

KILLASSER/CALLOW

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd January 2022

**MASS INTENTION FOR THE NEXT MONTH**

Sat 22nd Killasser 7pm **Beatrice Lynch,** 14th Anniv. Mass

 **Denis & Margaret Moran,** Carrowliamore, & deceased

Sun 23rd Callow 10am Morning Mass

Sun 23rd Killasser 12 noon People of the Parish

Mon 24th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Tues 25th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Thurs 27th Killasser 10am Morning Mass

Fri 28th Killasser 7pm **Vincent Reape**, Scotland, sister of Christina Durkan, Rubble

Sat 29th Killasser 7pm **John Cunney**, Carrowliamore

 **Tommie & Annie** **McNulty,** Tirninny

Sun 30th Callow 10am **Thomas & Margaret Quinn,** Prebann

 **John Thompson,** Cloonygowan, 6th Anniv.

Sun 30th Killasser 12 noon People of the Parish

**PRAY FOR**

**Mary Kelly,** Cloonfinish

**Terry McNulty**, first cousin of Thomas McNulty, Carrownedan. His funeral Mass took place on Jan 15th in Terenure, Dublin.

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

**OPERATION TRANSFORMATION**

The second walk in the series will take place on Sunday again at 2pm and will continue for the next four Sundays. Everyone is welcome. No charge.

**KCC-DECEMBER 50/50 DRAW**

The December 50/50 draw jackpot was €1,000 and was won by Daragh, Keelin and Fionn Morrison. Bridget Twomey and John James Groarke won a €20 spot prize each. Congratulations to everyone. The January draw will take place on Saturday 5th February 2022 in the Turf Shed

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**PUTTING AWAY THE DECORATIONS**

A large plastic Santa

Is dragged unceremoniously up the Stira stairs

By the neck

Still wears his facemask

(Thank God he didn’t get COVID)

A number of large red socks

Are pulled down from the fireplace

Lights are turned off

Rolled up and packed away

Lots of tinsel and fake greenery

Is carried to the Attic in a brown box

And stored away behind a pile of old newspapers

Yuletide ornaments, elfs and figurines

Lie prostrate now

Their thin shroud - a page from

The Farmers Journal

They will now repose

In the dusty damp silence above

Christmas wreaths

Taken down from the doors

Moan their lonesome complaint

* they will no longer adorn

any door for months!

Last of all the Crib -

Straw thrown into the needed fire-

Baby Jesus – cheek by jowl with

Paper-wrapped wise men

And shepherds

His flock will now be

The furtive mice and

The rare visit of the chubby cat

Baby Jesus lying in a Lidl box

His mother no longer able

To watch over him

Because she is covered by

A page from the Irish Catholic

About child safeguarding

How ironic!

The house below is now eerily bare

It feels empty

The usual knick-knacks

More or less back in place

The Christmas Tree

Sadly broken in three bits

Got almost strangled

On his way up the Stira

He now weeps

In his solitary prison

Near a leaking rafter

In a few weeks, or less

All these decoations

Will be forgotten

Perhaps a lesson for me

-so full of myself-

I too will disappear

From the scene

I so colourfully strutted on

And other people

Other faces

Will populate my estwhile

Space

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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.