

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

PARISH WEBSITE - www.killasser.com

FR. DAN O'MAHONY (094) 9251431. e-mail djomachonry@eircom.net

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 OCTOBER 2008.

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'*

'LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED'

The Beatles got it right: *all you need is love!* Trouble is, they didn't say where to get it. Neither does Jesus in today's Gospel Reading. A lawyer tests him with a question. Is it a genuine one to assess the depth of his understanding, or a trick question to make him look foolish? It could be either. It's not the Ten Commandments that Jesus is quizzed about, but the Torah - with its 613 commands. Of these 248 are positive, i.e., have a 'you shall' form; 365 are negative and have a 'you shall not' form. So, just imagine being asked which of those is the greatest.

Jesus, however, remains unfazed. He ignores any deviousness on the part of the questioner. Taking the question at face value, he answers it; love God and love your neighbour. Could anything be simpler or clearer? Why then are there so many problems with human relationships and so much suffering in our world? Can loving God and our neighbour be that difficult?

Not at all. But many people prefer complexity to simplicity. Simplicity scorns wiggle room, dislikes nitpicking, finds defining and qualifying things until they are beyond recognition distasteful; and it offers no excuse for foot-dragging when action is called for.

By putting Jesus to the test, that lawyer unwittingly puts himself to the test also. Now he can never claim ignorance of what is expected of him.

(Fr. Tom Cahill - Intercom - October 2008)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Saturday 10 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday 10 a.m. / Friday 8 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson

Saturday 10.00 a.m. Pat Gallagher.

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Claire Conroy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8.00 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Sr. Margaret.

Saturday 10.00 a.m. Marty Noone.

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Thomas Marren and Paraic O'Hara.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Margaret McGowan.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Friday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan

CALLOW

Saturday 10.00 a.m. Pat Gallagher.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Claire Conroy.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Friday 31st October 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Siobhan Tully Niall Armstrong Lorraine Kavanagh

Saturday 1st November 10 a.m. Shauna Burke Saoirse O'Grady Sinead Timlin Cian O'Grady.

Saturday 1st November 8.00 p.m. Paul Quinn Shane Cunney Liam Moran David Cronnolly

Sunday 2nd November 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers Siohhan Tully Melissa Cronnolly Chloe Meehan

Sunday 2nd November 10.00 a.m. Aine Timlin Louise Mulligan Cian O'Grady Shauna Burke.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8.00 p.m. The Dunleavy Family (Carrowleambeg) Saturday 10.00 a.m. The Gallagher Family (Callow)

Saturday 8 p.m. The O'Neill Family (Creggane)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughton)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Ruddy Family (Cullen)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will NOT take place in Killasser Church on Monday next.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 18th / 19th October amounted to €1,305

THE MISSION COLLECTION was take up at all Masses last weekend and it amounted to €1,020. Sincere thanks for you contributions and if you have forgotten it can be handed in at your convenience.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at www.accord.ie or by telephoning 094-9254944. Accord Counselling service for people experiencing difficulties within their marriage or relationship. Safe, professional and confidential. To make an appointment telephone 094-9254944..

GRANTS of up to €2,000 per household are now available for groups of houses looking to improve their energy efficiency. Five houses or more are encouraged to come together as a cluster, with energy assessments of each home available for €100. Further information is available through SEI's website www.sei.ie/hes or by calling 1850 927 000

ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES: This is a beautiful book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other places of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. The text is by Fr. Liam Swords. It is very readable and the photographs are very nice.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME USERS: Members are advised that tests carried out recently by the HSE have shown that the water supply is unsatisfactory at present and consumers are advised that the water should be boiled before human consumption. This boil notice will remain in effect until further notice. The water pipeline will be scoured/ flushed through in the near future. This could mean that some users of the water will have dirty water for a few days. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

THE EXTERIOR DOORS IN KILLASSER CHURCH will be painted in the very near future to protect them for the winter. They were sanded and undercoated back in May.

FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE KILTIMAGH: Finished School early? Are you interested in learning new skills or gaining a qualification? Are you aged 16 - 20? If so, why not join Youthreach, we provide skills in Woodwork, Hotel and Catering, Metal Work, Welding, Car Mechanics, English, Computers, Literacy/Numeracy, Maths, Art, Childcare, Hair and Beauty and Work Experience. All students receive a training allowance for attending the course and if required a childcare allowance may be provided. For more information contact Tracey or Conor on 094-9381338 or e-mail youthkilty@eircom.net

ANGER ISSUES: Everyone knows what Anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. The **Irish Association for Anger Management** is running a residential training programme on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November at Knock House Hotel**. Places are limited, so booking is essential. For more information, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the Irish Association of Anger Management on 094-9037677 / 087-7989253 / www.difficulthemotions.com

A MEETING OF THE CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night 25th September. There was a very full agenda including the following: Plans for the celebration of the Centenary of the birth of Fr. Peyton during 2009; Course for Ministers of the Eucharist - new and those who have been for many years; Cluster Newsletter to be published at Easter 2009; New Marriage Book published which will be available to all couples preparing for Marriage; Cluster Mass Card etc etc. More detail on some of those items at a later time.

A CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday night next 30th October at 8.30 p.m. The Killasser/Callow representatives are Maureen Murphy (Carramore-Moy) and Joe McNulty (Cullenaughton)

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Killasser Church on Wednesday Night 8th October. A very full agenda was dealt with including: Course for Ministers of Eucharist, Membership of the Council for the next year - four new members are required, Neighbourhood/Station Prayer Services - evaluation of these and what we might do for the future, Prayer Service for the Dead in November, The Global downturn in the economy and its implications, Altar Servers training etc, etc. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 12th November.

FOXFORD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE - PILATES CLASSES: Foxford Sport and Leisure Centre are now running Pilates Classes between 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. and Spin Cycle Classes from 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cost is €60. Come along or phone 094-9257684 for more information. **Anyone interested in setting up a Volley Ball Team in Foxford should ring the above number.**

THE COURSE FOR EXISTING MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST AND PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BECOME MINISTERS concluded on Tuesday Night last. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended.

THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR NEW MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST for all the parishes in the cluster will take place during a special Mass in Attymass Parish Church on Tuesday evening next at 8.00 p.m. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Brendan Kelly. All existing and new ministers are invited to attend. Family members of the new ministers are also welcome. After Mass refreshments will be served in the Fr. Peyton Centre.

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL are also required at the present time for the year ahead. Each year four members have to step down and be replaced by four new members according to our constitution and the guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils. This means that the Pastoral Council will continue to be renewed and, hopefully, as representative as possible. Each year ten meetings are held with a break for July and August. Do think about it.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: have been put on hold for the present due to circumstances that were unforeseen. The first Fundraiser for the project will be a Sponsored Walk on Monday next 27th October, commencing at 11 a.m. from Killasser Community Centre. Refreshments will be served at the Community Centre after the walk. All support will be much appreciated.

THE JOHN HEALY MEMORIAL WEEKEND will be officially launched by well know journalist John Waters in the Town Hall Arts Centre in Charlestown on 30th October. The Memorial Weekend will run from Thursday 30th October to 1st November. The Festival will also commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Maypole Mining disaster. The Festival opens with a cheese and wine reception in the Town Hall Arts Centre and the films 'On a Wing and a Prayer' and 'My own Place' will be screened. This will be followed by the R.T.E. Radio Show 'The Late Debate'. A number of guest speakers will be in attendance over the three days and these will include the already mentioned John Waters, Dr. Seamus Caulfield, Bernard O'Hara and Sinead McCool. The Festival will also include a tour to Tom Hennigan's Heritage Farm, the launch of a photographic exhibition compiled by Cathal Henry and introduced by the editor of the Western People, James Laffey. The Presentation of awards for the Young Writers' Competition sponsored by the Western People and activities for the children in the Charlestown Library will also take place. Joe Beirne will bring the Festival to a conclusion with a night of music and fun. All events are free and everyone is welcome

SMALL COIN COLLECTION: At all Masses over the last two weekends, there were buckets at the church doors for all that loose change which you might wish to donate to our twin diocese of Meki in Ethiopia. If you have forgotten you can still hand it in. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

THE SWINFORD CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION will be taken up at Killasser Church on the weekend 8th / 9th November. Your generosity and support will be very much appreciated.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED will be available at the church doors at all Masses next weekend. 12 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of their souls during the month of November.

A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED will be celebrated during the month of November on a date to be arranged. A special candle will be lit for every person who died in the parish during the past year since 1st November 2007. A candle will also be lit for those natives of the parish who died elsewhere during the same period. Hopefully some family member of each departed person can be present at this ceremony to pray for their relative and receive the candle to bring home. For those who cannot have a representative the candle will be sent on to them.

THE SECOND CELEBRATION OF 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' took place during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser Church on last Sunday 19th October. This year there are eleven children preparing along with their parents, family members and the worshipping community to celebrate First Confessions and First Communion. We hope that all of us can prepare as well as possible so that we can celebrate in a sincere and humble way. It is important that the children and their families would attend Mass every weekend as part of their preparation.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2008 - 2009 will be on Sunday 10th May 2009. We hope that this date is suitable for all concerned.

CHILDREN TO RECEIVE FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST COMMUNION this school year are the following:

CARRAMORE	Nevin Grufferty (Carramore)	Shane Cronnolly (Dunmaynor)	Conor Meehan (Dunmaynor)
	Chloe Tuffy (Dunmaynor)	Laura McNulty (Dunmaynor)	Kevin O'Hara (Lisheen, Aclare)
	Eoghan Leonard (Claddagh, Aclare)		
KILLASSER	Keisha Groarke (Killasser Estate)	John Farren (Killasser Estate)	
	Jack Igoe (Killasser Estate)	Alan Hughes (Carramore-Moy)	

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will not be celebrated in Killasser Parish this school year as we celebrated it in May 2008. However the other parishes in our cluster will be celebrating the Sacrament this school year - Foxford, Straide, Attymass and Bonniclonlon.

SWINFORD CREDIT UNION NEWS FOR SCHOOLS: Once again it is time for the Annual Poster Competition. The theme this year is 'The Credit Union - CU At Your Place'. Details have been circulated to each school and the closing date at Swinford Credit Union is Friday 7th November. There are also application forms in the Office and this can be entered on an individual basis. At the end of January the Credit Union Quiz will take place. More details later.

FITNESS FOR YOU: Classes will be on next Monday (Bank Holiday) and Wednesday at the usual time.

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK in aid of school maintenance will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday next 27th October. Parents and children in senior classes and anyone else wishes to join in, are invited to take part in this 10K walk. A section of the 10K walk by children from the junior room will start at the same time. Refreshments for all walkers will be served in the Community Centre, Killasser at 12.30 p.m. approx. Everyone welcome to participate in the walk. It begins and finishes at the Community Centre.

ACHONRY REGIONAL P.T.T.A.: A meeting will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday night next 28th October at 8.30 p.m.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Estella Igoe, Corley and Alex Durkin, Swinford who were married in Killasser Church on this Saturday afternoon 25th October. We wish Estella and Alex every blessing and happiness in their future married life.

A ROSARY SERVICE FOR OCTOBER will be celebrated in Callow Church on this Sunday evening 26th October at 6.00p.m. Everyone is invited to come along for a period of prayer and reflection in a restful and calm atmosphere.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office on Saturday night next 1st November at 9.15 p.m.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY: There will be a Halloween Fancy Dress Party for the youth of the parish on Friday next 31st October in Killasser Community Centre commencing at 4.00 p.m. This is organised by the Youth Group. Please come along and enjoy yourselves. Lots of Prizes to be won.

WINTER TIME - CLOCK GO BACK 1 HOUR at 1.00 a.m. this Sunday morning. Masses will be at the changed time on Sunday. Enjoy the extra hour sleep!!!!

PRAY FOR Mark Convey, Fross, Saturday 5 p.m.
 Tom and Bridie Greally, Ballyhaunis and their daughter Jean Featherstone, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Peter Meehan, Carrabeg and Michael Rogers, Ballagherren, Father of Jacqueline Meehan, who died Recently, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Patrick and Mary Rochford and deceased family members, Cartron, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Nora Ruane, Cullenaughton and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 10 a.m.
 Harriet Peyton, Cloonainra, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Stephen Dunleavy, Carrowleambeg, Friday 8 p.m.
 Delia and Hugh O'Neill, Creggane and Daughter Bernie Browne, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Denis Moran Carrowleamore, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Mary Rowley, Drumagh, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL SPONSORED 10K WALK
 FOR PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
 MONDAY 27 OCTOBER AT 11 A.M.
 FROM KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE.**
