

**KILLASSER/CALLOW
PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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'

REACHING OUT.

We have all had the experience of feeling welcome. It feels like being cared for, secure, like you're at home, that you belong and are accepted completely. In response you can feel gratitude and awe that strangers would be kind to me.

In total contrast, the feeling of being unwelcome 'we're busy right now' makes you feel humiliated, small, hidden away. It is a lonely, isolating and frightening place. As community life is increasingly privatised, and the house becomes a trophy that defines its owners status, the second experience is more likely to be the norm. Which is a shame of course. As we will all find ourselves in some way sitting by the road like Baritmaeus. We will learn that we are inter-dependent, not independent.

So many of us in this anxious, depressed culture that we live in are saying the thing as Baritmaeus. We want to see, to glimpse things in a new way. Few want to live in a society that does not notice them, yet we stick with the familiar. To Bartimaeus and us, the advice is still good. (a) Have courage. (b) Get up and (c) follow.

A blind man who viewed the world from his limited viewpoint, risked, rose and followed. He may not have had sight, but he had insight. Do we?
(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - October 2006)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Wednesday, Thursday 7 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday 7 p.m. Marty Noone.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Claire Stenson.
Saturday 8 p.m. Patrick McNulty.
Sunday 10 a.m. Sean McLoughlin
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Teresa Hennigan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday 7 p.m. Angela Conlon.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Mary Marren and Francis Hegarty.
Saturday 8 p.m. Thomas Marren and Sr. Margaret.
Sunday 10 a.m. Mary McNulty.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Francis Brennan.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Wednesday 8 p.m. Peter Noone
Saturday 8 p.m. Aileen Gallagher Sunday 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford

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Wednesday 7 p.m. Aine Timlin.
Sunday 10 a.m. Peter Noone.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday 1st November 8 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Colin Hughes Keith Kavanagh Ciara Hussey.
Saturday 4th November 8 p.m. James Price Rachael McDonnell Eoin Gallagher Aileen Gallagher.
Sunday 5th November 11.30 a.m. Erin Rochford Amy Hussey Eimear Burke Ciara Hussey.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday 8 p.m. The Scully Family (Dromada-Duke)
Saturday 8 p.m. The Tuffy Family (Dunmaynor)

Sunday 10 a.m. The McNulty 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.

BAPTISM: We welcome Dylan James Rowley, Ballinacurra and Ava Mary Galvin, Carn Hill, Callow into the Christian Community of Killasser/Callow through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated in Killasser Church on Sunday last 22nd October and in Callow Church on this Saturday 28th October. We pray that Dylan James and Ava Mary will grow up to be committed followers of Christ through the example of their Parents, Godparents, Family, Relatives and Neighbours.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated in Killasser Church on Saturday next 4th November at 1.00 p.m. and 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: At the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday Night last it was decided to have a Prayer Service again this year during November for all our departed family members, relatives, neighbours and friends. It was decided to have this Service on Friday 24th November at 8.00 p.m. in Killasser Church.

THE ROSARY will be recited for our Faithful Departed in Killasser Cemetery on Sunday next 5th November after 11.30 Mass

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on next Saturday Night 4th November at 9.00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

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 / €1,400 These donations were received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

FEAST DAYS: Wednesday - All Saints. Thursday - All Souls.
Friday - St. Martin De Porres. Saturday - St. Charles Borromeo.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 21st / 22nd October amounted to €1,466.

THE MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €97. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed for your generosity. Today we are seeing the changing face of mission. Young churches are now missionaries to themselves, replacing missionaries from the Older Churches, like the Church in Ireland. These missionaries serving on 'the front line' of spreading the Gospel are accompanied and assisted by the prayers and sacrifices of many in the home Churches. Thank you for your response on Mission Sunday. It really does make a real and lasting difference.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL is being organised by Carramore National School. Leaflets explaining how it works and what you have to do are available at the church doors. Your shoe box when full can be handed into the school before 10th November. What is given will help children in 100 Countries worldwide.

FOXFORD CARD GAME continues on Tuesday next 31st October in the Brown Memorial Hall at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

CONGRATULATIONS to Swinford U-14 Soccer Team who are County Cup Champions. They beat a highly fancied Castlebar Celtic in the Final 2 - 0. Four of the panel are from Killasser - Kevin Barry, Steven Cunney, Colin Hughes and James Price.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Swinford U-13 Gaelic Team who are County Champions. They beat Westport in the Final 11pts - 1 - 4. Two members of the Panel are from Killasser - Keith Kavanagh and Liam Moran. Both teams have excellent players and we wish them well for the future.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES: The November Envelopes with a form to write the names of your deceased family members, relatives and friends are available this weekend. They are on a table at the Church doors. You can return at your convenience. Twelve Masses will be offered during November for all your departed.

CALLOW CHURCH: New furniture - Wardrobe, Presses, Drawers - has been installed in the Sacristy of Callow Church in the last couple of weeks. This work has been done very beautifully by Rory Conroy. I wish to acknowledge and to express sincere thanks to Rory for doing all of this free of charge. It is a most generous contribution to the Church at a time when labour and material is so expensive. You are welcome to look at it at any time.

THE INTERIOR PAINTING OF CALLOW CHURCH began on Wednesday last and has continued up until this Saturday afternoon. This happened a little sooner than expected due to bad weather conditions for outside painting elsewhere. It will continue again from Tuesday and hopefully will be completed during the coming week. Hopefully you will like the colour scheme.

THE TILING OF THE AISLE AND BAPTISTRY AREA OF CALLOW CHURCH will hopefully be carried out very soon. Tiles have been decided on, have been ordered and will be available later in the week. This has taken longer than expected but hopefully it will be worth the wait in the end.

THE RETIREMENT FUNCTION FOR MRS. CAHILL the former Principal of Killasser National School will be held in Killasser Community Centre on Friday 17th November, commencing at 8 p.m. The Parents of present pupils in the school have been contacted and invited to give a contribution towards buying a gift for Mrs. Cahill. Contributions from Parents of Past Pupils are also very welcome and will be very gratefully accepted. They can be handed in at the School. There will be a joint presentation from the Parents and Board of Management, one from the Children and from the Parish Pastoral Council on behalf of the Parish.

LATE NEWS - APPOINTED ACTING PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Maureen Noone, Culduff, was appointed Acting Principal of Swinford National School during the Summer. We congratulate her and wish her every success and blessing in her new role.

LATE NEWS - APPOINTED VICE-PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Attracta Feeley, Dromada-Joyce, has been appointed Vice-Principal of Swinford National School and has taken up that position since 1st September. Again we congratulate her and wish her every blessing and success in her new role. Apologies for overlooking these news items earlier.

THE CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION FOR AUTISM taken up at Callow Church last Sunday amounted to €110. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed for your generosity.

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.

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, Cullenaughton. It would be desirable to have a person on the Killasser side of the parish as a point of contact to gather information. If you are computer literate and willing to be involved, you are welcome to contact either Michael Fox or Louis McNulty. 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.

A KILLASSER PIONEER COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Killasser Community Centre on this Sunday evening at 7.00 p.m.

A CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION FOR THE SACRED HEART HOME CASTLEBAR will be taken up at Masses in Killasser and Callow this weekend.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Killasser Youth Group are hosting a Childrens' Halloween Party in Killasser Community Centre on Tuesday next 31st October from 4.00 - 6.00 p.m. Sweets, refreshments will be served.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS for this October Bank Holiday weekend. We hope you have a very pleasant stay with your families and friends. In the wake of all the tragedy on the roads, especially in the past week, we must remind ourselves to travel as safely as we can. It is up to each of us who drives to do so with care so that we do not inflict injury on ourselves or others. Have a pleasant and safe weekend.

WINTER TIME officially comes in at 2.00 a.m. on this Sunday Morning 29th October. Clocks go back by one hour. Enjoy the extra hour.

PRAY FOR

- Tom and Bridie Greally, Ballyhaunis and Daughter Jean Featherstone, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Johnny Brennan, Dromada-Duke, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Martin Doherty, Doontas, His Parents John and Annie May and Son Martin, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Joe Carr, Coolcastle and deceased Family Members, Saturday 8 p.m.
- Brigid McDonnell, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
- People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
- Holy Souls, Wednesday 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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Michael James and Thomas Cafferty, Cloonfinnish, Saturday 8 p.m.

Teresa Howley, Dunmaynor, Months Mind, Saturday 8 p.m.

Andrea Tuffy, Daughter-in-law of Eddie Tuffy, Dunmaynor, who died suddenly in Philadelphia on Wednesday last 25th October. Her funeral Mass and burial on Monday next 30th October. Mass in Killasser Church on Saturday next 4th November at 8 p.m.

Thomas and Catherine Monaghan, Cullenaughton and Sons Tom and Anthony, Sunday 5th 10 a.m.

Margaret McNulty, Cullenaughton, Sunday 5th November 10 a.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
