



KILLASSER / CALLOW PARISH NEWSLETTER



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26th March 2023

MASS INTENTION

Sat 25th Killasser 7pm
Sun 26th Callow 10am

Sun 26th Killasser 12 noon
Mon 27th Killasser 10am
Wed 29th Killasser 10am
Thurs 30th Killasser 10am
Fri 31st Killasser 8am
Sat 1st April Killasser 7pm
Sun 2nd Callow 10am
Sun 2nd Killasser 12 noon

Mary Kate & John Groarke & Henry Groarke, Carraweeny
Tom & Kathleen Durkan & Joe Durkan, Cloonygowan
Joe & Mary McDonagh, parents of **Mary McNulty**
Marie O'Keefe, Clooncleeveragh
Morning Mass
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Evening Mass
People of the Parish
Annie May & John Doherty Doontas and Foxford, their son
Martin & Grandson Martin, Northampton.

PRAY FOR

John McDonnell, Lismorane

P.J Murphy, Attymas & Leeds, brother in law of Louis McNulty, Joe McNulty & Mary Callaghan

Eileen Scully nee **Sweeney**, Cloongullane, sister in law of Brendan Scully & Theresa Convey

Lena Cunningham, Castlebar, cousin of Fr John Durkan

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

Congratulations to the boys & girls who made their first confessions.

TROCAIRE BOXES

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

FREE 6 MONTH COURSE

Are you interested in doing a training course to give you the skills to work in Hospitality? Are you receiving a DA payment or do you need assistance in finding employment? The course covers HACCP, Barista, Customer Care & 1st Aid training. In addition a work placement in a local hotel or restaurant will be secured for you. The classroom based training on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is held in Westport.

Call Ruairi @ 087 120 2617 or email ruairi.hughes@nln.ie "

MOTHERS PRAYERS ANNUAL WEEKEND 2023

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th March. St John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock. (No Cover Charge)

You don't have to be a mother to attend, and if you can only come for a short time please feel free to do so, this too will, bring many blessings. Marie 087 6184110

PENANCE SERVICE

Penance Service for the Fr. Peyton Cluster of Parishes will take place in St. Michael's church, Foxford, on Thursday, 30th March at 8 p.m. Visiting priests will attend.

KILLASSER 50-50 DRAW

Adam O'Grady who won €655 in the Feb. 50/50 draw. Frances Rowley & Geraldine Cronnolly (USA) won €20 spot prize each. The March draw takes place on Saturday, 1st April.

COMHALTAS NEWS

Campbell's Lounge Bar, Upper Main Street is the venue for the second night of Swinford's newly revived "Fair Night Sessions" on April 5th. A teen session will take place from 7pm to 8.30pm and the more mature musicians will take over around nine. The special guest for April is Sean Lavin from Foxford and we are really looking forward to the session. 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, 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 for all age groups. Fleadh entries are now in and we look forward to a great Fleadh Mhaigh Eo in Westport. Please contact us if interested in branch membership forms. Forms can be obtained from Swinford NS on Saturday morning during classes or from Lambes on Main Street.

We plan, in the near future, to promote Irish dancing by sponsoring some free dancing classes with Grainne Kelly and we hope they will be well attended. See Swinford Comhaltas Facebook page for updates

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 31st July to Aug 4th. Our annual Pageant will be staged on Monday Aug 7th and Feile na Samhna is being planned for the end of Oct.

THE RAILWAY PLAYERS

The Railway Players are back on track and going full steam ahead! We are looking forward to a busy year and we're getting to work on several projects e.g. our Time to Shine talent show and our Musical Theatre Summer Camp. The members of The Railway Players are enthusiastic and talented and will be involved in other local activities also. 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

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Invitation from "The Cregg Sisters" (Daughters of Wisdom) to a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo on Saturday 1st April, 2023 at 3.00pm, celebrated by Bishop Kevin Doran. As they prepare to leave the diocese, the Sisters wish to thank all who were associated with them over the years, in the development of services for children and adults with learning disability. Everyone welcome.

BIBLE STUDY/ LECTIO DIVINA (PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE) LED BY STEPHEN GIBLIN

Taking a look at some of the most renowned Gospel stories to see how they relate to our lives.

Venue: Foxford Social Services Centre, Chapel Rd, Foxford, F26 Y1X9

Time: 7.30pm

Dates for Lent:

Mon 27th March 2023- Gethsemane (Mt 26:36-46)

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on **August 2nd 2023**, 7 nights, €849.00 per person sharing. This includes return flights from Dublin, Airport transfer to Medjugorje & return, 7 nights at guesthouse close to St James Church, Breakfast & dinner each day and full religious programme. For more info contact **Tom Moran:** 0860815635 or **Carol Early:** 0879581495

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.

National Tree Week

The 26th of March has been designated National Tree Week when we reflect on the importance of trees in our land, on what we can do to conserve them and perhaps plant a tree or two, even an apple, a cherry or a rowan tree that will be there for future generations to enjoy. Besides, trees are the lungs of the earth, removing carbon dioxide which contributes to global warming and replacing it with life-sustaining oxygen.

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.

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