



Welcome to Killawalla Newsletter

Welcome to Killawalla's first email newsletter. We received your email address from your family in killawalla.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep in touch with you from home; to let you know that you are not forgotten and to update you on some of the things that have been happening at home.

We wish to make this newsletter a regular means of communication between you and the community you left behind.

Many of you left home just a few short months or years ago. Others have already spent decades in their adopted country. Still others may never have visited Killawalla but your ancestors left the area many generations ago. Yet, you still have a desire to connect with your deep roots.

Killawalla's new website



Welcome to Killawalla on line! Discover our new website by clicking on the logo above.

There, you will discover some of the interesting things about your home village. You will see its history, its scenery, its school, its newsletters, its blog, its councils. You will even see some of its videos posted on Youtube. The website will be updated on a regular basis. The website also has a database of all the people who are buried in Killawalla cemetery. You might find family connections there as you browse through the list. You may wish to bookmark it for future visits.

The website was designed and created by Fr. Michael

Tracey, a native son, who retired home last year after serving in Mississippi, U.S.A. as a priest for over 40 years. Fr. Tracey also has his own personal website and it can be accessed

www.michaeltracey.net



Let's hear from you! Send us your story, your experiences, your thoughts . We would like to include your thoughts in our next newsletter.

Send them to us at **this email address**



Making Killawalla better

In April 2013, Killawalla had a "brainstorming" session led by Fr. Michael Tracey. Here are some of the feedback and plans.

Q: What is so special about Killawalla?

- The people of the area
- The walks
- Nice place to live
- Our facilities
- Cleanliness
- Convenient facilities
- Great place to raise kids
- Community Centre
- Good to have priest
- Crime free
- Lots of volunteers
- Ordained priests
- Our history
- Our hospitality
- The location
- Quiet rural setting
- Rural school
- Caring people
- Beautiful church
- Good local pint
- Homely
- Friendly people
- Scenery
- Skills available
- Community spirit



KINUARY MOUNTAINS VIEW

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED?

- More use of Community Center
- More youth involvement
- Annual clean-up / More volunteers
- Attract more people into area
- Local employment / Expand Lotto
- Senior citizens annual get-together
- Sports Day / New graveyard
- Evening classes / card games
- More activities for kids
- Promote area tourism /
- Contact with emigrants
- Men's Shed / Community Alert system
- Rural transportation scheme
- Grow our school
- Homecoming/gathering
- Outing trips
- Road improvement
- Website



Killawalla Community: Giving and Receiving

On Sunday, April 27th, the Killawalla Community Council kicked off a process where people commit to sharing a talent with others in the community and, in return, find a need they have fulfilled.

Premise:

Everyone has a gift/talent (intangible) to give. Everyone has a need to be fulfilled. It doesn't matter who we are, how old or young we are, how rich or poor we are, we can all do something that no one else can do. That is the nature of our uniqueness. Obviously, we are not good or gifted in everything but we are good and gifted in some thing. That "some thing" is given to us to make someone else's world a better place.

Everyone has a need; something they would like to do better at, something they would like to learn to do, something that they would love to try but never did; something they would like to fix but don't know how; something they would like someone to help them with but are too embarrassed to ask.

Deadline for receiving completed forms was May 18th. The results will be tabulated and an update will be available in our next newsletter.

"I like to see a person proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a person live so that the place will be proud of him." – A. Lincoln







People who died during the year!

- Fr. Seamus Carter, Killawalla
- Fr, Joseph Moran, Derrynacanna
- Paddy Butler, Killawalla
- Nora Burke, Killawalla
- Austin Burke, Killawalla
- Mikey Burke, England
- John Kerrigan, Cork
- Michael Conway, Killawalla
- Delia Cannon, Devlish
- Thomas Duffy, Castlebar
- Mary Gibbons, Kiltharsechaune



FOOD FOR THOUGHT!.

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted the more I am believed. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. I make headlines and headaches.

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, don't repeat it.



Tell us about yourself: what you are doing; how you are doing; what you miss; whom are your family/relatives; what you are working at; what are your experiences, Pictures are welcome also. Don't forget to send them to us at this email address. Thank you!