

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'*

COUNTING SHEEP.

The notion of unity in diversity is quite popular today - at least as a slogan. The new Ireland may well be one of many nationalities, but in real terms we are struggling to make out of this cultural mix - one people. Let's be honest, while Irish people are generally quite friendly, we are extraordinarily clannish and slow to admit people into our circle of friends. We all tend to associate with people with whom we share racial, cultural, economic and religious characteristics and values.

It's just as well then that Paul and Barnabas had no Hibernian genes. They move the fledgling church into the realm of the Gentiles, not without opposition and struggle mind you. But it's mission accomplished with an innumerable multitude impossible to count (Second Reading).

The Good Shepherd of the Gospel has an interesting flock. We have genuine differences but these are only distinctions not separations. They add to the colour and texture of the community of believers; they do not alienate or marginalize. There is no dominant or superior group in this flock. We are all God's people, 'the flock he tends.' From our limited knowledge of sheep, we may know that they smell, stray and are often parasite-ridden. Which only goes to show what an extraordinary love and care Jesus has for us. Something to literally baaaaa-sk in!

Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - April 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Patrick McNulty

Sunday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. First Holy Communion.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Thomas Marren and Anne Holleran.

Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick and Geraldine Burke.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell Sunday 11.30 a.m. First Holy Communion

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Kevin Gallagher.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 5th May 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Kevin Rowley Ciara Hussey Shane Cunney.

Sunday 6th May 11.30 a.m. Cormac Warde Caoimhe Warde Aileen Gallagher Eoin Gallagher.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. The Tuffy Family (Dunmaynor)

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

Sunday 11.30 a.m. First Holy Communion.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS YEAR will be on Sunday next 6th May. The Children of Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.30 a.m. Mass. **The children are asked to bring their Baptismal Candles to School during the week. They will be used in next week's First Communion Mass highlighting the connection between Baptism and First Communion.**

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION: The amount handed in already has reached €3,007. Sincere thanks, once again, for your tremendous generosity. If you haven't handed in your contribution already, you can do so at your convenience so that it can be sent on to Trocaire not later than the week beginning 6th May.

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 / €300 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100. These donations were received recently. **Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.**

THE JAMES KILBANE FUNDRAISING CONCERT was a great success musically and socially but also financially. The proceeds, after all expenses were paid, amounted to €4,800. Sincere thanks again to everyone for such marvellous support.

AN OPEN MEETING was held in Callow Church on Monday night last to evaluate the success of the James Kilbane Concert in all its aspects. With that done, it was time to look forward again and plan other projects. The first to be taken on is the production of a Parish Calendar. It is hoped to have this 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, would be ready for sale well before Christmas. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended this meeting for your ideas, interest and willingness to be involved. More news as it becomes available. **The next open Meeting will be held in Callow Church on Monday 21st May.**

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE should now have been distributed to every home in the parish. We would appreciate if you could return them by Sunday next 6th May at the latest. 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.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Monday Night next 30th April at 9.00 p.m.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR: 21st / 22nd April amounted to €1,195..

THE CAR PARK AT CALLOW CHURCH has now been lined for parking. This will mean that parking should be more organised for the future. Sincere thanks to everyone who used the new system so well last Sunday, the first time it was in operation. There is now a **NO-ENTRY** sign at the gate on the Swinford side and exit sign on the Foxford side. Everyone is asked to follow this instruction for safety reasons. Beside the entrance gate, there is an area for **NO PARKING** which is marked yellow. This will also improve safety. More parking space is still required at Callow Church and will have to be looked at in the near future.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE: Five women from Achonry Diocese have recently completed two years training in Spiritual Direction with the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality, Manresa. They are now available to meet with individuals. Spiritual Direction/Guidance offers a reflective look at life and working of the Holy Spirit in it. For more information, Phone Patricia McCarthy on 086-1021532 or Frances Mellett on 087-7813926. You can get a brochure in the Sacristy.

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 sessions 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.

MOY DAVITTS GAA FIXTURES: U-14 League Division 2, Round 5 - Moy Davitts v Knockmore on Tuesday next 1st May. Minor League Division 3, Round 4 Burrishoole v Moy Davitts on Friday 4th May. Please check times locally. Best of luck to both teams.

HARD LUCK to the Moy Davitts Minors who lost to Achill by six points. Better luck next time.

WELL DONE to Moy Davitts U-14's who beat Ballintubber on Tuesday last by 3-10 to 1-12 and also Foxford Community Games U-10's who beat Knockmore on Saturday last. Final Score Foxford 5-6 Knockmore 3-4.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN is recruiting Marriage Care Facilitators for their Pre-Marriage Courses. They are looking for people who have been married for at least 5 years, who are warm and caring and relate easily to others. If you think you can help them, please join them for an information evening regarding training and working as a Facilitator for their Pre-Marriage Courses. This meeting will be in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 17th April at 8.00 p.m. There you will meet Accord members and find out about the work they do. For further information please phone Patricia at 094-9254944. Office hours are Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Find out more about their work on their website www.accord.ie

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 10 KILOMETRE WALK in aid of the upkeep of Historic Teampall Maol Cemetery will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May, commencing at 1.00 p.m. The walk will begin at Teampall Maol Cemetery - via Coolegrane, Cullen, Prebane, Askilawn, Attymachugh, Corleyl, Leckee, Laranmore, Muckroe, Churchpark and finishes at Teampall Maol. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Your support will be very much appreciated.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Community Centre on Wednesday Night last. The following Officers were elected: Chairperson Geraldine Burke, Vice-Chairperson Jimmy Tully, Secretary Renee McDonnell, Assistant Secretary Marie Horkan, Treasurer Theresa Hennigan, Assistant Treasurer Paraic O'Hara. The following are the committee members: Teresa Rowley, Martin Peyton, Anthony Hanley, Tom Linehan, Philomena O'Hara, John Burke, Michael Howley and Fr. O'Mahony. Sincere thanks to everyone who puts in such a huge effort to keep the centre operating and providing such an important service to the community. This is something we can so easily take for granted and only miss if it wasn't there. This year will be a very busy one in terms of renovation and improvement of the building. A new roof is to go on the Centre in the very near future. An all-weather sports area is also being prepared for at the moment which will be a great outdoor facility and also enhance the area around the centre. Well done to everyone for securing grant aid and organising the latest developments. Sincere thanks to our local councillors for their help.

THE KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR SOCCER FINALS were held in the Community Centre earlier on this Saturday afternoon for the John Browne and Martin Joe Hegarty Trophies. Compliments to everyone who organised these finals and who organise and run sport in the centre all year round. It is huge service to the youth of the community. Many thanks on behalf of all the Parents and families of the young people.

THE MAYO/ROSCOMMON HOSPICE CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to: Callow €135.79c and Killasser €34.94c. Sincere thanks to all the Collectors and to all who contributed.

ST. BENEDICT'S PRIORY - RETREAT HOUSE COBH CO. CORK: Their Retreat House is available for Private individual or group retreats and private day retreats. Accommodation is 6 Single Rooms and 2 Double Rooms. Retreatants are welcome to share in their Liturgical Life - Mass, Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Retreat House is situated in quiet peaceful surroundings and has a lovely Bible Garden. There are magnificent views of Cobh Harbour and Cobh Cathedral. Suggested donation is €40 per night, including all meals.. Phone No. 021-4811354.

VOTE RUTH SCOTT FOR RTE'S CELEBRITY JIGS n'REELS AND SUPPORT TROCAIRE: D.J. Ruth Scott is one of the contestants taking part this year in Celebrity Jigs and Reels on RTE 1 and she has picked Trocaire as her charity of choice for the show. Ruth has travelled to the Philippines to see Trocaire's work first hand. The new series of Celebrity Jigs n'Reels will run over eight weeks and viewers will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite dancing celebrity each week. Each celebrity has a chosen charity and all monies raised during the course of the show will go directly to that charity. In 2006 Celebrity Jigs n'Reels raised over €150,000 for the chosen charities. By voting for Ruth people will be supporting Trocaire's work in the developing world. 'Trocaire is delighted to have been nominated by Ruth as her charity for Celebrity Jigs n'Reels' said Justin Kilcullen, Director of Trocaire. 'Ruth has travelled with Trocaire and has seen our work in the Philippines, so it's great that she thinks so much of the work we do to pick Trocaire as her charity. Everyone in Trocaire will be cheering her on and I

hope our supporters will get behind her too. We wish her the best of luck with the show'. To cast your vote during the live programmes text **voteruth** to **53600** or call **1513717110**. All the money raised from the texts and votes goes to charity.

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.

KILLASSER COMMUNITY CARE GROUP will hold a Party for the First Communion Children, their Parents, Family Members and Friends on Sunday next 6th May. This will be in Killasser Community Centre after the 11.30 a.m. Mass.

THE KNOCK PILGRIMAGE SEASON begins this weekend and will continue until October.

THE ACHONRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place this year on Sunday 20th May. This year Killasser Parish is being requested to provide a Minister of the Word, a reader of the Prayer of the Faithful and a Family to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass in Knock on that day. Volunteers will be welcome. It will be nice to be involved.

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON commences on Tuesday next 1st May with the One-Day Pilgrimages. There is a Quiet Day on Wednesday 9th May. The Three-Day Pilgrimages begin on Monday 1st June and run until Monday 13th August. Full details in this weeks Newsletter.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place in September if there is sufficient interest. More about that anon.

A SIZEABLE SUM OF MONEY WAS FOUND near Frank's Place on Friday and it has been handed in. The owner is asked to contact Fr. O'Mahony. Sincere thanks to the person who found it and handed it in for their honesty.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing with the foundation and steel structure of the general purposes room in place. This will be wonderful facility for the school in the future.

EASTER COLLECTION: Sincere thanks for your contributions towards the Easter Collection taken up at all Masses on Easter weekend and the weekends since. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

A KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING will be held in Killasser School on Monday evening next 30th April at 8.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: This is Good Shepherd Sunday, where Christ is described in the Gospel at the Good Shepherd. It emphasises the ministry of care for every individual. Traditionally this ministry may have been seen as the task of the ordained only and of men. Now, we see every baptised Christian as a minister of God's love to other people, male and female alike.

ACHONRY REGIONAL PIONEER MEETING in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Monday at 9 p.m.

PRAY FOR Anne Dunleavy, Killasser Estate, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom and Kate Agnes Holleran, Dromada-Duke, Son Benedict, Daughter-in-law Theresa, Saturday 8 pm
 Martin Dunne, Texas, U.S.A. and formerly Cloonfinnish, brother of the late Margaret Maloney,
 Tiernanny and William Dunne, Cloonfinnish, who died on 24th March in his 100th year, Saturday 8pm
 John Kelly, California and formerly of Cloonfinnish, who died suddenly on Sunday last 15th April,
 brother of Kevin Kelly, Cloonfinniah, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Thomas and Ellen Keane, Culduff, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
 Deceased for who a light was lit on Christmas tree outside Killasser Church, Friday 8 p.m.
 John Timlin, Corley, Brother of Rita Haran, Knocks, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Tom and May Tuffy, Dunmaynor, Grand-daughter Jennifer, Daughter-in-law, Andrea, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Joy Meehan, Ballymote, Mother of Fr. Dermot Meehan, who died in England on Wednesday while on holiday. Funeral arrangements later.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.