

KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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'*

GAINING AND LOSING.

There is a way of losing by gaining.

You can win an argument and lose a friend.

Though competition and promotion I may advance in my profession, but in terms of relationships I am impoverished.

My energies are so focused on efficiency and success that I haven't time to grow emotionally and to develop my capacity for relationships.

In one's drive to attain power, a person may sacrifice friendship and loyalty, so much that one ends up alone.

Lord, let me never forget your haunting words;

'What good will it do you to gain the whole world if you lose your soul?'

(Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies - Flor McCarthy)

Fr. Chris Ginnelly - Foxford 094-9256401.

Fr. Stephen O'Mahony - Kiltimagh 086-8226405.

Fr Dermot Burns - Straide 094-9031029

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

MASSES CALLOW - Monday 10 a.m. / Friday 2 p.m. / Saturday 12.30 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m.

KILLASSER - Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. / Friday 7 p.m. / Saturday 8 p.m. / Sunday 11.30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Sean Thompson.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Claire Conroy.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Ray Chuck.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Francis Hegarty and Anne Hollera.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Angela Conlon.

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Beatrice Goldrick

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL - KILLASSER:

Saturday 8.00 p.m. Rachael McDonnell

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers

CALLOW

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Patrick McNulty.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR KILLASSER CHURCH NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 6th September 8.00 p.m. Siobhan O'Hara Lorraine Kavanagh Niall Armstrong Shane Cunney.

Sunday 7th September 11.30 a.m. Brid Rogers Eoin Gallagher Pierce Rowley Kevin Rowley Hayden Harrold.

Sunday 7th September 10.00 a.m. Cian O'Grady Aine Timlin Louise Mulligan Shauna Burke.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION NEXT WEEK:

Friday 8 p.m. The Hegarty Family (Carrowleambge)

Sunday 10.00 a.m. The McGowan Family (Cullenaughton)

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The Hegarty Family (Carrowleambge)

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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

23rd / 24th August amounted to €1,725.

THE ANNUAL KILLASSER CEMETERY COLLECTION:

Envelopes are still available so that people can make a contribution to the upkeep of the cemetery. Your support will be very much appreciated by the Cemetery Committee who do such an excellent job in maintaining the cemetery so well. Well done to everyone who keeps the cemetery in such excellent condition in recent years. Sincere thanks to the members of the Rural Social Scheme who mow the grass on a regular basis.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION AT THE CEMETERY MASS

will be given to the Cemetery Fund. The amount taken at the Offertory Collection during the Cemetery Mass was €975. This was a most generous collection and sincere thanks for your generosity and support. The amount collected in the special Cemetery Envelope Collection will be given later

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.

COSGALLEN NEWS - EVENING CLASSES: Cosgallen is currently planning their Autumn Evening Classes and are taking names for the following subjects: Flower Arranging / Irish / Computers. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Office on 094-9255070 or drop in. These classes should commence in September (subject to numbers). These classes are part-funded by the VEC.

COSGALLEN NEWS - BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ALLOWANCE operates from 1st June to 30th September each year. The scheme offers help towards the cost of uniforms and footwear for school children. You may qualify if you are getting a Social Welfare payment or a Health Service Executive payment or taking part in an approved employment scheme or training course and satisfy other conditions. Application forms are available from your local Community Welfare Office or from Cosgallen.

COSGALLEN NEWS - ECDL COURSE FOR ONE PARENT FAMILIES: An ECDL Computer Course for people who are parenting alone will be held in Cosgallen CDP starting on Monday 8th September. This course will be held one morning per week for approximately 12 weeks. The course is free and has been funded by Mayo VEC. If you are interested in taking part please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070

COSGALLEN NEWS - HOLD (HELPING OURSELVES TO LIVE WITH DISABILITY): HOLD is a group of people with varying disabilities who meet on a weekly basis in Cosgallen CDP. This group comes together to discuss issues and topics that effect their lives. The meetings will recommence in September. If you have a disability and would like to join the group please contact Cosgallen on 094-9255070.

FATIMA 2008 WEST OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE will take place from 7th October, leaving from Knock. It will be for seven nights in Hotel Avenida. The cost is €35 plus €25 Insurance. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Maloney. For details contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640 or 086-8185153.

WEST OF IRELAND 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND DIRECT FROM KNOCK from 22nd September - 1st October. Spiritual Director is Fr. Tomas Surlis. The cost is €1,190 fully inclusive of taxes and half board. For further information contact Nancy Surlis on 071-9185640.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS: If you are interested in returning to Education, improving your employment prospects, why not enrol on the Information Technology and Tourism Study Course at the Further Education Centre, Swinford which is due to commence in September 2008. The Course is free. Eligible participants are paid an allowance equivalent to a full Social Welfare payment plus meal and travel allowances. Childcare support is also available. For further information contact Emer at Further Education Centre, Swinford on 094-9251928.

GRANTS of up to €2,000 per household are now available for groups of houses looking to improve their energy efficiency. Five houses or more are encouraged to come together as a cluster, with energy assessments of each home available for €100. Further information is available through SEI's website www.sei.ie/hes or by calling 1850 927 000

ACHONRY AND ITS CHURCHES: This is a beautiful book containing photographs of every Church in our Diocese as well as other places of worship and pilgrimage. There is also a list of all the bishops of the Diocese and other useful information. These books are available after each Mass in Killasser and Callow and they cost just €20. A lovely book for oneself and a lovely present for somebody else maybe away from home.

ARAS ATTRACTA SWIMMING POOL: Mayo County Council with the good will of the Health Service Executive are pleased to announce that there will be limited public sessions available in the Aras Attracta Swimming Pool, Swinford commencing on 11th August on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The hours of open sessions will be 7.00 to 7.50 p.m. / 8.00 to 8.50 p.m. and 9.00 to 9.50 p.m. Prices are €4 per Adult and €2.50 per child. The numbers at the pool are restricted too between 16 and 20 people per session. Please note that bookings can only be made on the day preceding or on the day of the session you require. This is a pilot project which will require community support.

A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM KILLASSER TO LOUGH DERG will take place on Monday 22nd September. You are asked to give your names to Fr. O'Mahony as soon as possible on 094-9251431. Even if you have already indicated your interest you might confirm that. This year, like last year, the cost will cover Travel and Lough Derg Fees. The cost will be €55 per person - €27 for Lough Derg and €28 for transport. In Lough Derg, tea and scones will be provided on arrival in the morning and a light lunch in the middle of the day. For any food early in the morning or after we leave Lough Derg, it will be up to each person to decide what they wish to have. This will not be included in the price and is not pre-arranged. This can be decided on the day. The bus will leave Swinford at 6.30 a.m. / Callow Church at 6.45 a.m. and Killasser Church at 7.00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS OUTING took place on Monday last 25th August. Twenty Servers travelled along with six Adults. The outing was to Petersburg, an Outdoor Education Adventure Centre. After very heavy rain in the morning on the way there it turned out to be a beautiful sunny afternoon. This centre is located on the shores of Lough Mask, a few miles from Clonbur in Co. Galway. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the day and the activities, Kayaking, Obstacle Course etc. Sincere thanks to the Adults who travelled and to all the children for being so well behaved all day.

2009 CALENDAR OF OLD SWINFORD: If you are looking for the ideal souvenir of Swinford then you won't do better than the lovely Calendar which has been produced by Swinford Show Society towards the development of their show at Swinford Amenity Park. The Calendar will bring back memories of Fair Days in Swinford long ago and features many of the famous buildings of the town which are sadly no longer standing. The Calendar will be very much appreciated by Swinford people at home and abroad and is available in local shops or from the show committee.

A CAKE SALE will be held on Sunday 31st August in Scoil Muire agus Pdraig, Swinford after all Masses. It is being organised by Anne Marie Flatley, Staff Nurse, Aras Attracta, Swinford. Proceeds are in aid of The Niall Mellon Township Trust, Cape Town, South Africa. Your support will be very much appreciated

KILLASSER AND CARRAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOLS will re-open on Monday next 1st September. Hopefully children and teachers have enjoyed the Summer Holidays, in spite of the poor weather. We wish Children and Teachers a very successful and enjoyable school year 2008/2009.

A KILLASSER COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Wednesday evening next 3rd September at 8.30 p.m. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE TO KILLASSER GROUP WATER SCHEME USERS: Members are advised that tests carried out recently by the HSE have shown that the water supply is unsatisfactory at present and consumers are advised that the water should be boiled before human consumption. This boil notice will remain in effect until further notice. The water pipeline will be scoured/ flushed through in the near future. This could mean that some users of the water will have dirty water for a few days. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

THE MAYO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CHURCH-GATE COLLECTION will take place at Callow Church on Sunday next 7th September. It will also take place at both Masses in Killasser on 6th / 7th September.

KILLASSER BOXING CLUB will open on Thursday next 4th September from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. President and Coach is John Farren Snr, Coach Jon Farren Jnr, Treasurer Lorraine Groarke, Child Protection Officer Tommy Groarke. Contact 087-9637012 or 087-7646729.

A KILLASSER/CALLOW PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Parish Office on Saturday Night next 6th September at 9.15 p.m.

TO FR. DAN AND KILLASSER PARISHIONERS: A simple few words of thanks are very inadequate and insufficient to express my gratitude to you and the parishioners for the Mass, welcome and reception you have given to me on my 50th Anniversary. I have been away from Killasser for many years - yet 'home is where the heart lies' and you certainly made me feel at home through your welcome, your presence, gifts, prayers and reception. How thoughtful and kind of you to gift me with such blessings and remembrance. May the Good Lord continue to share his gifts and blessings on each and everyone of you and on your loved ones who are now with the Lord. Most sincerely, Fr. Jimmy O'Grady, Carroweena 22nd August 2008.

WESTERN CARE TOCHAR PADRAIG WALK in aid of St. Eithne's Childrens' Home, Foxford on 6th September. Bus leaves from Foxford. For information ring Roy Walsh from 094-9256341.

PRAY FOR Tommy Rowley and Parents Tom and Catherine Rowley, Cloonfinnish and Michael and Ellen McLoughlin, Doontas, Saturday 8 p.m.
James and Annie McLoughlin and Son Mark, Derreen and Brigid and Michael Kneafsey and sons John And Mike, Culdalee, Aclare, Saturday 8 p.m.
Special Intention, Sunday 10 a.m.
People of the Parish, Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Catriona Armstrong, Carramore, Friday 7 p.m.
Marty Joe Hegarty and Parents Margaret and Frank Hegarty, Carrrowleambeg, Saturday 8 p.m.
P. J. Nash, Carrrowleambeg and Swinford, Sunday 7th September 11.30 a.m.
