

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 DEEP END - NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

In his book, 'Sing a New Song', Timothy Radcliffe states: 'But if I speak as someone who knows it all, untroubled by doubt, then people may be very impressed by my knowledge, but they may feel it has little to do with them.' Doubt is more engaging than certainty. Doubt explores. Certainty can't. How can you journey if you already have arrived? Certainty degrades dialogue to monologue. It proselytises instead of evangelises. It stymies communication by making it confrontational or by short-circuiting it altogether.

Thomas in today's Gospel (John 20:19-31) is a fine example of the doubter feeling his way to belief - quite literally: '.... Unless I put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe' (v 25) Thomas was comfortable with his disbelief because it was sincere. He had a healthy aversion to accepting the seemingly preposterous.

Many people, especially those in authority or those considered to be authorities, are uneasy with doubt. Doubt, for them, excludes God's Spirit. It instills fear instead of the thrill of the chase. Doubt means weakness not potential for growth. One wonders if those who find it difficult to say: 'I don't know', find it any easier to say: 'My Lord and my God'.

(Intercom - March 2008 - Fr. Tom Cahill)

**Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.
Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.**

**Fr. Michael Maloney - Charlestown 085-1510383.
Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday, Thursday, 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. Marguerite Marren.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Claire Comroy.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Mary Marren.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mary McNulty.
Sunday 11.30 a.m. Bridie Sheerin.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers

CALLOW

Sunday 10 a.m. Aine Timlin

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 5th April 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Siobhan Tully Conor Stephens Shane Cunney.
Sunday 6th April 11.30 a.m. Pierce Rowley Jonathan Burke Eoin Gallagher Brid Rogers.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Cunney Family (Dromada-Gore) Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McNulty Family (Cullenoughton)
Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Judge Family (Magheraboy)

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION; Sincere thanks to all who have already handed in their Trocaire Collection Boxes. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated. If you have not already handed in your collection box, you are encouraged to do so at your earliest convenience. **The amount collected to date is €2,340.**

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND will be visited on Wednesday next 2nd April at the usual time. Anybody not on the list who would like to be visited, should contact Fr. O'Mahony.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in the Parish this year on Saturday 10th May at a time to be decided. The children of Fifth and Sixth Classes in Carramore and Killasser National Schools will receive the Sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this year on Sunday 27th April during the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Killasser.

THE WEEKLY KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE 25 CARD GAME will be held in **Killasser Community Centre** on Monday night 31st March at the usual time of 9.00 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated for what is always a most enjoyable game.

SWINFORD & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION hope to organise a **Confined Draw** and to have a car as top prize. Any member wishing to be part of this draw should call in to the office to sign up. Usual terms and conditions apply. Application for the draw closes at the end of March.

ACCORD CHARLESTOWN All Marriage Preparation courses can be booked online at www.accord.ie or by telephoning 094-9254944. Accord Counselling service for people experiencing difficulties within their marriage or relationship. Safe, professional and confidential. To make an appointment telephone 094-9254944.

THE NATIONAL PIONEER BALL will take place in the Belmont Hotel, Knock on this **Saturday, 29th March**. It begins with Mass at 7 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock. The guest speaker is John O'Mahony, Mayo Football Manager. Music is by Kay and the Country Stars.

SOUVENIR DVD OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BRENDAN KELLY is now available. It may be ordered through the parish or directly from the Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen. Please send a S.A.E. (DVD size) to "Acadh Chonaire", The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon and include cheque/postal order for €20 payable to "Acadh Chonaire". See www.achonrydiocese.org for further details.

'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL' 11-day Pilgrimage & Cruise to Greece, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephessos. Sun. 29 June to Wed. 9 July. Celebration Travel with Aer Lingus ex Dublin costing €1,625 p.p.s, including. half-board & all taxes. Contact Marian Maloney 087-2112555 for brochure.

BARNACOUIGE/KILLATURLEY WALK: The next Walk organised by the Barnacouige/Killaturley Group Walkers will be held on Sunday 30th March 2008. The meeting place is Barnacouige School at 2.30 p.m. heading up to Barnalyra, weather permitting. All are welcome.

CSKA KILLASSER started its ladies' keep fit classes on Wednesday 20th February in Killasser Community Centre. It commences at 7.00 p.m. each Wednesday night and costs €5 per night. You are encouraged to come and try out the new Gym. There is a complete range of equipment available for use, with expert advice and supervision. With spring and summer just around the corner, now is the time for getting in shape for our splendid new tennis court. For more information contact Martin Peyton or Michael Howley.

THE SOUTH SLIGO SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL will take place on 19th / 20th April 2008. There will be three walks on each day. Further information can be got by contacting Breege Mullarkey on 087-1381770 or Breda Monaghan on 071-9181291 or e-mail tshe1963@hotmail.com The Walking Festival is organised by the Ox Mountain Development Co. Ltd. with funding assistance from Sligo Co. Council Led. Peace 11 Task Force.

THE CLUSTER NEWSLETTER is almost ready for printing and will be available very shortly. It is a sixteen page edition of very interesting articles and pictures from each of the five parishes. It was due to be published before Christmas but the material was not ready in time. There will be a copy free of charge for every household in the Parish and for anyone who wishes to have a copy or send one to a relative elsewhere.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR CALLOW CHURCH will take place on this Sunday 30th March during the 10 a.m. Mass.

A CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA took place in Killasser and Callow at all Masses last weekend 22nd / 23rd March. The Bone Marrow For Leukaemia Organisation wishes to thank all those who contributed so generously and all who helped with the Collection. **A total of €300.61c was raised in Killasser and €133.30c in Callow.**

DANA IN CONCERT: Former Eurovision Song Contest Winner Dana will sing in Concert in Killasser Church on Sunday 11th May. Tickets for the Concert will be €20 and will be on sale in the not too distant future. Proceeds from the Concert will go towards the Killasser/Callow Parish Renovation Fund. It promises to be a very special occasion. Your support will be very much appreciated

KILLASSER NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT: Enrolments will be taken from after Easter in Killasser National School for September 2008. You are asked to phone the School on 094-9251489. An Open Day for all new Junior Infants will take place on Thursday 29th May.

IRISH ASSOCIATION OF ANGER MANAGEMENT - ANGER ISSUES: Everyone knows what anger is, but how do you express it without hurting others or hurting yourself? Uncontrolled anger can cost you your marriage, your job, relationships, health and the respect of your loved ones. If anger is starting to rule your life, contact Peter Devers, Regional Consultant at the **Irish Association of Anger Management** on 094-9037677 / 0877989253 or log onto www.difficultemotions.com to see how you could temper your anger.

URGENTLY WANTED - FOR SEWING PROJECT: Clean Coloured Cotton Pillow Cases or Coloured Cotton Sheets (No Patterns Please). Please contact Anne-Marie Carroll on 094-9381494 and at East Mayo LDP, Enterprise House, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh.

OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER: Patient, Understanding and Considerate individual with mature attitude **WANTED** in small town in East Mayo to assist young children with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. If you feel that you could commit to one or two hours each week to this worthwhile project then contact Teresa or Breda at 094-9381494 or call in person to Volunteer point at INFO WEB Aiden Street, Kiltimagh for more information.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

23rd March amounted to €1,635.

THE KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH RENOVATION FUND ENVELOPES for the year ahead - March 2008 to February 2009 will all have been distributed very shortly. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next meeting for those involved in the preparation of Parents and Godparents of children for Baptism, from each of the Parishes in our Cluster will be held in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Monday 14th April. **Siobhan Warde, Doontas and Helen Thompson, Graffy are involved in this new ministry in the parish.** Sincere thanks to both of them for their willingness to take on this ministry, which I am confident is very worthwhile, beneficial now and for the future. The objective is to work along with the priest(s) in each Parish of the cluster in helping Parents and Godparents to prepare better for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism of their child. A meeting is held sometime before the date of Baptism with the Parents of the child and if possible it is very desirable that the Godparents would also attend this meeting.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated on this Sunday at 5.00 p.m. in Callow Church.

BAPTISM: We welcome Sarah Marie Gilgunn, Knock and Alena Patricia Healy-Lloyd, Cartron into the Christian Community of Killasser through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated during the Easter Vigil Mass and the Easter Sunday Morning Mass respectively, in Killasser Church. It was a very special experience to have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism during both Masses last weekend in Killasser. We pray that these children will grow up to be committed followers of Christ through the influence of their Parents, Godparents and the community generally.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: This is an invitation to the people of Callow and Killasser to follow a pilgrimage beginning on Monday 24th March, Easter Monday 2008. There is a group of 37 people, from Brighton MA., travelling to the Holy Land for 12 days. The pilgrimage is being led by Fr. Augustin Enda, who is a priest of the parish of Brighton. In order to enable people to follow the pilgrimage a website has been created whose address is www.virtual-pilgrimage.com The site contains some useful information like:

An Itinerary

A Petition Form (Click on Contact Details)

Gallery for both Photographs and Videos - these galleries will be updated at the end of each day of the trip.

The goal of the site is to give people the opportunity to follow the pilgrimage on a daily basis by viewing the contents of the Galleries. As stated, the galleries will be updated at the end of each day so that people will be able to view that day's highlights. The hope is that people will enjoy the site and gain a sense of what it is like to visit such a special place as the Holy Land. - Caroline McGowan, Cullenaughton, Callow.

PARISH STATISTICS 2007: The following are the statistics for Killasser Parish for 2007:

BAPTISMS	19
MARRIAGES	18
FIRST COMMUNION	13
DEATHS	21.

THE ARAS ATTRACTA ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE will take place this year on Saturday 31st May. This year the organisers have very generously offered to run it for the Killasser/Callow Church Renovation Fund. What is especially needed is the support of Killasser to provide Marshals and Bucket Collectors. All people involved in the organisation will appreciate all the help and support that can be given from Killasser. Sponsorship Cards will be available very shortly. **The 100 K. Cycle will begin and finish at Killasser Community Centre.** For those unable to cycle the full distance, it is possible to cycle part of the route. Later that night there will be a Dance/Function in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford. Tickets for this function will be €10 each. **Sponsorship Cards will be available shortly.**

SUMMERTIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND: We are reminded to put our clock and watches forward one hour this weekend. They officially change at 2.00 a.m. this Sunday morning. Masses will be at the changed time this Sunday.

THE MID-WEST BROADCAST RADIO MASS from Callow Church has now been rescheduled for Sunday 15th June instead of Sunday 18th May which was not suitable for everyone.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR KILLASSER CHURCH: It has been suggested that an Altar Society should be put in place for Killasser Church. This matter was discussed at the recent Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. It is hoped that this might be put in place over the coming weeks/months. The general idea is that two people would take responsibility for the decoration of the Church for each month of the year. Obviously if extra help was needed for special times and occasions - Christmas, Easter, First Communion, Confirmation - that could be arranged. If you are willing to give of your time and talent you might give your name to any member of the Pastoral Council.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE RECENT PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES suggested the possibility of a Youth Mass/Youth Service to be celebrated occasionally at particular times of the year. This suggestion was discussed at the Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday night last. After some consultation with young people there was a feeling that near exam time might be a first opportunity to organise something. It is hoped that a meeting with a representative number of young people and some members of the Pastoral Council can be held in a few weeks time to discuss this possibility. All suggestions and ideas will be very welcome and will be considered.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST FOR CALLOW CHURCH: A number of Ministers of Eucharist in Callow Church, who have been in ministry for a good number of years, wish to step aside at this stage. This is very understandable and acceptable as the commitment is only meant to be for three years and not for an indefinite period. As well it is important that new people would join every ministry on a regular basis to keep it renewed. If you are asked to be involved you might consider it or if you would like to volunteer, you might let a member of the Pastoral Council or Fr. O'Mahony know. It does take a little bit of courage, but never underestimate your ability.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' is the programme of preparation for First Holy Communion for the Children of Second Class and their Parents and the Community generally. The next celebration of this programme will be on the weekend 12th / 13th April during the 8.00 p.m. Mass in Killasser Church on Saturday 12th April..

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office on Saturday Night next at 9.15 p.m.

PRAY FOR	Bernie Browne (O'Neill) and Husband John, New York, Saturday 8 p.m. Michael and Delia Kiely, Cullenughton, Sunday 30th March 10 a.m. People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brigid and Michael Barry, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m. Special Intention, Saturday 8 p.m. Vincent and Lucy Freyne, Tooreen, Sunday 6th April 10 a.m. Rita Colleary, Cully, Curry, Aunt of Jack Brennan, Dromada-Joyce, who died during the past week. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
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