play will be followed by a post-play questions and answers session by playwright Phil Mac Giolla Bhain on issues raised. Although the title may suggest links to the past, 'Flight of Earls' is set in contemporary Donegal and tells the tale of two young men in modern Ireland. The play opens with the revelation that Peadar has become a father. His life-long friend Darragh looks on with a mixture of awe, jealousy and concern as Peadar's life is changed, changed utterly by becoming a father of a young son. As the play progresses we learn of the difficulties Peadar and Darragh have encountered in life, both past and present. 'Flight of Earls' addresses issues that are often forgotten, namely masculinity, fatherhood and the bond of male friendship in a tragic-comic style. The play takes place in Kiltimagh Town Hall Theatre, Kilkelly Road, Kiltimagh on Tuesday 4th December at 8 p.m. Tickets are €12 / €10 (concessions). Refreshments served. Early booking advisable on 094-9381494. Please note that the play contains adult themes and strong language throughout. For further information please contact Ann Marie McGing on 094-9381494.

FOXFORD 25 CARD GAME continues in Browne Memorial Hall on Tuesday next 27th November at 8.30 sharp. Usual Prizes, Spots and Raffle. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION taken up recently amounted to €1,290. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

THE FAMILY INSTITUTE BALLAGHADERREEN offers a professional, confidential service in psychotherapy and systemic family therapy for couples, individuals and families. Fees are on a sliding scale. Linda Fulton accredited psychotherapist with European Council for Psychotherapy has recently joined the staff. For appointments contact 094-9861000.

THE ANNUAL SWINFORD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION was taken up before each Mass on the weekend, 10th / 11th November. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and if you have forgotten you can hand it in at your convenience. We thank the Swinford Conference for the good work they do in our Parish.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER amounted to €4,860. Sincere thanks to everyone for your support and generosity for what was an excellent collection.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will take place in the Office of the Parochial House on Saturday Night next 1st December at 9.15 p.m.

THE ACHONRY DIOCESAN READOIRI PIONEER TALENT COMPETITION took place in Cloonacool last Saturday night. Killasser was represented by Linda McNulty, Listernan and she progressed to the Connacht Semi-Finals. She participated in the Solo-Singing competition. Well done Linda.

ACCORD MARRIAGE CARE SERVICES: An Office Person is required for 15 hours per week, part-time, 10 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, for Accord Marriage Care Services at the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown. Confidentiality and telephone manner is important, also some computer ability. Application with CV/Reference by Friday next 23rd November to Rev. Director Accord, Pastoral Centre, Charlestown. Enquiries to 094-9254944

FARMERS' MARKET: The Farmers' Market is now open in Foxford at the Mill Car Park. It takes place each Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. For further information contact 071-9181847.

SWINFORD SHOPPING BONANZA: The Annual Swinford Shopping Bonanza which aims to promote business in the town will commence on Thursday next 29th November and continue until Saturday 8th December, when the Great Giveaway Day will be held with Music, Song, Carol Singing, Santa's Visit and the Christmas Lights switch-on. Shop in Swinford and you could win some wonderful prizes.

COOLEGRANE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING: The Hughes Family in Coolegrane will, once again, be erecting their display of Christmas Lights at their home. The Lighting Project this year will be bigger and better. The proceeds from this project go to Rock Rose House Cancer Support Centre, Castlebar. A Donation Box will be placed at the gate. We hope as many people as possible will come to see this colourful display of Lights. The Cancer Support Centre would be grateful for any donations.

16 DAYS OF ACTION OPPOSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: 2007 marks the 17th year of the global '16 days of action opposing Violence against Women. This International Day runs from November 25th 2007 to 10th December 2007. To mark this event Cosgallen will hold a Lilies Riual on Friday 30th November at the Bridge on the Square in Charlestown at 12 Noon and in Swinford at the Bridge at the bottom of the town (on the Ballina Road) at 1.00 p.m.

WATERPOINT ENNISCROME - GIFT VOUCHERS: Gift Vouchers are now available at Waterpoint and Sunset Spa. Receive a 10% discount off membership with the purchase of a Christmas Membership Voucher. Phone 096-36999.

A FUND-RAISING TABLE QUIZ will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on next Saturday Night 1st December. The proceeds are in aid of a Childrens' Orphanage in Tanzania. Teams of 4 and admission is €10 per person. Your support will be very much appreciated for a very worthy cause.

A MONSTER 25 CARD GAME will take place in Scoil Muire agus Padraig, Swinford on Friday Night next, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lots of valuable prizes and spot-prizes. Your support will be very much appreciated.

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH CALENDARS AT FOXFORD CRAFT FAIR: We have booked a stand at the Craft Fair in Foxford next weekend. We are looking for volunteers to sell the Calendars for a few hours each day. If you are free at any of the following times and would like to help, please give your name to Eithne McLoughlin (094-9256155) or Maureen Murphy (094-9251525 - Friday 30th November 12 Noon - 6.00 p.m. / Saturday 1st December 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 2nd December 12 Noon - 6.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

1st November amounted to €645.
3rd / 4th November amounted to €1,365
10th / 11th November amounted to €1,298

NEW LEADER FOR THE DIOCESE: The waiting is over and the silence has been broken since Tuesday last 20th November. It was announced on Tuesday morning last that Fr. Brendan Kelly, Parish Priest of Spiddal, Co. Galway is to be the next Bishop of Achonry in succession to Bishop Flynn. Bishop Flynn's retirement was also confirmed on Tuesday last. He will be Apostolic Administer until the new Bishop is installed, probably at the end of January. We warmly welcome Brendan Kelly to Achonry and wish him every blessing and happiness with us in the diocese. We also wish Bishop Flynn a long and happy retirement after over thirty years in office. He deserves a good rest. The reaction of the priests of the diocese to the appointment is very positive and we look forward to working with our new leader as priests and unordained people of the diocese

PRAY FOR **Hugh and Delia O'Neill, Creggane, Son Willie, Daughter Bernie Browne and Son-in-law John, Saturday 8 p.m.**
Bridie Sheerin and Husband John, Tiernanny and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
Josie and Ellen Hegarty, Carrowleambeg and Son Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.
Tom and Lizzie O'Donnell, Carramore-Moy, Sunday 25th November 11.30 a.m.
Attracta Harriet Peyton, Cloonainra, Months Mind, Sunday 25th November 11.30 a.m.
Tom Doyle, Carramore, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Stephen Dunleavy, Carrowleambeg, Months Mind, Friday 8 p.m.
Martin McManus, Carramore, and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
Martina Shovlin, Dromada-Duke, Grandparents John and Winnie Peyton, Dromada-Gore, Uncle John Peyton, Dromada-Gore, Aunt Mary Power, Kiltimagh and Deceased Members of the Peyton and Shovlin Families, Saturday 8 p.m.
Patsi, Delia and Jim Noone, Culduff and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 2nd December 10 a.m.
John Peyton, Swords, Co. Dublin and Dromada-Gore, who died on Sunday 18th November. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday 21st November. Burial in Killasser Cemetery.
Sally Golden (Nee Walsh), Tiernanny, who died on Tuesday last 20th November in Coventry. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated and Burial will take place during the coming week.
Tom Doyle, Carramore, who died on Thursday last 22nd November. His Funeral Mass is being Celebrated in Killasser Church on this Sunday 25th November. Burial afterwards in Killasser Cemetery.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
