

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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'*

LIVING AUTHENTICALLY.

Countless faiths have pondered on the idea of who will be saved? What about those who have never heard of the Gospel? Are we on the right side? And all this talk of a 'narrow door' is a bit unnerving!

What matters is to act, to do courageously all that lies within our power to enter. Live authentically, it doesn't matter if what you do is noticed or not. Ultimately you have to face yourself in the mirror. You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

As schools return this week, a story from the East might help. An elderly sage was educating his young disciples about life. It tells of a dreadful battle that goes on in every person between two great lions. One lion is wicked; he is fear, rage, jealousy, sadness, greed, pride, self-pity, shame, hatred, weakness, lies, rivalry and superiority. The other lion is good; he is happiness, harmony, love, trust, sharing, peace, modesty, gentleness, compassion, friendship, understanding, charity, truth, kindness and loyalty. He was asked; 'which lion will win?' The answer: 'The one you feed the most'. Which of the two lions within you do you make the strongest?

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - August 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. / Saturday 1.00 p.m., 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. Sean McLoughlin

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Eileen O'Neill.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

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Sunday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 1st September 8.00 p.m. Kevin Rowley Pierce Rowley Ciara Hussey Paul Quinn.

Sunday 2nd September 11.30 a.m. Niall Armstrong Eoin Gallagher Brid Rogers Conor Stephens.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke) Sunday 10 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughton)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place in Killasser Church during July and August.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Maureen Sheerin, Coolegrane and Phillip Durkin, Curry, Co. Sligo who were married in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 25th August. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

BAPTISM We welcome Culann Daire Heaney, Artane, Dublin and Derreen, Killasser into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated in Killasser Church on this Saturday afternoon 25th August. We pray that Culann will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of Parents, Godparents, Family and Neighbours.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was also celebrated in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 25th August. Details of this Baptism in next week's Newsletter.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 17th / 18th August amounted to €1,461.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 14th / 15th August amounted to €870. This amount will be given towards Killasser Cemetery Maintenance Fund. The amount that has come in through the special Cemetery Envelopes has not yet been counted. These Envelopes are still available in each of the churches. You are encouraged to make a contribution and hand it in at your convenience.

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

SINCERE THANKS TO RORY CONROY for providing and installing the new furniture in Killasser Church Sacristy free of charge as he did earlier in Callow Church. This is a most generous gesture and we thank him on behalf of the whole parish.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON The Three-Day Pilgrimages began on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Pilgrimages will recommence after 13th August and continue until towards the end of September. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance.

MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CHURCH GATE COLLECTION on 8th / 9th September.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place on Monday 10th September. You are asked to give your names to Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. Even if you have already indicated your interest you might confirm that. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. The cost will be €50 per person - €27 for Lough Derg and €23 for transport. In Lough Derg, tea and scones will be provided on arrival in the morning and a light lunch in the middle of the day. For any food early in the morning or after we leave Lough Derg, it will be up to each person to decide what they wish to have. This will not be included in the price and is not pre-arranged. This can be decided on the day.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Friday 26th October to Friday 2nd November ex Dublin with JWT. €849 per person. There will be four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. The company is Celebration Travel. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Joe Caulfield, Carracastle. Price depends on number booking. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

THE WEEKLY SEISIUNS are being held again this year in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on each Thursday night at 9 p.m. during July and August. The Final session on next Thursday Night 30th August. Admission €10. Children have free admission. Refreshments served. Well worth a visit and this is your last chance this year. The tea/coffee and buns are beautiful.

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR will be on sale again after all Masses this weekend and for a few more weekends during August and into September. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy, Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox, Theresa Convey, Kevin Hughes and Louismnulty@Gmail.com a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

KILLASSER CHOI KWANG DO: It has been a very busy year for Killasser CKD. Three gradings have been held. Two of these gradings involved a visit from Mrs. V. Mackie 111 Dan and Mr. K. Mackie 111 Dan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mackie were very pleased with the standard of the students. The last grading was in June and the following people were graded: Pierce Rowley White Snr., Breege Rogers Yellow Snr., Fergus Ward Orange Snr., Oisín Broe White Snr., Caoimhe Ward Gold, Soncha Broe White Snr., Cormac Ward Orange, Emer Loftus Yellow, Siobhan Ward 11 Dan Gold. Congratulations to all the students and they are encouraged to keep up the good work. Classes took a two week break and are now back in the Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00 p.m. All ages from five years are welcome.

COMPUTER-BASED BUSINESS/TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS: If you are interested in returning to education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Computer-based Business/Tourism Studies Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2007. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support may be available. A training bonus of €31.80 is also payable to adults in receipt of social welfare payments for over a year. For further information contact Amanda or Emer at Further Education Centre, Swinford 094-9251928 or vtosswinford@eircom.net

A CAKE SALE AND BRING AND BUY was held in Killasser Community Centre after Mass on Sunday 12th August in aid of Bone Marrow For Leukaemia. Noreen Shovlin would like to sincerely thank all who organised and supported this event. Thanks to all who baked cakes, helped on the day and gave donations. The total raised was €572.30c. which will go towards her Fundraising Walk in Brazil in October. She hopes to raise €5,000 in total. All your support will be very much appreciated.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS IN TEAMPALL MAOIL was celebrated on Friday evening last 24th August in beautiful sunshine. A large crowd were present. The cemetery is looking excellent. Compliments and congratulations to the Cemetery Committee and all who help to maintain to such a high standard.

TEACHER LEAVES KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ms. Niamh Ruttledge, who has taught in Killasser National School for the past nine years will take up a new appointment for the school year 2006 – 2007. She has been appointed to Killala National School. On behalf of the Board of Management, The Parents and Children of the School, Past Pupils and the Parish Community, we say a sincere thanks for all her hard work, dedication, commitment and good example over the past nine years. We all regret losing such an excellent teacher but we wish her every success and blessing for the future.

NEW TEACHER APPOINTED TO KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: Ms. Aine Gibbons, Castlebar, has been appointed to the vacant permanent teaching position in Killasser National, due to Ms. Ruttledge moving on. We welcome her to the School and to the Parish and wish her every success and blessing for the future.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL PAINTED: The outside of Killasser National School was painted during the past just over a week ago. It now looks very well.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL RE-OPENS on Thursday 30th August. We welcome back all the Pupils and Teachers and hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday. Every success and happiness for the year ahead.

NEW INTERIOR LIGHTING INSTALLED IN KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL: New Fluorescent Lighting has been installed in the classrooms and Office/Staff Room of Killasser National School during the past week. It replaces the lighting that was installed when the school was built and which had become faulty through usage over so many years.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing well. The General Purposes Building is well on the way to completion. It will be a very impressive building and will be of immense benefit to the pupils and teachers for the future. The two new classrooms at the back of the existing school are now up to roof level.

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN on Monday week 3rd September.

MUNICH YOUTH CHOIR TO PERFORM IN SWINFORD PARISH CHURCH: The Munich Youth Choir will sing at the 10.30 a.m. Mass in Swinford Parish Church on Sunday next 26th August. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SCOIL MUIRE AGUS PADRAIG SECONDARY SCHOOL SWINFORD RE-OPENS for First Years on Tuesday 28th August.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL FOXFORD RE-OPENS for First Years on Tuesday 28th August. Full schedule on www.stjosephsfoxford.com. Phone No. 094-9256145.

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING will take place this year on Monday 27th August. If you are unable to travel, you should contact Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible. The Bus will leave Callow Church on Monday morning at 8.15 a.m. and Killasser Church at 8.30 p.m. We hope to be back not later than 9.30 - 10.00 p.m. A number of Adults have volunteered to accompany the children.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Saturday night next in Killasser Community Centre at 9.00 p.m.

PRAY FOR: Tom and Delia Gallagher, Callow, Sunday 26th August 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Tommy Rowley, Cloonfinnish, Parents Tom and Mary Rowley and Michael and Ellen McLoughlin, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom Browne, Cullenaughton, Sunday 2nd September 10 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

TEACHINGS OF JESUS OFFER RADICAL SOCIAL ALTERNATIVE.

'If the message of Christianity was implemented in Ireland, it would in all probability be bad for the economy' suggests **Tony Flannery**. 'Greed is good; it keeps the economy stable.' These are the words of a wealthy Dublin woman, explaining why she was going to vote a certain way in the recent General Election. From a commonly-accepted point of view, she is, of course, correct. The more greedy people are, the more they will purchase and consume, the more will be manufactured, and the more jobs there will be. Commentators tell us it was the economy that determined the way people voted - not that there was any significant difference between the two blocks. Both advocated cutting taxes and boosting spending on services. Any party which campaigned on the basis of raising taxes so that real opportunities could be afforded to the less privileged would have had little chance of getting elected. As a priest and preacher, this election highlighted for me the real task facing anyone trying to present the Christian message in Ireland. When Jesus preached the Kingdom of God, he was presenting a radically different view of society. He told people that love made more sense than hate, that living in peace would be a far happier state than conflict and that there was sufficient for everyone to live a decent life, if only we learned to share what we have rather accumulate more than we need. In modern terminology, it would be fair to say that Jesus advocated higher taxation, fairer taxation and redistribution. This was both simple and radical. He stirred up such fear in the authorities that he was put to death. His principles were clear; love and generosity are good; selfishness and greed are bad. But if he tried to spread that message in Ireland now, his fate would be at least as bad. His annihilation would be more subtle, but not any less barbaric. The unfortunate reality for the Christian preacher is that while greed does keep the economy stable, the values of the Kingdom of God would in all probability be bad for a modern economy. If people began to be satisfied with what they had, and controlled their desire for possessions, then manufacturing would decline and there would be fewer jobs. If they learned to live simply, the building industry would suffer a downturn. If people began to share what they had, the big shopping centres would experience a serious reduction in turnover. If they found something better to do on a Sunday, like going to church or walking the hills, then the dead-eyed queues in department stores would shorten. None of this, of course, will happen. We in the Church have tamed the message of Jesus. We have edited it, overemphasising personal and sexual relationships, which Jesus only marginally touched on, and largely ignoring the social gospel, where he was by far the most radical. We recognised that this was the topic that got him into the most trouble, and sensibly toned it down. The other aspect of his teaching that ensures it will not challenge the prevailing policy of modern Ireland is his insistence that his message was best preached by practice. Which of us is up to that?

(Fr. Tony Flannery - The Irish Times - Saturday 26th June 2007)
