

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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'*

SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE.

While people may have their problems with the idea of Church and all its human limitations, very few have any problem thankfully with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is beyond gender and our human pettiness. That being said, Pentecost doesn't impact on most people. We get Christmas and Easter, even All Saints Day, but Pentecost is a strange word and reality.

For those of you condemned to the torture of regular meetings which literally record minutes and take up hours, it's good to note that the Holy Spirit first came to them as they met. Mind you tongues of fire and ability in foreign languages seem all very strange to us.

But a meeting is only as good as its decisions are implemented. As anyone in business will tell you, you need action points, a timescale and someone to implement them for it to be effective. And yet at so many parish meetings, people panic and resist if anything about sharing faith with others is suggested. 'Who am I to tell my neighbour what to believe?'

Pentecost is about having a sense of purpose, feeling assured and confident in ourselves and our faith. Come Holy Spirit.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - May 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Saturday 2.30 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Maureen Noone.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sr. Margaret and Francis Hegarty.

Sunday 10 a.m. Marty Noone..

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Deirdre Gallagher

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 2nd June 8.00 p.m. Colin Hughes Siobhan O'Hara Liam Moran Conor Stephens.

Sunday 3rd June 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde David Cronnelly Lorraine Kavanagh.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Heaney Family (Derreen)

Sunday 10 a.m. The Burke Family (Callow)

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

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

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE should now have been distributed to every home in the parish. If you still need one they are available from the Sacristy or Parochial House. Sincere thanks to everyone who has returned one, which is a large number. Please continue to fill them and return at your convenience. Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken the time to fill them and return them already. Your responses have been very informative so far and will help greatly with the future work of the Parish Pastoral Council. Eventually, the information received will be analysed/collated and an overall picture/description of the responses will be published.

SWINFORD SHOW CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION at Killasser amounted to €191. Sincere thanks to all who contributed and to all who helped with the collection.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: The amount handed in already has reached €3,135.. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. It will be forwarded to Trocaire during the coming week.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 19th / 20th May amounted to €1,478.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY': The final celebration of the 'Do This In Memory' preparation programme for First Communion will take place on Sunday 10th June. This is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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 / €12 / €50 / €300 / €200 / €200. / €100. / €100. / €300. / €200. / €100. / ~~250~~ / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

AN OPEN MEETING will be held in Callow Church on Monday last to look at future plans for fundraising for Callow/Killasser Renovation Fund. The most immediate project is the production of a Parish Calendar which it is hoped to have ready for sale by August. A small group have agreed to take on responsibility for getting this done. Later on it is hoped to have a Parish Christmas Card printed. These, it is hoped, will be ready for sale well before Christmas. A lot of progress has been made in preparation for the production of the calendar. Sincere thanks to all who attended the meeting on Monday night.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING was held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday night 30th April. It was suggested that since work at Callow Church had concluded for the present, that Killasser Church and grounds should be looked at again. It was suggested that an immediate priority would be to upgrade the tarmac around Killasser Church, which would include new tarmac, new kerbing and an extension of the tarmac area on the Estate side of the Church.

AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING was held at Killasser Church on Monday evening 14th May. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the Church building inside and out and the church grounds with a view to drawing up a list of items that may need to be attended to. Having identified them, the next step is to put them in order of priority. **The following is a list that is not necessarily exhaustive or in order of priority: Tarmac and Kerbing around the Church / A low wall between the Church and Killasser Estate / Toilet upgrade / Swamp area in the Lawn on Community Centre side of Church / Painting of all Church Doors / Main Entrance Porch - Tile Floor, Put in Timber Ceiling, remove sliding doors and use original doors again / Re-design Porches at side doors of Church / Improve the Sanctuary Area of Church / New Furniture/Ceiling/Floor for Sacristy / Wall around perimeter of lower lawns near the road between Church grounds and Community Centre Car Park.**

INFORMATION SERVICE: A service providing information and advice to members of the community will be available each Monday from 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Killasser Community Centre.

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB Training: Minor Training on Thursday at 7.00 p.m. and U-16 Training every Sunday at 12 Noon. All new players welcome. Please come out and support your local G.A.A. Club.

MOY DAVITTS G.A.A. CLUB NEWS: All Moy Davitts Underage Teams are now back training. Times of training may vary. Any queries - please contact the following: U-10 Michael Gaughan 087-2656754 / U-12 Paddy Langan 085-1227460 / U-14 Declan Prendergast 086-3724713 / U-16 Joe McNulty 087-2451028 / Minor Miko Sheridan 087-6548021.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME CONSUMERS - WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS REPORT: The HSE has recently taken samples of Killasser Group Water Scheme water for analysis. The laboratory report of Analysis in respect of those samples indicates that the Bacteriological Results are satisfactory with **no Coliforms, no E.coli and no perfringens** detected. Chemical analysis of Killasser Group Water Scheme water has consistently shown that the chemical properties of the water are excellent for drinking water. A copy of the bacteriological test report on the Church Notice Boards.

KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME - PRECAUTIONARY BOIL NOTICE: Notwithstanding the above quality results, the management committee are required to advise users of untreated water i.e. Water which has no added disinfectant; that the water should be boiled prior to human consumption. This notice is to remain in effect until further notice.

LADIES' MINI MARATHON: Cancer Action Mhaigh Eo is looking for volunteers to take part in the ladies' mini marathon on the Bank Holiday Monday 4th June next. All proceeds will go towards the MRI Scanner campaign for Mayo General Hospital. For further information, please contact 087-2224442.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held in Callow Church on Wednesday evening last 16th May. Two new members are still needed so that four people of the original committee can step down after two years to comply with the constitution of the Pastoral Council. Preferably two men are needed to keep the gender balance as it should be. Every effort will be made to get these two new members before the next Meeting on Thursday 14th June. After two more years, it should be a totally different committee than started out. This is the objective, so that it cannot become an elite group. The challenge is to get people who are willing to step out, give some of their time and talent to the community. Sitting on the fence is not really an option.

THE KILLALA/ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2007 takes place from 23rd - 28th August. The Pilgrimage will be jointly led by Bishop Fleming of Killala and Bishop Flynn of Achonry.

THE ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK took place on Sunday last 20th May. Sincere thanks to everyone from Killasser/Callow who participated in the Liturgy as Minister of Word, Prayer of the Faithful and Offertory Procession.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON commenced on Tuesday 1st May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. The Three-Day Pilgrimages begin on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Phone No. 071-9861518. The One-Day Retreat costs €27 and a reservation should be booked in advance. The Three-Day Pilgrimage costs €45 and it is not necessary to book.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. For those who may wish to make more long-term arrangements, can I suggest Monday 10th September as suitable date.

THE ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY in honour of Fr. Patrick Peyton will take place in Knock on Saturday 2nd June. It begins on the day with Rosary at 2.00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross and Concelebrated Mass at 3.00 p.m. The main celebrant of the Mass is Fr. Pat Peyton P.P., Bunninadden nephew of the late Fr. Peyton.

CLUSTER CHOIR PRACTICE IN FOXFORD CHURCH: Once again, the Cluster Choir will sing at the Fr. Peyton Rosary Rally in Knock on Saturday 2nd June. To prepare for this occasion, the first Cluster Choir practice will be held in Foxford Parish Church on Tuesday evening next 29th May at 8.30 p.m. All Choir members in Callow and Killasser are invited and welcome to attend and participate in Knock.

WBCO I.T. TRAINING: Summer ICT Training Courses starting on 9th June. Total beginners, Juniors, Seniors - all welcome. Range of Courses. Contact Christine 087-9723641.

THE ARAS ATTRACTA FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOUR OF MAYO 90 MILE CYCLE will take place on Saturday 9th June. It will start at 9.00 a.m. from Aras Attracta. For those taking part, Breakfast will be served in the Canteen in Aras Attracta from 8.15 a.m. onwards. The cycle goes from Swinford to Foxford to Ballina to Crossmolina to Lahardane to Pontoon Cross to Castlebar to Balla to Claremorris to Knock to Kiltimagh and finish in Swinford at 7.00 p.m. Sponsorship Cards are available. Your support will be very much appreciated.

CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS are now being taken. Enrolment Forms are available at the School or by contacting the Principal on 071-9181435.

A PARISH CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING was held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evening last 24th May. All members were present. The principal items discussed were - Preparation for Marriage and Baptism. The general feeling was that existing preparation could be greatly improved for the reception of both Sacraments. It was decided to set up a small group/task force to look at each of the Sacraments. Each parish is being asked to select/elect one person to sit on each of these groups/committees. That is our target for the next and final meeting of the Cluster for this session which is on Thursday 28th June. Two volunteer are needed and the invitation is open to all. Do consider it, it is not up to someone else to step out, it is up to me.

CHANGE OF PARISH THIS WEEKEND: We welcome Fr. Tommy Towey, Bonniconlon to Killasser this Saturday evening for 8.00 p.m. Mass. I will be travelling to Bonniconlon. This is being done to bring about an element of variety. We hope it will happen on a more regular basis in the future. This change was strongly suggested at the April meeting of the cluster.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was celebrated in Callow Church on this Saturday afternoon 26th May. We welcome Cian Michael Durkin, Maynooth and Culduff into the Christian community. We pray that he will grow up to be a committed follower of Christ through the example of his parents, Godparents, family members and neighbours.

LADIES IN LAVENDER - FREE FILM MATINEE: As part of Bealtaine, the national festival celebrating creativity in older age, the Town Hall Arts Centre, Charlestown is presenting an afternoon screening of the film 'Ladies in Lavender' on Thursday next 31st May at 3.00 p.m. Superb characters and excellent performances make 'Ladies in Lavender' a very satisfying film experience. Ursula and Jane Widdington are ageing sisters enjoying their isolated life in 1930's Cornwall, but their idyll is jolted when a young man is washed ashore near their home. But the village isn't used to visitors and everyone's a bundle of

suspensions, repressions and jealousies. For details ring 094- 9255812 or e-mail us at thac@eircom.net . Opening hours 10 - 4.00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

MINISTRY TO YOUTH: Fr. Michael Kelleher CSsR, will speak on Youth Ministry in the Oznam Centre, Ballaghaderreen on Tuesday 29th May at 8.30 p.m. Fr. Kelleher has worked with young groups in Esker for a number of years. The meeting has been organised by Fr. Eugene Duffy of WTI for the Foxford Deanery Cluster.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN CALLOW CHURCH: Congratulations to the two children from Callow received their First Holy Communion in Foxford Church recently and to their Parents, Family members and Teachers. They are Shauna Burke, Callow and Saoirse O'Grady, Callow who attend national school in Foxford. On this Sunday they will receive Holy Communion for the first time in Callow Church. They will be joined by the children from Carramore and Killasser Schools who received First Holy Communion this year.

PHOTOGRAPHS: The recent appeal for photographs by the Foxford Community Book Committee has been most successful with over 300 submitted to date. All have been scanned, placed on disc and returned. If you are from Callow area and have photographs suitable for publication, please contact Anne Deacy or any member of the committee.

PRAY FOR Pake and Tommy O'Grady, Carroweena, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Willie Thomson, Cullen, Sunday 27th 10 a.m.
 Eddie Hughes, Coolegrane and Deceased Members of Hughes/Dunleavy Families, Sunday 27th 10 a.m.
 Tom and Kathleen Durkin, Cloonygowan, Sunday 27th 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Nellie Holleran, Magheraboy and the deceased members of the Holleran/Ormsby Families, Friday 8 p.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

FEAST OF PENTECOST