

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'*

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE.

Fr. Colm Kilcoyne once memorably recalled how he and probably most of his generation were sent to school, sports and socials with a good douse of holy water from the huge hallway font and the maternal greeting/warning ringing in your ears; 'now remember who you are'. It wasn't really a reference to social standing. Very few in Ireland had such a luxury back then. It was more of a call back to live your life worthily, with the dignity it deserved.

Today, we are given a douse of Gospel water to bring us back to our senses. We need it as a lot of us do lose the run of ourselves. We seem to develop an amnesia of the spirit and lose our connection with our better self, with God and with people. The rich man in God's kingdom is the man with no name. That is because he has lost his identity. In total contrast Lazarus who is unnoticed in this world has an identity. There is no reason to believe that the rich man was a bad person either, probably so busy and harried that he just did not notice.

Today, 'remember who you are'. Take a good look around you and what you need to take notice of.

(Fr. Tom Cox - Intercom - October 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10.00 a.m. / Wednesday 8 a.m./ Saturday 1.30 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Thursday 10 a.m. / Friday, Saturday 8.00 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Mary Stenson.

Sunday 10 a.m. Joseph McNulty.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sean Thompson.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Paraic O'Hara and Thomas Marren.

Sunday 10 a.m. Angela Conlon.

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 6th October 8.00 p.m. Ciara Hussey Siobhan O'Hara Niall Armstrong David Cronnolly.

Sunday 13th October 11.30 a.m. Caoimhe Warde Cormac Warde Eoin Gallagher Rebecca Cronnolly.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8. p.m. The Holleran Family (Dromada-Duke)

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held in Killasser Church on Monday 4 - 7.00 p.m

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' - PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

can begin in the next few weeks for the School Year 2007 - 2008 if it is the wish to the Parents of the Children currently in Second Class in Carramore and Killasser National Schools. During this School Year six children will receive these Sacraments for the first time - two in Carramore and four in Killasser. To make a decision on the above, a Meeting of the Parents concerned will be held on Tuesday next 2nd October in Killasser Church at 8.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION

this year amounted to €806.50c. A further donation of €100 was received more recently. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection. This, along with the Offertory Collection of €870 on the evening of the Mass amounted to €1,676.50c. Your support is very much appreciated.

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 / €250 / €60 / €100 / €250 / €100 / €2,000 / €500 / €500 / \$1,000 / €3,000 / \$500 / €2,000. These donations received recently. Other donations of any amount will always be welcome.

SINCERE THANKS TO RORY CONROY for providing and installing the new furniture in Killasser Church Sacristy free of charge as he did earlier in Callow Church. This is a most generous gesture and we thank him on behalf of the whole parish. **This work is now complete except for a new mirror that has to be installed over the bench/worktop. It is hoped to engrave the name of the Church on this and possibly a photograph of the church. This will be done as soon as possible. You are more than welcome to come into the sacristy in Killasser and in Callow at any time to see the excellent work that has been done.**

A LOOSE CHANGE COIN COLLECTION for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia to which the Foxford Cluster of Parishes is twinned will be taken up at all Masses on the weekends 29th / 30th September and 6th / 7th October. Sometimes we have a lot of one cent / two cent / five cent coins left around that seem of little value to us. When put together they can add up to quite an amount. Then when we realise that what we give to a Diocese in a Country like Ethiopia it will buy ten times what the same amount would buy in Ireland. Feel free to give how much or how little you decide. Your support will be very much appreciated.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI will take place from Friday 26th October to Friday 2nd November ex Dublin with JWT. €849 per person. There will be four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. The company is Celebration Travel. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Joe Caulfield, Carracastle. Price depends on number booking. A few places are still available to bring the number up to 50. A Bus may be arranged to and from Dublin. Further information from Marian Maloney on 087-2112555 or 094-9288229

THE NEW PARISH CALENDAR is still available from the Sacristy of each Church after Mass. Price €10. Again make sure you get your copy in good time. The Calendar can also be bought from Thomas Marren, Fr. O'Mahony, Maureen Murphy (094-9251525), Aine O'Hara, Michael Fox, Theresa Convey (094-9251364), Kevin Hughes and a number of Shops in Swinford and Foxford.

BUILDING AT CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL is progressing well. The General Purposes Building is well on the way to completion. It will be a very impressive building and will be of immense benefit to the pupils and teachers for the future. The two new classrooms at the back of the School have now been slated. Class is now being held in the new General Purposes Building. A huge amount of work has been carried out over the past few weeks.

NEW PUPILS IN CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL: The following pupils began their education in Carramore National School on Monday 3rd September:

JUNIOR INFANTS:	Mary Cronnolly - Dunmaynor	Samantha Doherty - Killasser Estate
	Simon Edwards - Cartron	Briana Fallon - Swinford
	Caolan Fallon - Swinford	Eva O'Hara - Aclare
SENIOR INFANTS	Kelan Cronnolly - Dunmaynor	
THIRD CLASS	Vincent Nealon - Cloonygowan	
FOURTH CLASS	Roisin McSharry - Culduff	Liam McSharry - Culduff.

We wish them a very happy and successful time in Carramore School
There are now 59 Pupils in Carramore National School.

THE ANNUAL CANCER-ACTION MHAIGH-EO SPONSORED CYCLE has been deferred this year and will now take place at the end of October. The format of the cycle will differ this year in so far as Mayo County Council has kindly offered to make the new Charlestown By-Pass available to the organisation before it is opened. In other words, the stretch of road from Culmore, Swinford to Tully, Ballaghaderreen comprising of a distance of 16Km will be restricted to just cyclists and pedestrians for a one-day period. There is no limit to the amount of times this route can be travelled. This is a unique opportunity for both the novice and skilled cyclist to experience the novelty of being able to cycle freely on the county's main thoroughfare free from the worry of encountering motor vehicles. Refreshments etc. will be supplied along the route and as the distance to be covered is at the discretion of each cyclist, they are free to stop wherever and whenever they desire. All in all it is hoped that it will be an enjoyable day for all and that a carnival atmosphere will exist on the day. Further details regarding the exact date etc. will be forwarded and announced in due course. All support will be greatly appreciated

CANCER ACTION MHAIGH EO: The presentation of the total funds raised towards the MRI Scanner will take place on Wednesday night next 3rd October in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford at 8.30 p.m. Music and light refreshments will be served.

NEW ROOF FOR KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: The work of replacing the existing asbestos roof on Killasser Community Centre is now almost complete. This work and other renovations to the building will ensure that it is in good condition for many years to come.

RENOVATION ON KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE: Please note that the Community Centre and surrounding area is off limits to all the public while it is under renovation. Killasser Community Centre Committee will accept no liability for the next three to four weeks while the work is in progress. The Killasser Community Centre Committee regret any inconvenience caused.

WEBCO IT TRAINING: Autumn ICT Training Courses starting 13th October. Total beginners Junior / Seniors - all welcome. Range of Courses + New Autumn Course - Microsoft know how - 'Tech Start' For more information contact the office on 087-9723641

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? French language Courses for Primary and Post Primary Students are now available. The 15 Week Course is given by a highly qualified French Native Teacher with 20 years experience. The Course can tip the scales in your favour when exam times come around, getting the professional help you need now. For enrolment and full details please contact Jacqueline Duffy on 094-9861146.

CLIMATE CHANGE - TIME FOR US TO CHANGE? We now know that climate change affects us all. Do we see it as a crisis or an opportunity? 'It's easy to make a difference', 'the power of one', 'one small step' are some of the slogans used in order to make us more aware of how we can make small changes for the sake of future life on planet earth. To hear more on this topic you are invited to a talk to be given by Larry Edwards Ph.D., graduate of Harvard in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Monday 1st October at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. Cost - Voluntary contribution. Promoted by Mayo E-Live. Further information from Mairin Ni Mhurchu on 094-9252639.

GREEN PRAYERS FOR A BEAUTIFUL WORLD is the title of an article in this week's Newsletter taken from the weekly English Catholic Magazine 'The Tablet'. Hopefully, you might take time to read it. Good preparation for above meeting?

WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will leave Knock Airport on Thursday 11th October. 7 Nights Full Board in Hotel Avenida and Guided Tours will cost €819. The Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney, Collooney. For further details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

AT THE RECENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING it was decided to have the Loose Change Collection for the Diocese of Meki in Ethiopia over two weekends - 29th / 30th September and 6th / 7th October; it was decided to have a Rosary Service in Killasser Church on Sunday 7th October at 7.00 p.m., October being the month of the Rosary; this service may happen in alternate years in Killasser and Callow if people think it should; the Parish Questionnaire is to be analysed as soon as possible with a sub-committee to be set up to oversee this; ideas for November, Advent and Christmas were discussed very briefly; good wishes were to be sent to Fr. Tommy Towey on his departure to Ballisodare; Patricia and Adrian Tansey were congratulated on the birth of their baby girl, Aisling Marie - Patricia is a member of the Pastoral Council; the question regarding Adults reading the Prayer of the Faithful was discussed as a result of a query that came in and an explanation was given.

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

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2007 - 2008 ARE Colette Howley (Carrowleambeg) / Helen Thomson (Graffy) / Joe McNulty (Cullenaughton) and Joe Kennedy (Callow) **Sincere thanks to those who have decided to serve on the council for the first time and to those who have stepped aside for their great contribution over the past two years.** Four original members stepped aside and they are Theresa Convey (Darnagh) / James Howley (Carramore) / Pat Gallagher (Callow) and Ray Chuck (Cloonfinnish). Next September four more members will step aside and be replaced by four new members. This is part of the constitution of the Council so that it doesn't become a static committee. In an ideal world it would be a good method for all committees.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on this Saturday night 29th September in the Parochial Office. It will commence at 9.15 p.m. The most immediate work that needs to be discussed is the renovation/improvement of the Church Porches in Killasser. It may be possible to incorporate a meeting area and toilets in them when they are restructured. We do not need all the seating area we have for even the largest congregation so it should not be necessary to deprive ourselves of an area to conduct meetings etc. and use the Church to its full potential. We have to be always open to change and the need for change in an every changing church and society. I encourage you to think about it and discuss.

EQUAL SKILLS PROGRAMME is hoping to hold a two day training programme in Swinford Library in October - 18th and 29th October 9.00 - 4.00 p.m. each day. This programme is free to anyone wishing to take part. There are ten places

available for this programme which is to include Basic Computer, Introduction to the World Wide Web and e-mail. Free meals will be provided. There will not be an examination at the end of the training but a training certificate will be awarded to each participant. Anyone wishing to avail of this free service is asked to contact Michael Howley on 087-9144910.

A CHURCH OF IRELAND HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held in Foxford Church of Ireland on Sunday next 7th October, commencing at 5.00 p.m. The address will be given by Mr. Denis Johnston of the South American Mission Society. A Harvest Anthem will be sung by Mr. David Eager (tenor) who will be accompanied by Mrs. Anita Henerson on harmonium. All are very welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

BUS TO TEA DANCE: Would you like a Rural Transport Service from your area to the Tea Dance in Midfield, Swinford on Sunday afternoons? If you would like to use this service, please contact Anne-Marie Carroll on 094-9381494 as soon as possible. This pilot service will only run if there is a need and passengers using the route.

MAINTAINING A BALANCE: Stressed Out Struggling. Remember to take time to breathe! Our stressful lifestyle or worries can leave us prone to illness. East Mayo Womens' Network invites you to explore 'Maintaining a Balance' in the company of Dr. Helen Grealley, Clinical Psychologist HSE. West and Mary O'Sullivan, Resource Officer HSE West, on Monday 1st October at 8 p.m. The venue is the Town Hall Theatre, Kiltimagh. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Supported by HSE West and East Mayo Local District Partnership. It is hoped that it will prove worthwhile and interesting for women of all ages.

A ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE will be held in Killasser Church on Sunday next 7th October at 7 p.m. October is the month of the Rosary and Sunday 7th is the Feast of the Rosary. Everyone will be welcome.

PRAY FOR: Teresa Howley and Husband Jim, Dunmaynor, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Eamon Doyle, Treenreevagh, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Bridie and Matt Rowley, Dromada-Gore, Saturday 8 p.m.
 Jim Mooney, Graffy, Sunday 30th September 10 a.m.
 Nora and William Ruane, Daughter Mary, Son Mike, Cullenaughton, Sunday 10 a.m.
 People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
