



# KILLASSER / CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

26th February 2023

## MASS INTENTION

Sat 25th Killasser 7pm

Sun 26th Callow 10am

Sun 26th Killasser 12 noon

Fri 3rd March Killasser 7pm

Sat 4th Killasser 7pm

Sun 5th Callow 10am

Sun 5th Killasser 12 noon

**John & Margaret Marren**, son **John & Mary & Baby Neill**

**David McLoughlin**, Callow

People of the Parish

Private Intentions

Evening Mass

People of the Parish

Morning Mass

## PRAY FOR

**Evelyn Davey** nee **Barry**, formally Carramore, died in London

**Patrick Neary**, brother of Margaret Burke, Parkroe, who died in Balla.

**Maureen Gisdedth**, nee Brennan, Cloonfinish, & husband **John Gisdedth**

**Kevin Holleran**, Crewe, brother of Jean Rowley & Uncle of Nicola Waite

**Sean Keating**, Craggaghballagh & Cork

**Annie Maloney**, Manchester & Cregnafileah, Mother of Michael Monaghan, aunt of Tommy Maloney, Cuillenaughton

**Date for First Communion 2023:** Saturday 13th of May @ 12 noon

## ENTER A FLOAT

All Killasser organisations, groups and individuals are invited to enter a float in the 2023 Swinford St. Patrick's Day Parade being held on Friday 17th March. Full details can be got from parade director Francis Brennan @087-9909863

## BEREAVEMENT & FUNERAL GROUP

There is a real need to embrace the inevitable. To welcome it with open arms. Sooner rather than later we will have very few priests. Sooner rather than later people who are not priests will be receiving the remains at the church, praying the prayers at the funeral home and conducting the Burial Service at the grave.

Before too long too, there may not be a priest to say the funeral mass. In that event someone other than a priest will be doing a funeral prayer service. This is what they did in Penal Times.

## TROCAIRE BOXES

Trocaire boxes are now available at the doors of both Churches.

## PIONEER DINNER DANCE

Achonry Pioneer dinner dance takes place in the Gateway hotel Swinford on Friday 6th March 2020. Music by the Duets, dinner 8pm. Tickets €25 available from Thomas Marren 0872344338 or Margaret McGown 0868567705.

## **COMHALTAS NEWS**

Michael Davitt CCE (Swinford Comhaltas) music and singing classes continue every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12 in Scoil Muire agus Treasa (Swinford NS) and new pupils are always welcome. Call to the school during the classes, contact us at Swinford Comhaltas Facebook page, email [cceswinford@gmail.com](mailto:cceswinford@gmail.com) , text 0877454032 or talk to any branch member.

The Irish traditional music club continues every Tuesday in the Cultural Centre from 4 to 6pm and is proving to be a great success and most enjoyable. Thanks to Joe and Adele for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Another very exciting initiative is starting this Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are delighted that Rob Thornburgh is reviving “The Fair Night Sessions”! These sessions will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at various venues around town. A teen session will take place from 7pm to 8.30pm and the more mature musicians will take over around nine. The sessions will feature special guests and this month Tommy Doherty from Foxford will be our guest in Campbell’s White House. We are really looking forward to Wednesday night. See you there?

The members of Michael Davitt CCE are busy planning events for the rest of the year. We will have our annual Scoil Cheoil Siamsa ( afternoon singing, dancing and music workshops in conjunction with Siamsa Sraide) from 31<sup>st</sup> July to Aug 4<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Pageant will be staged on Monday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and Feile na Samhna is being planned for the end of Oct. Fleadh entries are starting to come in and we look forward to a great Fleadh Mhaigh Eo in Westport. Please contact us if interested in branch membership forms and/or Fleadh entry forms

## **THE RAILWAY PLAYERS**

The Railway Players are back on track and going full steam ahead! We are looking forward to a busy year and have several projects in mind. The members of The Railway Players are enthusiastic and talented and always ready to get involved in local activities. Following on from a very successful year in 2022 we’re building up steam to have just as good a year in 2023 (if not better!) We would be delighted to talk to you if you are interested in learning more about our variety and drama group. More information from Gerty at 0876569782, Anne on our Facebook page or Mairin at 0877454032

## **ADORATION**

Bishop Paul wants adoration in our parish every week. Most other parishes have it. It will be after 10am mass each Thursday. It is not the preserve of those who come to daily mass. It is open to everybody. Please come for an hour from 10.30 to 11.30am each week if you can. Please pray for me and our parish. Fr.John.

## **NATURE MATTERS**

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

At 65Kg per person annually, Ireland produces the most plastic waste per head of population of any country in Europe. We can do more to help our environment in this regard by buying in bulk where possible or bringing our own containers to shops and takeaways.

## **GREEN SOD IRELAND**

Green Sod Ireland is a registered charity whose aim is to protect and conserve Irish land in perpetuity for the sake of its indigenous inhabitants: animals, plants, soils, rocks, micro-organisms and the like for present and future generations. For more information visit [Greensodireland.ie](http://Greensodireland.ie)

## **DON'T JUDGE OTHERS TOO HARSHLY**

Pray do not find fault with the one who limps  
Or stumbles along the road  
Unless you have worn the shoes they wore  
Or struggled beneath their load.

There may be tracks in their shoes that hurt  
Though hidden away from view  
Or the burden they bear, placed on your back  
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the one that's down today.  
Unless you have felt the blow  
That caused their fall, or felt the shame  
That only the fallen know

You may be strong, but still the blows  
That were theirs, if dealt to you  
In the self same way, at the self same time  
Might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too harsh with the one who sins,  
Or pelt them with word or stone  
Unless you are sure, yes doubly sure  
That you have no sins, of your own

For you know perhaps, if the tempter's voice  
Should whisper as soft to you  
As it did to them, when they went astray,

‘Twould cause you to falter too.

Kilkelly. Co Mayo. Ireland

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