

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'*

'COME AFTER ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU INTO FISHERS OF MEN AND WOMEN'

The four apostles that Jesus called in today's Gospel, Simon and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John, fished for a living. They had responsibilities to family and people who worked for them, but when the call came from the Lord, they left what they were doing and followed him.

How about us? Is the Lord calling us to be fishers of men and women? You do not need to be a priest, deacon or a member of a religious order to be called by Jesus. Jesus calls everyone to follow him and to preach.

Following Jesus means that we will be unwavering in our Christian values and in our very clear and specific moral code. At work, on the golf course, playing football or a game of cards, we have to be aware that certain behaviours and lifestyles are inappropriate regardless of what everyone else is doing and thinking. Preaching is not always done with the mouth. More good is done by the example we live than by the words we say.

Peter and Andrew simply abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

What are the 'nets' in my life that I need to abandon in order to follow Jesus?

(A Year Of Sundays - Gospel Reflection 2008)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 9 a.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Claire Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Aine Ni Chiaran.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Eileen O'Neill and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10 a.m. Anne Deacy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Pierce Rowley Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ronan Carr.

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 2nd February 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Siobhan Tully Hayden Harrold Paul Quinn

Sunday 3rd February 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde Jonathan Burke Brid Rogers.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8 p.m. The Walsh Family (Craigaballagh)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Conlon Family (Cullen)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Killasser Church on Monday next 14th January 4 - 7.00 p.m.

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 is being rebuilt at the moment. It had been in very bad condition before it was demolished recently. It is being rebuilt under the Rural Social Scheme and hopefully will be faced with stone

like the wall opposite the Killasser Housing Estate. Some grant aid has been sanctioned by IRD Kiltimagh and the local County Councillors. We thank them for their support. Does the rest of the wall at the front need to be demolished and rebuilt to blend in better with what is already being done? It may also give a better view.

FEAST DAY: Sunday - St. Angela Merici Monday - St. Thomas Aquinas. Thursday - St. John Bosco.
Friday - St. Brigid. Saturday - The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas.
Saturday - St. Blaise.

BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR HOME AND CHURCH USE will be done at each of the Masses next weekend. If you wish to have candles blessed for home use, please bring them along to any of the Masses and place them on a table in the sanctuary that will be provided.

ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS: The feast of St. Blaise is on Sunday 3rd February. It is traditional to have a blessing of throats on this Feast and to ask God's protection from all ailments of the throat and every other disease. A general blessing will be given at each of the Masses next weekend.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER amounted to €1,955. Sincere thanks to everyone for your support and generosity for what was an excellent collection.

DONATIONS TOWARDS KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND: 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 / €200 / €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 / €1,000 / €1,000 These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE is now available to everyone who wishes to see it. It is available at the Church Doors at all the Masses this weekend 26th / 27th January. After publication of it, the next step is to try and see what we can implement as a parish community to enrich our faith journey. That is a bigger challenge, but I am confident that we can take it on together and move forward step by step. Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken a copy of this analysis. They will continue to be available as long as they are needed.

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE - PEOPLE AVAILABLE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN MINISTRY: This was a very encouraging aspect of the questionnaire, to know that quite a number of people indicated their willingness to become involved in the various ministries in the Church. As the questionnaires were not signed, the Pastoral Council would appreciate very much if those people who wish to become involved would contact any member of the Pastoral Council. New people are always needed and are most welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN KILLASSER CHURCH in preparation for St. Patrick's Day, Holy Week and Easter will take place each Monday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m. These practices will begin on Monday 11th February at 7.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for new members to join the choir and become involved in the Ministry of Music. You will be most welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICES IN CALLOW CHURCH also take place every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. New members are always very welcome to join.

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. 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. As time goes by they are getting more scarce.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Callow Church on Wednesday Night last. There was a very good attendance and a very good meeting took place. The Questionnaire was discussed at some length. The issue of childrens' liturgies and addressing the needs of young people - those who have left school, the 18 - 25 age group was discussed at some length. The issues of young people need to be addressed in consultation with those who are in the age group. Efforts will be made to do this. An offer to help organise childrens' liturgies every so often has also been received. A small number of people have now become involved in Baptism preparation for Parents and Godparents and this is a very positive development. The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place in Killasser Church on Wednesday 24th February at 8.30 p.m.

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

BETTER PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Priests and some people from each Parish in our Cluster discussed this topic at some length, at a Meeting in November, to see how we can help Parents and Godparents particularly to understand better the richness of the meaning of the Sacrament. **A further meeting for this purpose was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday week last. It was very well attended, including two representatives from Killasser. A very good discussion took place and more details will be given later. Another meeting is planned for after Easter.**

A CLUSTER NEWSLETTER will be published again very soon and before Easter. Enough material had not been received before Christmas. 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.

THE FOXFORD CLUSTER ECUMENICAL SERVICE was held and celebrated in Foxford Parish Church on Thursday evening last. It was very well attended and sincere thanks to everyone who attended from Killasser and Callow. The main speaker was Rev. Doris Clements, Tubbercurry and she gave a most interesting and inspiring talk. There was wonderful participation in the ceremony that had as its theme **'PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING'** Sincere thanks to everyone in Foxford for organising it so well and for their welcome and hospitality. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Brown Memorial Hall.

FOXFORD FARMERS' MARKET: Foxford's New Farmers' Markets runs every Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. in the Car Park of the Foxford Woolen Mills. Items available include fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, home-baking - orders can be placed now for puddings and Christmas Cakes, also catering to any dietary requirements. Hot soup available. Also available in the market is a wonderful selection of cheeses and there is even an opportunity to purchase some seasonal plants and festive wreaths. This weekend the Foxford Craft Fair takes place in the Sports Centre and the Farmers' Market, for this week only, will run on Saturday and Sunday. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase local produce, organic vegetables and home-baking so come along and support the traders. It is a very pleasant and sociable experience.

APA - AIDS PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA - AN IRISH CHARITY SET UP BY FR. OWEN LAMBERT: Pamper yourself and / or someone special by coming along to Balla Resource Centre on this Sunday 27th January and at the same time support the work of APA which helps alleviate the suffering of Aids orphaned children in Africa. For more information / vouchers please contact Bernie Moran on 087-7555084. or Ksenja Kragi on 087-1318784.

PIECES OF MY MIND - A NEW BOOK BY FR. BRENDAN HOBAN is now available in many local Bookshops. It contains 75 Reflections on topical subjects relating to the Church, Family and Modern Ireland. Simple, practical and down to earth commentaries on the issues that matter in peoples' lives. It costs €13.95c and is well worth buying. I only bought my copy this Saturday and have only had a glance through it. You can order it from faithalive@eircom.net for €15 which includes postage.

FAS EVENING COURSES on Thursday 24th January and Tuesday 29th January in the FAS Training Centre, Ballina. Courses include: Introduction to Computers; SAGE Accounts and Payroll; Introduction to E-Mail / Internet; Basic Arc Welding; Improver Welding; Interior Design; Roofing (Cutting and Calculating); Occupational First Aid; Programmable Logic Controllers; Start Your Own Business and Word Processing Advanced. Enrolment 17th January at 7.00 p.m. Info at 096-24017.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING OF CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL'S NEW BUILDINGS AND SPORTS FACILITIES took place on Sunday last 20th January. It was a very special occasion for Carramore and for the whole parish. Up to 300 people attended. After the cutting of the tape and the blessing ceremony everyone was treated to lovely refreshments. Everyone then had the opportunity to view the new buildings and the refurbished older part of the school.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR SOCCER has re-commenced in the Community Centre since Friday last 11th January and will continue for the rest of the season each Friday evening at 6.00 p.m.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR BASKETBALL TRAINING has recommenced since Monday 14th January at 6.00 p.m. It is very good to see the Community Centre available again for sporting activities after the renovations which have been carried out over the past number of months. As well as putting on a new roof, the interior of the centre has been newly painted. There is still some renovation of the rooms on either side of the stage to be carried out. Hopefully, it will be a very busy place for 2008.

THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME re-commenced on Monday night last 21st January at 9.00 p.m. It will continue each Monday Night for the next few months. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

MASS TO BE BROADCAST ON MID-WEST RADIO: The 10.00 a.m Sunday Mass from the parish will be broadcast live on Mid-West Radio on Sunday 18th May. It seems that it is the turn of Callow this time as it has been broadcast from Killasser on the last two occasions. Callow was due to broadcast live in the Summer of 2006 but the Church was under renovation at the time, which meant we used Killasser instead.

THE BISHOP-ELECT OF ACHONRY BRENDAN KELLY will take over the leadership of the Diocese of Achonry at his ordination ceremony on this Sunday 27th January, commencing at 3.00 p.m. He will succeed Bishop Flynn who has been our leader since February 1977. The principal celebrant of the Ordination Mass will be the newest Cardinal, Sean Brady. We wish Brendan Kelly every blessing, happiness and success as he takes over his new ministry.

PEOPLE FROM THE PARISH ATTENDING THE ORDINATION OF BRENDAN KELLY: The following people were selected to represent the Parish at the ceremony in Ballagherreen on this Sunday - Margaret McGowan, Cullenaughton, Tom Keane, Culduff, Monica Henry, Lisloughna, Francis Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Sr. Margaret Maloney, Tiernanny and Thomas Marren, Cloonfinnish - representing the Diocesan Pioneer Association. We hope everyone enjoys the celebration. The whole ceremony will be broadcast live on Mid-West Radio, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATES 2008: Brendan Kelly, Leader-Elect of Achonry, will soon arrange for this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was decided by Bishop Flynn, some months ago, that due to the imminent appointment of a new Leader, no dates would be arranged prior to Easter 2008. The Parishes of the diocese in Co. Sligo along with a small number of other parishes, including Killasser, will celebrate Confirmation this year. Most ceremonies will take place during April and May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 2008 will be Sunday 27th April. Hopefully, that will be a suitable date for Children, Families and Teachers.

FIRST CONFESSIONS will be celebrated on Thursday 13th March at 7.00 p.m. in Killasser Church.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH Are you currently unemployed? If so, the Local Employment Service will hold an outreach in Cosgallen, Charlestown on Wednesday 6th February from 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: Cosgallen Adult Education Spring Classes will start shortly. If you are interested in taking part in Sketching, Sewing or Bridge please contact the office on 094-9255070. This is a sixteen hour course, two hours per night, one night a week for eight weeks. The Course Fee is €70.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED: Household items in good condition are needed for a worthy cause! If you have an item you wish to donate please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS' will be held in Swinford Parish Church on seven consecutive Tuesday Nights, commencing each night at 8.00 p.m. It begins on Tuesday next 29th January. A different speaker will speak each night. Everyone is welcome. The Speakers are the following: Marie Byrne / Fergus McGloin / Fr. Eamonn O'Connor / Miriam McGee / Fr. John O'Gorman / Mike Shortt / Frank McGuinness.

'KNOW GOD BETTER' is the title of a series of meetings that will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass during Lent. They will begin on Thursday 7th February at 8.00 p.m. and continue each Thursday Night during February, four meetings in all. All those attending will view a Video for a half and hour and then discuss the subject matter over a cup of tea. We will learn about: **Knowing God Better / Knowing God's Forgiveness / Knowing God's Help / Knowing God's Word / Knowing God's Spirit / Knowing God's Hope.** These evening are highly recommended. They will provide nourishment for our spiritual lives and should prove to be very enjoyable social occasions as well. All from the cluster of parishes and beyond are welcome. It is an ideal opportunity to do a little extra for Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday 6th February. Do consider coming along to what will be a most welcoming atmosphere.

COOLEGRANE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: The Coolegrane Christmas Lights at the home of Kevin and Mary Hughes raised €1,258.10c for the Cancer Support Centre in Castlebar. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously and to the Hughes Family for organising it so well. The money has been handed over to what is a very worthy cause.

THE SPONSOR A LIGHT ON THE CHRISTMAS TREES AT CALLOW AND KILLASSER CHURCHES raised a total of €95. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed. A Mass will be celebrated in Callow and Killasser Churches in the near future for all whom you wish to have remembered, living and dead.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 19th / 20th January amounted to €1,158.

THE TROCAIRE LENTED COLLECTION ENVELOPES AND BOXES are available at all the church doors this weekend. Each family is encouraged to take one and to return your offering at Mass on Holy Thursday.

THE MAYNOOT MISSION OUTREACH CHURCH GATE COLLECTION AT CALLOW taken up a couple of weeks ago amounted to €140. Sincere thanks to everyone who collected and all who contributed.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL FOXFORD PARENTS' COUNCIL SOCIAL will take place in the Mayfly Hotel, Foxford on Friday night next 1st February at 9.30 p.m. Music is by Kelly's Heroes and food will be served. Tickets €10.

THE ACHONRY REGIONAL PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will take place in the Coach House Hotel, Ballymote on Friday 8th February at 8.00 p.m. sharp. Music by Kay and The Country Stars. Admission is €30. Tickets are available from Thomas Marren, Marty Noone and Margaret McGowan. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE ANNUAL CREDIT UNION TABLE QUIZ has been taking place in the Swinford Secondary School Hall on this Saturday afternoon. Hopefully everyone involved will have a most enjoyable afternoon. It is for the U-11 and U-13 age groups.

PRAY FOR Mary Catherine McAndrew, Sister-in-Law of Delia McManus, Carramore who died in St. Louis, U.S. On 23rd December, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John and Martha Stenson, Knock, Saturday 8 p.m.
 John Gallagher, Church View, Swinford and Coolcastle, Sunday 27th January 10 a.m.
 Mary Sheerin, Bokeem, Sunday 27th January 10 a.m.
 Jackie Hennigan, Cloonainra, Sunday 27th January 11.30 a.m.
 Beatrice Lynch, Rubble, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Monday 9.00 a.m.
 Maureen Gallagher, Midfield and Craigaballagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom and Mary Conlon, Cullen, Sunday 3rd February 10 a.m.
 Bernie Durkin, Doontas, Sunday 3rd February 11.30 a.m.
 Beatrice Lynch, Rubble, who died on Friday morning 25th January. Her remains are in Killasser Church on this Saturday evening. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on this Sunday 27th January at 11.30 a.m. Her burial will take place afterwards to Killasser Cemetery.
 Anne Beirne (Nee Lynskey) Manchester and Bokeem, Sister of the late Jimmy Lynskey, Carn, who died On Sunday last 20th January in Manchester. Funeral Mass and Burial will be celebrated in Manchester On Tuesday next 29th January.
 Maria Kibartas (Nee Dempsey), late of Coolcastle, who died in Chicago earlier this month in her 97th Year. She was a cousin of Bea Fitzmorris, Creggane.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING TO BRENDAN KELLY AS HE TAKES OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIOCESE ON THIS SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2008. A HAPPY AND RESTFUL RETIREMENT TO BISHOP FLYNN AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DIOCESE