

Date ->	2nd May	9th May	16th May	23rd May	30th May
8.45am	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer	Annatrim H.C. Service. 9:45am	Mountrath H.C. Service. 9:45am	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer	Abbeyleix United Family Service. 11:00am
10:15am	Borris-in-Ossory Holy Communion.	Mountrath United Family Service. & Baptism 11:00am followed by tea/coffee	Annatrim Family Communion Service. 11:00am followed by tea/coffee	Annatrim Morning Prayer	
10:15am	Roskelton Morning Prayer				
11:30am	Mountrath Holy Communion			Mountrath Morning Prayer	
11:30am	Lacca Morning Prayer				

- 26th Mon. 3.30pm..... Clonenagh National School Board of Management.
8pm..... Offerlane Easter Vestry, Annatrim Church.
- 27th Tues 8am..... Mountrath Secondary Schools Retreat / Outing to Galway.
9pm..... Demonstration of Parish Marquee Assembly at Rectory, all those interested welcome.
- 28th Wed 8pm..... Lund Link AGM, St. Canice's Library Kilkenny. Puppet Team attending (if possible).
- 29th Thurs 8.30pm.... Lost for Words Session 6 at the Rectory.
- 30th Fri. 8pm..... Installation of Rev. Willie Richie in Tullow Group of Parishes.
- 30th - 2nd May Laois CIYC 10-13's Camp in Kerry.
- 4th - 6th May Cashel & Ossory Diocesan Clergy Conference, Dungarvan.
- 6th Thurs 8.30pm..... Badminton AGM in parochial Hall, followed by end of season party.
- 7th Fri. Clonenagh Golf Classic, Mountrath Golf Club. (Prize giving at 10pm)
- 8th Sat 10.00am ... Kids Club, Parochial Hall, Mountrath.
8.30pm..... Kool Club, Parochial Hall, Mountrath.
Diocesan Magazine - please have any information you wish included sent to Jennifer Masterson.
- 9th Sun 11.30am ... Baptism of Samuel Gee in Mountrath Church.
- 10th Mon. 1pm..... Clonenagh Housing Association Meeting in the Rectory.
5pm..... FAS Community Employment Meeting in Old Girls School.
- 11th Tue 12.30pm... Senior Citizen's Lunch, Castletown ICA Hall.
- 14th Fri 6.30pm..... Confirmation Class, Parochial Hall. (Staying until 8.30pm, Double class !!)
9.00pm..... Laois CIYC Committee Meeting, Portlaoise Parochial Hall.
- 16th Sun 11am Rev'd Cliff's Last Service - Annatrim Church, Family Communion Service.
- 19th Wed - daytime!.. Please have any notes you want in the June Newsletter sent to Ivor Clegg.
- 20th & 21st May..... New Kitchen being installed in Parochial Hall.
- 20th Thurs 7.30pm..... Mother's Union Festival Service, Waterford.
- 21st Fri. 8.30pm..... Laois CIYC AGM in the Manor Hotel Abbeyleix. 15+ can attend. **Please support.**
- 22nd Sat 10am Kids Club, Parochial Hall, Mountrath.
8.30pm..... Kool Club, Parochial Hall, Mountrath.
- 27th May 1.30pm..... Wedding of Olivia Carry and Lorcan Phelan in Portlaoise.
- 3rd June Thurs 8pm ... Institution of Rev Cliff Jeffers in Athy. **All parishioners invited to attend.**
- 13th June Sunday..... Toddler Party at the Rectory, Hosted by Young Wives.
- 19th June Saturday..... Wedding of Glen Cooper and Simone Ruck in Annatrim Church.
- 20th June Sun 11am... Confirmation Service in St. Peter's Church, Portlaoise.
- 14th - 19th July..... Summer Holiday Club in Castletown, forms will be out in a few weeks.

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Clonenagh Group of Parishes - May 2004

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We express our sympathy to **Annie Clegg** on the death of her twin brother Albert who died in England on the 2nd of April. Sorrow is often mingled with joy, and on the same day, **Sandra**, daughter of Willie & Annie Clegg received her Masters in Hotel Management from Surry University. On the 17th April **Reggi Egan** a parishioner from Borris-in-Ossory passed away after a short illness. Reggi was originally from Achill Island and has lived and worked in the Aghavoe / Borris-in-Ossory area for the last 35 years.

We send our **best wishes** and prayers to **Richard Lalor** who in Beaumont Hospital.

Samuel Gee is to be baptised at the Family Service in Mountrath on the 9th of May. We welcome Trevor and Trudy home for a short time as they plan their future.

We wish **Olivia Carry** all the best as she plans to marry Lorcan Phelan on Thursday 27th of May.

Bowling & Chinese in Carlow a large group went bowling and to a Chinese in Carlow on Saturday the 24th of April. Thank you to Jennifer Lalor and Kathleen Bennett for organising this evening.

Clonenagh National School. The mini marathon is taking place on the June Bank Holiday Weekend. The school are taking part as a fundraising project for the new school building. Anyone willing to help by taking a sponsorship card can obtain one from the school, or can sponsor by contacting any parent of a child in the school who will have a sponsor-

ship card already.

We are having a School Assembly on Friday 7th of May, Rev'd Cliff's last day in the school when we will be singing some of the songs for the festival service in June.

The School building project is progressing at pace, with the roof now complete. The children from the senior room are moving to the Parochial Hall from the May Bank Holiday Weekend to facilitate works to be done at the front of the school. All going to plan the building work should be complete by July, and ready for the new term in September. We will be looking for some volunteers in July/August for interior painting so if you are willing and able it would be appreciated when the time comes.

New Prayer Books are now in place and being used. It will take a while to get used to the new page numbers and layout, but so far so good. Thank you to all who donated copies for use by visitors and copies for the reading desks and holy tables in all of the churches.

Mother's Union & Young Wives. The closing meeting of the year was held on the 19th April in the Parochial Hall. We had a lovely demonstration by Tricia Roe doing a make-over with her model for the night, Susan Jestin. Many thanks to both ladies for all their help. The festival service is being held in Waterford on Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm, when Hazel Sherlock will be commissioned as Diocesan President. Anyone interested in travelling to the service please contact Sandra Condell a.s.a.p.

Parent and Toddler Party is planned for the

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afternoon of Sunday 13th June in the Rectory Grounds. This event is for all Parents & Toddlers (up to the age of 6) and is being hosted by the Young Wives with the help of Linda Wharton. Details will be sent nearer the time, and will be in next month's newsletter.

First Aid Classes. It is hoped to run these classes will be given by the Irish Red Cross and will €70 per person for the 9 week course. Anyone interested, please contact Sandra CondeU by the 1st June (0502-35067).

Senior Citizen's Lunch is planned for Tuesday 11th May next. Invitations will be out in the coming days.

Lent & Holy Week offerings came to €82.30. They are being distributed as follows: Gill Murphy €45, CPAS €20, Krechnyak project (Romania) €100 and Church Army €35.

On 20th June 2004, Clonenagh Group are joining with Portlaoise for **Confirmation** in St. Peter's Church, Portlaoise. Those preparing for confirmation this year are **Peter Allen, Nigel Condell, Philip McKay, Tara Knowles and Doreen Chambers.** Please pray for them as they prepare. Rev'd Cliff is planning to return for this service in Portlaoise in June.

Easter Draw for Kool Club. Thank you to those who supported this draw. It raised nearly €300. The winners were Clover Wharton, Willaim Honner, Philip Lalor, Darren McDowell, Shirley Bennett, Sarah McDowell & James Harvey (seller's prize).

Clonenagh Golf Classic is to place on Friday 7th May. To book a team, please ring Mabel Peavoy on 0502-32331. If you, your company or organisation are able to Sponsor a hole, please let Mabel or one of the committee know. Currently there are 21 teams booked in to play and plenty of room for more.

Thank you to Rev'd Patrick Harvey for taking our Holy Week Services, which was also an opportunity for him to meet many of you. **During the Vacancy . . . Rev'd Patrick** has been appointed by the bishop to be the

'Priest-in-Charge' of Clonenagh Group of Parishes, and will be responsible for the pastoral care of the parish **from Sunday 16th of May.** He will deal with funerals, weddings, home communions, parish administration, and be the person you contact when you would normally contact the Rector. The Archdeacon, Ven. John Murray will arrange the service rota.

Easter Vestries, a list of all appointments of Church wardens, Glebe Wardens, Nominators, Treasurers, Secretaries etc., will be circulated to the Rector's Wardens in the coming week to be posted in the churches.

Also to be circulated is a list of all the various groups in the parishes and leaders who are responsible for them, with contact details.

The **Newsletter** has been the information source for the parishes over the past three years, and Rev'd Cliff wishes to thank Ivor Clegg for 'volunteering' to take over compiling, printing and the distribution of the newsletter to the parishes. BUT . . . it will be a very blank newsletter if people do not send information to him!! By E-Mail is his preference to newsletter@clonenagh.com. Otherwise to Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. Ph. 0502-21277.

Leaders need to get information to Ivor by the *Wednesday before the 4th Sunday* of the month (date in diary section), and it will be inserted, printed and distributed for you.

Diocesan Magazine Notes will be produced by Jennifer Masterson, and any contributions should be sent to her by the 8th of the month (jmasterson@dol.ie), including photos.

Secondary Schools retreat & outing. On the 27th of April, Rev'd Cliff is organising an outing for all those who are attending local secondary schools. They plan to go to Galway for a day of activities and an opportunity for reflection when we visit St. Nicolas' Church and their Provost, Canon Patrick Towers.

Clonenagh Badminton success. Congratulations to the Clonenagh Grade 6 team who won the county final on the 26th of March. They now go forward to represent Laois in the Lein-

ster finals in Dublin on the 25th April.

Badminton AGM is going to be held on the 6th of May this year at 8.30pm in the Parochial Hall (upstairs).

Rev'd Cliff's last Sunday is to be the 16th of May. Services are as follows: Holy Communion (Mountrath) - 9.45am. Family Communion Service (Annatrim) - 11am.

Pictures at the Priory with local crafts an exhibition of pictures and crafts at the Priory in the village of Kells. An evening of music, cheese and wine. 3rd, 5th & 7th May. Subscription €5.00. Proceeds to Carlow/Kilkenny Home care team and Kells Parish funds.

St. Mary's Church Inistioge are holding a Songs of Praise on Sunday 9th of May at 3.30pm. Rev'd Philip Heak with the Laois Youth Alive leading the worship, Richard Niocholls and Kilkenny Music Society leading the singing.

Health & Safety Policies for the churches. We are very thankful to Liam Phelan who has

put together Health and Safety Policies for all our parishes. It is most important that each of the Church Wardens are familiar with the policy and **parishioners make Church Wardens aware of any issues** that they see that need to be rectified. Also the Select Vestries need to review Health and Safety Issues regularly, and best to have it on the agenda for each Select Vestry Meeting.

In each Church (and Parochial Hall and Rectory) there is a policy on the notice board, and a policy (Manual) in each of the buildings.

Thank you to **Rev'd Ian Coulter** for taking services in Borris-in-Ossory and Mountrath on the May Bank Holiday Weekend when Rev'd Cliff is away with the Laois CIYC 10-13's Camp in Kerry.

On the **Fifth Sunday in May** (30th) we have been invited to worship with Abbeyleix Group of Parishes in Abbeyleix Church at 11am. This is follow-up to the wonderful experience we had in an 'over-full' Roskelton Church on the 29th of February, please make every effort

Our **parent and toddler group** had a visit to Roll & Bowl on the 20th of April. The children and parents had a great time sliding down the slide!!! They will meet in the hall on the 27th, and again in Roll & Bowl on the 11th May. From the 18th May they will meet in the Rectory. There is no Parent and Toddlers on the 4th of May.

Kids Club (4-11's) went to Roll and bowl on the 24th of April and had a great time. Rev. Cliff was Bus Driver for the day, and the young people (and their leaders) had a very enjoyable morning. Future dates for Kids Club are 8th and 22nd of May in the Parochial Hall.

Kool Club (5th Class -16 years) Dates planned are the 8th and 22nd of May. Games, reflection and good craic are always on the menu !!

Sólás-Solas Puppet Team News. Their practices continue each week on Friday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in Mountrath Church. If any secondary level students

are interested in joining the team, please talk to Linda. They hope to take part in the 'final service' in Annatrim on the 16th of May.

GFS news. GFS is finished for this term. Thank you to Sylvia Lalor and Shirley Bennett for their dedicated service over the past years . . . both of whom are now retiring from their labours. We are very thankful to Jennifer Lalor, Kathleen Bennett and Christine Newman for offering their services and taking over the reigns in September.

Laois CIYC events: **Junior Weekend in Kerry** will be on the May Bank Holiday Weekend this year. It is now fully booked with about 46 10-13 year olds and 14 leaders going along.

AGM for LCIYC is on the 21st of may in the Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix starting at 8.30pm. All over 15's welcome, please come along and support *your* youth council.