

KILLASSER/CALLOW

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Baptism of the Lord 9th January 2022

**MASS INTENTION FOR THE NEXT MONTH**

Sat 8th Killasser 7pm **Tom & Kathleen Rowley**, Ballinacurragh

Sun 9th Callow 10am **Tom & Mary Keane**, Culduff

Sun 9th Killasser 12 Noon **Patrick & Mary Rochford**, Cartron

Mon 10th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Wed 12th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Thurs 13th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Fri 14th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Sat 15th Killasser 11am **Tom & Jim Burke**, Carrowneden

Sat 15th Killasser 12 Noon **Funeral Mass for** **Rosemary O’Keefe**, who died in England

Sun 16th Callow 10am **John McGowan**, Cuilenaughten

 **Kathleen McGarry**, Fintona, Tyrone, formerly Ballinaleck

Sun 16th Killasser 12 noon People of the Parish

**PRAY FOR**

**Tommy McGowan,** formerly of Cragaballagh, Killasser, who died in Delvin, Co. Meath

**Mary Gallagher,** aunt of Pat Gallagher and John Gallagher, Callow who passed away recently in London, formerly of Coolcastle in her 102nd year.

**Vincent Reape,** Scotland, brother of **Christina Durkan,** Rubble

**Annie Kate McManus nee Dunne ,** aunt of Ann Convey, Swinford, sister of the late Joe Dunne & Margaret Gavigan, Knocks

**Rosemary O’Keefe**, daughter of Kevin &sister of Frank O’Keefe, who died in the UK.

**A WORD OF THANKS**

I want to thank everyone who give of their time and talents to our parish. To all the Committees and Councils for their great and valuable work for our Parish. To the Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society and all who play music in our Churches and sing even in these Covid times. To all who decorated our Churches for Christmas - to Sacristans and Volunteers. I want to thank all Stewards and Sanitisers and those who support them. They are the heroes of our days. There are groups who help our young people in sport and who keep our Community Centre and Water Scheme going. We are all very grateful to them.

Thanks to those who help me in my house and who support me. Many people have brought food and presents to me over the last days. It means a lot. I want to thank you all in advance for the Offerings you will give me for the Priest’s Collection. Some of you have already donated to me and thanks a million. Many of you pray for me and, God knows, I know I need them.

**A KILLASSER CHRISTMAS**

**by Muirenn Hyland**

A Killasser Christmas I long for each year

It’s that very special time that brings so much cheer

The trees may be bare and the nights dark and long

But the visiting robin brings with her a song

From Carrmore hill I see the valley below

Perhaps the baby Jesus will bring us some snow

The fires will be lit and the hearths all aglow

And neighbours and friends pop in to say hello

All Saints Church will be packed to the brim

With families united and together again

The fiddle, the whistle sweet music will sound

And “A Dhia na Nollaig” will leave us spellbound

When Saint Stephen’s day comes it’s time for the wren

A chance to meet neighbours and friends once again

From Knocks to Culduff, Blackpatch, Carrowliamore

A warm welcome awaits at each and every door

A Killasser Christmas brings a smile to my face

It’s a special time of year in a very special place

Surrounded by hills, valleys and nature

I am thankful for this place from the Lord our Creator

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**Happy New Year 2022**

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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.