

Killasser Callow Parish Directory



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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday	-	Killasser	8.00 p. m.
Sunday	-	Callow	10.00 a. m.
	-	Killasser	11.30 a. m.

Parish Priest:

Fr. Dan O'Mahony P.P. 094 9251431
Parochial House,
Killasser,
Swinford.

e-mail: djomachonry@eircom.net

Telephone Numbers for Neighbouring Parishes:

Fr. Chris Ginnelly, Foxford	094 9256401
Fr. Joseph Gavigan, Foxford	094 9256858
(school on weekdays)	094 9256145
Fr. Dermot Burns, Straide	094 9031029
Parochial House Swinford	094 9251131
	087 2221244

Local National Schools:

Carrowmore National School, Killasser	071 9181435
Principal - Mrs Marie Fallon	
Killasser National School, Killasser	094 9251489
Principal - Ms Claire Gallagher	
Foxford National School, Foxford	094 9256391
Principal - Mr Sean Lavin	
Swinford National School, Swinford	094 9252055
Acting Principal - Mrs Mairín Noone	

Local Secondary Schools:

Scoil Muire & Padraig, Swinford	094 9251481
Principal: Mr John Gallagher	
St Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford	094 9256145
Principal: Mr Brendan Forde	

Parish Website: www.killasser.com

The Parish of Killasser/Callow

The rural parish of Killasser is situated north of Swinford in County Mayo. To the north of the parish lie the spectacular Ox Mountains, and to its south flows the River Moy. Killasser takes its name from Cill Lasrach, meaning “the church of Lasair”. St Lasair established a church here in the 8th Century, the ruins of which can be found in Killasser cemetery in the townland of Knockmullin. The richness and variety of archaeological monuments in the parish, with evidence of human activity here going back 5000 years, has made Killasser well known to many outside County Mayo.

Today, Killasser is served by two fine churches. The parish church, dedicated to All Saints, and situated in the townland of Listernan, was built in 1832. Its anchor-shaped design is unique in Ireland.

The church of St Thomas, in the “half parish” of Callow, was built in 1811. It is prominently situated overlooking the picturesque waters of Callow Lough Upper and Lower. The church has beautiful stained glass windows, including a window depicting St Patrick from the studio of Harry Clarke.

Located near the parish church of All Saints is the Killasser Community Centre, with its many facilities, opened in 1980.

In recent years, the very fine Hennigan’s Heritage Centre has been established in the parish of Killasser. Here can be traced the archaeological and social history of the parish.

Further information about the parish can be found at www.killasser.com. Also recommended are three publications “Killasser-a history” and “The Archaeological Heritage of Killasser, Co Mayo”, both by Bernard O’Hara, and “Callow School Reunion – A Celebration”, all currently out of print but available at local libraries.

Ancient Ecclesiastical Sites: The ruined remains of a very ancient church are to be found in Cill Seisneáin in the townland of Graffy. Other more recent remains are situated on the hill of Srón in nearby Carrowheden. Mass is celebrated in alternate years at each church site around mid summers day.

Voluntary Parish Organisations

The Community Centre is the focal point for many parish activities. Built in 1980, it provides a very fine venue for indoor football, basketball, squash, handball and keep fit classes. Its meeting rooms are used by all the organisations in the parish and the hall is the place where concerts, dances, card games and other social activities are held. The Community Centre committee oversees the management and day to day running of the centre.



Chairman: Geraldine Burke
Secretary: Renee Mc Donnell

Tel: 094 9253921

Tel: 094 9251095

The Killasser/Callow Parish Development Committee was established in 2002 to carry out development works throughout the parish in conjunction with FÁS, LEADER, Mayo County Council and other agencies. It has been instrumental in having townland name signs erected and in carrying out enhancement works at Killasser Community Centre and at Callow. Other projects are planned.



Chairman: Pat Gallagher
Secretary: Bridie Sheerin

Tel: 094 9256510

Tel: 094 9251062

Group Water Schemes: Two Group Water Schemes are responsible for the provision of water in the parish. The Killasser scheme is in existence since 1974 and the Callow scheme since 1980. Since then voluntary committees oversee the maintenance and day to day running of this essential service.



Killasser Scheme: Marty Noone

Tel: 094 9251756

Callow Scheme: Tony Doherty

Tel: 094 9251662

The Parish Finance Committee is a group of lay people who assist the parish priest in managing the financial affairs of the two churches in the parish.



Contact: Fr. Dan O'Mahony Tel: 094 9251431

The Community Alert Committee was established to provide a framework through which everyone in the parish can work together for the promotion of safety in the community. It provides alarm systems and security accessories at a small cost to senior citizens and, in association with An Garda Síochána, it encourages everyone to be on the alert to any suspicious activity.



Chairman: Thomas Marren Tel: 094 9251327
Secretary: Michael Howley Tel: 071 9181960

The Cemetery Committee was set up to carry out enhancement works in Killasser Graveyard. With the help of generous donations from the parishioners, its efforts have transformed the cemetery and the committee has won awards in the Mayo County Council Cleaner Communities Scheme. Mass is celebrated each year in the cemetery around the Feast of the Assumption (14th August).



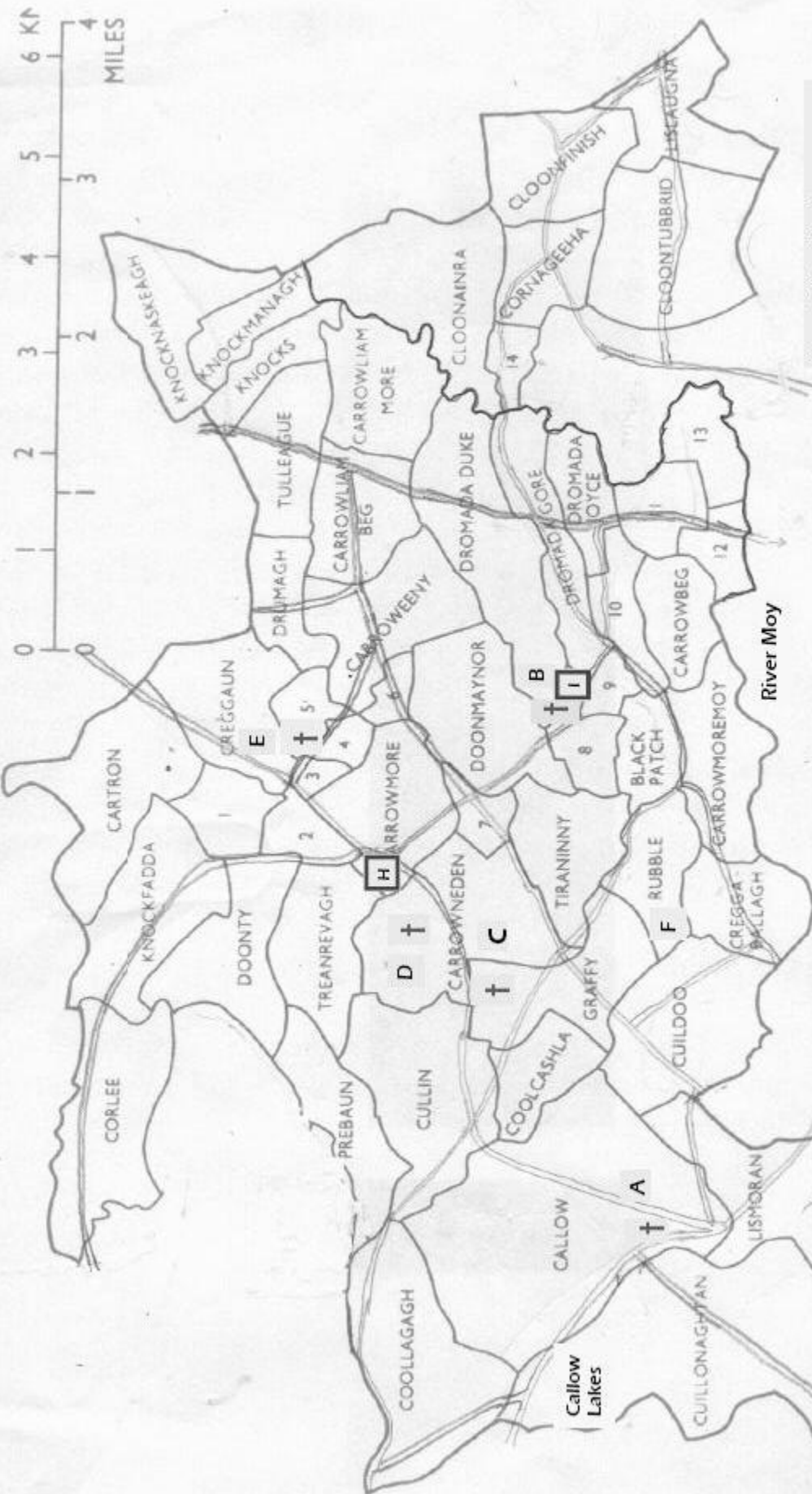
Chairman: John Durkan Tel: 087 2037260
Treasurer: Sr. Margaret Maloney Tel: 094 9251265

Killasser Ladies' Group was recently established to provide an opportunity for women to meet socially and share information on women's issues. The Group has organised very popular courses on First Aid and on Stress Management/Personal Development and has plans for an art workshop this Autumn



Contact: Renee McDonnell Tel: 094 9251095
Phil O'Hara Tel: 071 9181058

Townlands of Killasser and Callow



- 1 CARTRONMACMANUS
- 2 TOORARD
- 3 CARROWNAGEERAGH
- 4 KNOCKMULLIN
- 5 ATTINASKOLLIA
- 6 KILLEEN
- 7 MAGHERABOY
- 8 LISTERNAN
- 9 BOLEYBOY
- 10 CLOONCLEEVRAUGH
- 11 LOOBNAMUCK
- 12 DARHANAGH
- 13 DRUMALOOAUN
- 14 BELLANACURRA
- A Callow Church
- B Killasser Church
- C Cill Seisneáin
- D Srón
- E Killasser Cemetery
- F Hennigan's Heritage Centre
- G Callow Lakes
- H Carramore N. S.
- I Killasser N. S.

The Mother and Toddler Group offers a forum for support and exchange of information. Meetings are held in the Community Centre every Tuesday at 11 a. m. It has obtained funding for the provision of educational and recreational toys and provides an opportunity also where children can interact under parental supervision. Networking with neighbouring groups is planned for the future.



Contact: Sarah Jane McNulty Tel: 087 7428452
 Louise Avery Tel: 086 3979080

Pioneer Centre: First established in 1934, Killasser P.T.A.A. is one of the most active in the country. It aims to promote temperance by encouraging the young especially to abstain from alcohol and drugs. Its members are involved in all activities organised by the association at local, regional and national level. These include Réadóiri



talent competitions, quizzes and sports, as well as the many spiritual and leisure activities.

Contact: Margaret McGowan Tel: 094 9256232
 Maureen Murphy Tel: 094 9251525

The Parish Choirs play an essential role in our liturgical celebration and new voices are always welcomed.



Callow Choir -

Eithne Mc Loughlin Tel: 094 9256155

Killasser Choir -

Marie Horkan Tel: 094 9251303



The Killasser Branch of IFA looks after the interests of farmers in the parish.

Contact: Paddy McNulty Tel: 094 9252517

The Community Care Group was formed in 1975. The Group organises an annual outing to Knock and a Christmas party for the more mature citizens of the parish. The Group also holds a party for the children of the parish who celebrate their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



Contact: Sarah Mc Loughlin
Kathleen Mc Nulty

Tel: 094 9251643
Tel: 094 9251592

Cloonfinish Handball Club is one of the oldest organisations in the parish. It has been revived recently and is presently engaged in fundraising towards the improvement of the facilities at Cloonfinish alley.



Contact: Martin Hennigan Tel. 094 9251544

The Altar Society: We are very grateful to all the volunteers who decorate our churches so beautifully every week and to those who provide flowers etc on a regular basis. If you would like to help, please contact:



Callow Church -

Jacinta Gallagher

Tel: 094 9256510

Killasser Church -

Sr. Margaret Maloney

Tel: 094 9251265

CSKA (Community Sports Killasser Area) Sports Club is a modern concept in sport and leisure activities. The aim and direction is to combine sport for all, a sports nursery and a school of excellence. At CSKA there is a place for everyone. The goal of the club is to engage people of all age groups in as wide a variety of sports and physical activities as possible.



Chairman: Michael Howley
Secretary: Martin Peyton

Tel: 071 9181977
Tel: 094 9251573

Killasser-Callow Parish Pastoral Council was founded in



January 2005. It consists of twelve nominated members and our Parish Priest. The Council meets monthly, except for the months of July and August, with meetings alternating between the Killasser and Callow Churches. The Council makes practical suggestions regarding the faith life of the parish, and provides support to our priest and to the laity of the parish. It seeks to be a body of vision, identifying the gifts of individuals and groups, fostering them for the good of the parish, and to promote within the parish, now and into the future, the ideal of “people ministering to people”. The Parish Mission Statement, formulated by the Council, is as follows:

“We seek to become a more welcoming community where God's message of faith, hope and love is experienced”

Chairperson: Michael Fox
Secretary: Ray Chuck

Tel: 094 9253603
Tel: 094 9253870



The Pastoral Council invites many more people to become actively involved in parish life as **Ministers of Word** and **Ministers of Eucharist**.

We also need more help with **offertory collections, offertory procession** and the preparation of the Churches for special ceremonies. Please volunteer your services as there is room for everyone. ***We are a welcoming parish.***

You can contact Fr. Dan O'Mahony or any member of the Pastoral Council.

Useful Phone Numbers

DOCTORS

Glavey, Dr Timothy, Kilkelly Road, Swinford	-		094 9251319
Mc Loughlin, Dr Diarmuid, Circular Rd, Swinford	-		094 9251249
Mc Crohan, Dr John, Main St, Swinford	-		094 9251712
O'Toole, Dr Patrick, Chapel St, Swinford	-		094 9251287
Rowley, Dr Frances, Dublin Rd, Swinford	-		094 9251553
AMBULANCE SERVICE(WHB)	-	-	094 9021122
AN POST, Swinford Post Office	-	-	094 9251112
ARAS ATTRACTA CENTRE, Swinford	-	-	094 9251900
BUS EIREANN, Ballina	-	-	096 71800
COSGALLEN, Charlestown	-	-	094 9255070
DISTRICT HOSPITAL, Swinford	-	-	094 9251102
EIRCOM, Faults and Repairs	-	-	1901
ESB, Supply Failure & Emergencies	-	-	1850 372 999
FIRE STATION, Swinford	-	-	094 9251158
FR. PEYTON CENTRE, Attymass	-	-	096 45374
GARDA STATION, Swinford	-	094 9251115/094 9252990	
GMIT, Castlebar	-	-	094 9025700
HEALTH CENTRE & Clinic, Swinford	-	-	094 9251900
HEALTH CENTRE & Clinic, Foxford	-	-	094 9256189
IRELAND WEST AIRPORT, Knock	-	-	094 9367222
IRISH RAIL, Ballina	-	-	096 71818
KNOCK SHRINE	-	-	094 9388100
MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL, Swinford	-	-	094 9251132
MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL, Castlebar	-	-	094 9024444
MAYO GENERAL HOSPITAL, Castlebar	-	-	094 9021733
MET EIREANN	-	-	1890 668 080
MIDWEST RADIO	-	-	094 9630169
SACRED HEART HOSPITAL, Castlebar	-	-	094 9021122
SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE, Swinford	-	-	094 9252880
SACRISTANS - Jacinta Gallagher	-	-	094 9256510
Dessie Conlon	-	-	094 9251984
ST. MARYS HOSPITAL, Castlebar	-	-	094 9021333
SWINFORD LIBRARY	-	-	094 9252065
WESTDOC	-	-	1850 365 000
WESTNET (Broadband - Foxford)	-	-	1800 503 303

We would like to welcome those of you who are new to our parish. We hope that you find this Directory useful and if you require any further information, please contact the Pastoral Council.



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