

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'

THE INCONVENIENT TRUTH.

Questions that ask for your opinion are never easy to answer. At times being truthful without being hurtful are two polar opposites that refuse to be united. Many a true friend has licked their wounds after being truthful. A compliment rather than a critique can be what is sought by the questioner. So, if you tell the truth habitually, keep the engine running for a quick getaway. Few of us really want the truth. No deceptions, no defences, no reconciliations. It's because the price is high, it will cost your very security and few of us want to jettison our unquestioned beliefs and prejudices about ourselves and the world we live in. We are all children of Pilate, trying to answer our dilemma's by compromise.

We are still being tried by truth, and our loyalty to Christ our King is shown by the outcome. How we behave when we are challenged with the truth is judgement on ourselves and often this is not easy. Doing the right thing will cost you, perhaps your job, even your life. It's why we value our closest relationships, they are harbours of truth, where beneath even the wildest statements we may make of our spouse, there is no real accusation, because the bedrock is love. Living and acting in love is ultimately the key.

'All who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' (Gospel)

Fr. Tom Cox -

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 7.30 p.m. / Thursday, Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday 10 a.m. / Friday 11 a.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. Mary Stenson
Eileen O'Neill.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary Keane.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Teresa Hennigan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 8 p.m. Anne Holleran and

Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8 p.m. Amy Hussey

Patrick McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 2nd December 8 p.m. Keith Kavanagh Liam Moran Rachael McDonnell
Ciara Hussey.
Sunday 3rd December 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Eimear Burke Niall Armstrong Eoin
Gallagher.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Hyland Family (Carramore-Moy) Sunday 10 a.m. The Deacy
Family (Callow)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The
Browne Family (Boleboy)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday next from
4.00 - 7.00 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Sincere thanks to everyone who
prepared for, participated in and attended the Prayer Service for all our faithful departed in Killasser
Church on Friday evening last 24th November. A special candle was lit in memory of each person from the
parish who died during the past year and presented to a family member towards the end of the ceremony.
Hopefully it was a meaningful ceremony for all who were present, especially families who have been
bereaved during the past year.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' the Parish preparation programme for the Children, their Parents
and Families and indeed the whole community, will have its next celebration on this Saturday 25th
November during the Vigil Mass in Killasser Church at 8.00p.m. The theme for this month's
celebration will be remembering our dead.

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 / €50 / €50 / €50 / €200 / €100 / €150 /
€400 These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

AN OPEN MEETING to discuss the renovation work at Callow Church and how extra money
might be raised to pay off the cost of this work as soon as possible, took place in Callow Church on
Monday week last 13th November. It was a very well attended and representative meeting. Sincere
thanks to everyone who made the effort to be there and for your ideas and suggestions, as to how we
might raise the money to pay for the renovation at Callow Church and Killasser Parochial House. It is
our collective responsibility to address this situation and to deal with it in the best way we can. Your
willingness to be involved is very much appreciated. There will be another open meeting on Monday
next 27th November at 8.00 p.m. in Callow Church.

AN OPEN MEETING to which people from all areas of the Parish are welcome will take place in
Callow Church on Monday Night next 27th November at 8.00 p.m. All ideas, suggestions and support will
be very much appreciated.

**SPONSOR A LIGHT FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE CALLOW AND KILLASSER
CHURCHES:** This is one of the suggestions from the first open meeting held on 13th November. An
outdoor Christmas tree will be erected outside Callow and Killasser Churches and you can sponsor a light
on either tree for €10. **Envelopes for this purpose and for your donation will be available in both
Churches this weekend.** You can hand them in next weekend or at your convenience. Proceeds will go
towards the renovation. The trees are being donated and erected free of charge. Sincere thanks to all who
have offered to do this.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT THE HUGHES HOME IN COOLEGRANE: Each year the
Hughes Family erect very decorative Christmas lighting outside their home which attracts many people. At

the gate there is always a donation box and the money is given to different charities and for different causes each year. At the meeting on 13th November, the Hughes family offered to give this year's proceeds to the Callow Church Renovation Fund. We thank them sincerely for this most generous gesture and we encourage as many as possible to go along to see the lighting /decoration when it is erected. We will let you know when this happens.

A SPONSORED WALK FOR CALLOW CHURCH will take place on St. Stephen's Day to raise funds for the renovation work. A route has been planned out. If you remember we had a most enjoyable walk last St. Stephen's Day to raise funds for the earthquake victims in Pakistan. We hope you will mark this into your diary and come out in large numbers on that day. There will be refreshments and music etc. afterwards.

A CONCERT OF SPIRITUAL MUSIC AND SONG will, hopefully, take place in Callow Church, possibly around Eastertime. No definite arrangements or details yet but it will be worked on over the coming weeks.

ANOTHER REMINDER TO PAYE WORKERS TO RETURN YOUR REVENUE FORMS: Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned a tax form. If you have overlooked it, you are encouraged to return it at your convenience. It is important to remember that this does not affect your tax in any way. It does not cost you as a taxpayer but it can greatly assist the Church renovation fund. If you still need a form or if you have any query you can contact 087-6305936 or Fr. O'Mahony.

TILING OF CALLOW CHURCH: The tiling of Callow Church will be completed during the coming week. Most of the work has already been done except the area around the Baptismal Font and the front porch.

THE CARPETING OF THE MAIN BODY OF THE CHURCH AND SANCTUARY IN CALLOW will also be done during the coming week. Hopefully, it will be looking very well for a wedding next Saturday and for Christmas.

ADVENT - 'THE WONDER OF THE INCARNATION': A Reflection on the Advent Liturgy will be given by Fr. Dermot Meehan on Wednesday next 29th November from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. It will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. Everyone is welcome.

LIAM LAWTON CONCERT IN BALLINTUBBER ABBEY: Liam Lawton will perform in Ballintubber Abbey Church on Thursday 30th November at 8.00 p.m. Tickets at €20 are available from Ballintubber Abbey by contacting 094-9030934.

FEAST DAYS: Sunday - Christ the King. Thursday - St. Andrew, Apostle.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 18th / 19th November amounted to €1,235.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME MEMBERS: Members are advised that the annual water rate is now due and will be collected in the coming weeks. Rate for domestic use - €70 Rate for domestic and agricultural use €120.

CLUSTER NEWSLETTER: It is hoped to publish a Cluster Newsletter again this year before Christmas. A sub-committee with a representative from each of the five parishes is being formed to edit and put it together. Maureen Murphy, Carramore-Moy is the Killasser representative. If you have any news item or photograph that you think should or could be included, you might pass it on to Maureen not later than Wednesday next 29th November.

THE KILLASSER PARISH WEBSITE is now in existence and is being developed as time goes by.

The website address is www.killasser.com Every organisation in the Parish is invited to put material of interest on to the website. The Parish Newsletter is now appearing every week on it. Information for the website can be sent to Michael Fox, Lismorane or Louis McNulty, Cullonaughton. A number of people have expressed an interest in being the gatherers of information on the Killasser side of the Parish. All the information received is uploaded to the website by Joselyn Kerviche. We are very grateful to everyone who is involved in this very useful service.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY 25 CARD GAME continues in the Community Centre on Monday Night next 27th November at 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated.

SWINFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB: A grand Christmas Floral Demonstration by Deirdre McCarthy of Newport School of Floristry will be held in Aras Attracta, Swinford on Tuesday next 28th November at 7.30 p.m. All floral arrangements will be raffled on the night. Admission €10 and all proceeds will go to Cancer Action Mhaigh Eo's MRI campaign. Everybody welcome.

MEELICK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: A Christmas Bazaar will be held in Meelick Community Centre on Sunday 3rd December commencing at 3.00 p.m. There are lots of Prizes on the Big Wheel. It promises to be a great day for all the family. Santa will be there. Great Raffle Prizes also. Your support will be very much appreciated.

LADIES KEEP-FIT: Keep-Fit for ladies resumes in Killasser Community Centre on Wednesday next 29th November at 7.00 p.m. Start your exercise regime for Christmas and the New Year by joining up. Admission Cost €4 per class.

LEUKAEMIA TRUST FUND SPONSORED WALK: Congratulations to Noreen Shovlin, Dromada-Duke, who participated in this walk in South Africa between 3rd and 10th November. Well done for what is a very worthy cause.

LITURGICAL CONCERT: A Liturgical Concert in memory of the late Fr. Joe Taaffe, Past Director of the Irish Welfare and Information Centre, Birmingham and a native of Knock, Co. Mayo, takes place in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Tubbercurry on this Sunday 26th November at 7 p.m. What a line-up of talent: the performers on the evening are drawn from local and national stage including: Choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Tubbercurry, Fr. James McDonagh, Ballymote accompanied by his sister Mary Frain, Bridie Giblin from Curry, Ruth Gannon from Charlestown, Kieran Lundy from Rhue, Tubbercurry, Seoda and Bel Canto Choirs from Ballyshannon together with Jamie Rock - winner of RTE / Lyric FM Search for vocal star. Special guest will be Michael English who will be performing from his latest CD recorded in Knock 'Vision of Knock'. Tickets at €20 each are available locally or by contacting Harold McManus on 087-2312061. All proceeds go to the IWIC Fund.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Saturday Night at 9.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL FUND-RAISING SOCIAL will take place in Frank's Place, Killasser on Saturday Night next 2nd December. Tickets for very valuable Prizes are now on sale. The main Prizes are: Lynch Group Hotel Voucher / Portable D.V.D. and Accessories / Large Bottle of Brandy / O'Hara's Bakery Hamper. There will be numerous other raffle prizes on the night. Your support will be very much appreciated. It is always a most enjoyable night.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL 25 CARD DRIVE will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday 4th December, commencing at 8.45 p.m. There will be €600 in Prizemoney as well as many valuable spot prizes. Admission is €8. Your support will be very much appreciated. The proceeds will help Killasser Community Care to continue the good work they have

been doing over so many years.

KNOCK MARRIAGE BUREAU: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 Marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? For further information contact the Bureau at Knock. Phone 094-9375960 or visit their website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the bureau.

SHOPPING BONANZA BEGINS: Swinford Shopping Bonanza begins next Thursday 30th November and continues until Saturday 9th December. With over €2,000 in prizes, many of the shops will also be organising in-store promotions with valuable prizes. On Saturday 9th December Santa will be in Swinford and he extends an invitation to all the boys and girls to come to visit him between 3 - 5 p.m. A full programme of entertainment has been organised for Saturday 9th December with Live Band and Carol Singing. The Bonanza Draw will take place and of course the Christmas Lights will be switched on. The success of the Bonanza depends on you the Shopper, so come to Swinford and support the town's business community.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Michael and Bobbie Walsh, Ballinaleck who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on this Saturday 25th November with a special Mass in Callow Church. We wish them many more years of good health and happiness.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE will be held in Callow Church on Sunday 17th December. Practice for the Service has already begun. All children and young people wishing to take part in the Carol Service are asked to come to Callow Church on Tuesday evening next at 7.30 p.m. You are also asked to bring along your musical instruments.

PRAY FOR Martina Shovlin, Dromada-Duke, John and Winnie Peyton, Dromada-Gore, Son John and Daughter

Mary Power, Saturday 8 p.m.

People of the Parish, Sunday 10 a.m.

Tom and Lizzie O'Donnell, Carramore-Moy and Granddaughter Seona O'Donnell, aged 19, who died

Suddenly on 15th August, Sunday 26th November 11.30 a.m.

David Ginty, Swinford and Treenreevagh and Son Joseph, Friday 11 a.m.

Martin McManus, Carramore and Deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.

Kathleen O'Grady (Nee Hyland), Carramore-Moy, Parents Pat and Mary and Brother Paddy, Saturday

8.00 p.m.

John Browne, Boleboy and Deceased Family Members, Sunday 3rd December 11.30 a.m.

Tommy Kerrane, Carrowedan, Michael and Teresa Kerrane, Carramore, Sunday 3rd December 11.30.

Fr. Frank Price, Lobnamagh and Canada, who died last weekend. Funeral on Monday 20th November.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
