

KILLASSER/CALLOW

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of LENT April 3rd 2022

**MASS INTENTION**

Sat 2nd Killasser 7pm **Brigid & William Ginty**, & Quinn & Ginty deceased

Sun 3rd Callow 10am Mass for the People of the Parish

Sun 3rd Killasser 12 noon Morning Mass

Mon 4th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Wed 6th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Fri 8th April Callow 10am Morning Mass

Sat 9th Killasser 7pm Evening Mass for Palm Sunday

Sun 10th Callow 10am Sunday Mass for Repentence

Sun 11th Killasser 12 Noon Mass for the People of the Parish

**PRAY FOR**

**Jim Dwyer,** Derreen

**Mary Nolan,** Drumalooaun

**Thomas Howley,** Carramore

**Frank Timlin,** Prebaun

**KILLASSER CHURCH WEBCAM**

The webcam in Killasser church has been in operation for about a year now. It has provided a great facility for people at home and abroad to join in the Mass from Killasser when Covid restrictions were in place. It was very much appreciated by those who couldn’t attend the funerals of those who were near and dear to them during the lockdown. Many people from overseas continue to tune in on a regular basis. It helps to keep up the link with home. Others in the parish who are confined to home by illness or infirmity like to watch the Mass on the webcam too.

The annual cost of running the webcam is €1500. We are very grateful to the person who has generously sponsored the cost for this year. Incidentally this donor is not a parishioner and for that reason we appreciate their generosity all the more. We also wish to acknowledge the generous donation from a Killasser person, now resident in the US, towards the installation costs of the webcam. Thank you both for remembering the church in Killasser. May God bless you and reward your goodness. We are hoping some other kind person would fund the running cost of the webcam for next year.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD IN KILLASSER CHURCH**

A new rota for Readers is now being compiled. In addition to those who were already on the list, we encourage anyone who would like to read the Word of God at weekend Masses to please give their name to Fr John.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN KILLASSER CHURCH**

A new rota of current Eucharistic ministers is also being compiled.It is important that new people would come forward for this important role in the church. A preparation course and training will be provided and a commissioning ceremony will be held in due course.

We are very grateful to the loyal group of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers that we currently have, but new volunteers are needed so that the same people are not called upon too frequently. Please do consider it.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

We are now inviting Altar Servers to come and serve mass or be trained to serve mass. Contact Fr. John about this.

**KCC-FEBRUARY 2022 50/50 DRAW**

The February 50/50 draw jackpot was €685 and was won by Phil Rowley. Tom Lavin and Laura Groarke won a €20 spot prize each. Congratulations to everyone. The March draw will take place on Saturday 2nd April in the Turf Shed. A list of future monthly draws will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

**SCRAP METAL COLLECTION**

A Scrap Metal Collection is potentially planned for the weekend of the 23rd & 24th April. Please contact a member of the committee if you have anything you wish to have collected. More details to follow.

**25 CARD DRIVE**

The Community Care Committee and Centre Committee are holding a 25 Card Drive on Monday 11th April at 8.30pm. The prize money is €1,000 with spot prizes also available. The Hyland Family have gifted the prize money and spot prizes in memory of Val. Admission is €10.

**KCC-BROADBAND HUB**

If anyone wishes to use the broadband hub in Killasser Community Centre please contact a member of the committee or Paul Hyland @ 087 610 9192

**OTHER PARISH EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2022**

Please see below a list of some parish events that are planned for 2022. The events are listed in chronological order but this is subject to change with more details to follow in due course. Please contact Fr. John if you wish to have an event added to this list. A more comprehensive list of all parish events may be drawn up and included in the parish newsletter.

25 Card Drive: Monday 11th April

Scrap Metal Collection: Weekend 23rd & 24th April

Fr. John Birthday Mass & Party Friday 29th April 7pm Church & 8pm Turf Shed

Confirmation Saturday 14th May 12 noon

KCC AGM: Friday 20th May

St. Georges v Killasser Soccer: Saturday 18th June

Willie O’Neill Football Tournament: Early August (TBD)

Mia’s Mini Tractor, Bike & Trike Run: Sunday 14th August

Parish Calendar Competition Results: September (TBD)

Tara’s Run for Fun: Saturday 8th October

Friday Night Indoor Soccer to return: Early October (TBD)

Killasser Tractor Drive: Sunday 6th November

Saint Stephen’s Day Walk: Monday 26th December

**NATURE MATTERS**

Nature Matters is a group of parishioners who have come together to improve awareness of our environment and the importance of biodiversity. New members are always welcome.

Next time you see 'unsightly' nettles and docks in your garden, remember that they are great wildlife attractors...We need to shift our way of thinking in relation to 'weeds'. And given the choice, I think we would all prefer the birds, bees and butterflies over an immaculately mowed and 'lifeless' lawn. Our natural habitats are dwindling, we all need to do our bit. And the beauty is, all you have to do is nothing - just leave even a small patch in your garden and nature will take its course.

*(Excerpt from 'Leave a patch for nature in your garden' on the letters page of The Irish Times, Sat March 26th)*

**RAILWAY PLAYERS AGM**

The AGM of Swinford’s Railway Players will be held on Tuesday 5th April at 9pm in Mellett’s meeting room, Market St Swinford. We are always delighted to welcome new members/friends to our weekly

meetings and we look forward to seeing you there. If you’d like to come along we can

promise friendly company and good conversation but no pressure to go on stage unless you’d

like to. Backstage people are vital too! Contact us at Railway Players Facebook page, email

railwayplayers2018@gmail.com call/text 0876569782 or just pop in to the AGM

Drama Production

On the evenings of May 13th and May 15th The Railway Players will stage our “Home to

Mayo” show in Swinford Cultural Centre. We can promise a very enjoyable production,

which will include drama, music, song and dance, with the best of local talent involved.

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**SYNOD PRAYER**

“We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen”

A Synod is a process of listening and walking together as a Church. We will give more details later about how you can be involved.