

September Services

Date/Time	29th August	5th September	12th September	19th September	26th September
8:45am	Mountrath 11:30am	Borris-in-Ossory	Seir Kieran 9:30am	Borris-in-Ossory	Seir Kieran
10:15am		Lacca	Mountrath Family Service 11:00am	Roskelton	Annatrim
11:30am		Mountrath		Mountrath	Mountrath

Parish Diary

4th Saturday 3pm. Garden Party in aid of School Refurbishment and Parish Assistant funds
School open for viewing

6th Monday **Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes!** (to Jennifer Masterson)

7th Tuesday Parent & Toddlers start back 10am-12

10th Friday Puppet Team Junior - 3:15-4:15pm Senior - 4:30-6pm

11th Saturday Kids Klub 10am-12

12th Sunday Puppet Team at 'Core'

14th Tuesday Parent & Toddlers 10am-12

21st Tuesday Parent & Toddlers 10am-12

21st-29th St. Peter's Church, Portlaoise, Bicentennial Celebrations

22nd Wednesday. **Closing date for October Newsletter items!** (see below)

24th Friday Puppet Team Junior - 3:15-4:15pm Senior - 4:30-6pm

25th Saturday 'Kaleidoscope' in Kilkenny College

Parish Office The Parish office in the Rectory will be open on Tuesdays, 10.30am - 1.30pm

Canon Harvey asks that he be informed when there are parishioners sick at home or in hospital. Also, he'd be grateful if those who are intending to get married would contact him to discuss their wedding plans.

A note from the editor– while **ALL** items submitted are gratefully received and acknowledging that without them there would be no Newsletter, the task of assembling the Newsletter would be considerably eased if contributors would endeavour to send in their items in a format that's easily included in the publication.

Digital formats are best (by e-mail or disc) as they can be copied directly, and printed/typed documents (and photos!) are almost as good as they can be scanned. Big hand-written items however, can take up a lot of time between deciphering the writing and transcribing the content.

While the editor is delighted to get SMALL items as hand-written notes or on the phone, if you have much more than a couple of lines, PLEASE do your best to get it into one of the formats mentioned above.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday before the fourth Sunday of the month **AT THE LATEST (22nd September)**, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**26th September**).

Ideally, items should be submitted by E-Mail to- newsletter@clonenagh.com

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 0502-21277 or 087-2522162

REMEMBER, if you want an item included in the newsletter, it's up to YOU to get it to the editor!

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Newsletter

Clonenagh Group of Parishes - September 2004

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Soccer Tournament

Over the past three years Yvonne Carter and Joe Hargroves have organised a parish soccer tournament. Players come from all over for this particular tournament and it caters for all ages. This year 150 energetic people took part, making up 30 teams. The matches began on July 6th in the grounds of Clonenagh School with perfect weather, but alas this was not always the case! Nevertheless, this did not dampen the spirits of either the players or the spectators. The matches continued throughout the month, and on the evening of Thursday 5th August, it all came down to the final game with the two best teams of the competition. The rain pelted down, the spectators were there in numbers, and finally the rain stopped and allowed the match to be played. It was an excellent game and at the end the score was tied at 2 all, and so it went down to a penalty shoot out. The winning team consisted of Valerie Case, Robert Sythes, Thomas Hargroves, Darren McDowell and Nigel Seale. The runners up were Jennifer Masterson, Joe Hargroves, Robert Featherstone-haugh, Eric Condell and Richard Seale. The evening concluded with a BBQ in the Parochial Hall with lots of lovely food, and the main part of the evening was the Prizegiving.

Prizes Awarded:

Two Golden Boots: Gwen Thompson and Thomas Hargroves.

Two Players of the Tournament: Michelle Harvey and Declan Keenan.

Jim Wallace received a prize for Refereeing.

Both teams in the Final were awarded trophies, and the winning team received the cup.

The winning team also received medals for being the only team throughout the tournament that used no substitutes.

Jenny Wallace then presented Joe and Yvonne with a gift each as a token of gratitude from all who had taken part in the tournament, it was a wonderful social event and everyone who took part enjoyed it very much. Roll on next year.

Found after the tournament-

1. An anorak type coat with hood, coloured black/green, to fit ages 7/8.

2. A hooded fleece in navy/grey to fit ages 11/12.

If you're feeling the cold and recognise either of these, call 086-3580077.

A little reminder-

Some entry fees for the Soccer Tournament are still outstanding! These events don't just 'happen' all by themselves, and if everyone taking part doesn't pay their fair share of the costs, they may not continue in the future.

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Sympathies

We sympathise with Evelyn Bennett on the death of her uncle Thomas Pollack, whose funeral took place in Tullow, Co. Carlow, and also with the family and friends of Sheila Smith who's funeral took place to St. Peter's Church, Mountrath on Monday, August 9th.

Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate students in the Group, well done on your results, and good luck in all your future endeavours. Congratulations also to Florence and Billy Peavoy on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Fundraising

The final total for the Golf Classic stands at €5711, and the Parish Fete raised €1845.

Clonemagh National School

Our outgoing teachers, Sandra Peoples and Gillian Langton, wish to thank everyone who contributed to the gifts given to them at the end of year service back in June. They were presented with pieces of Newbridge Silver, flowers, and gift vouchers. They have both wished the school the best of luck in the future.

We also would like to welcome our new principal teacher, Kevin O'Mahony. Kevin comes to us from Dublin where he has taught for the last nineteen years. We wish him all the best in his new post.

The school building will be ready for classes to begin on September 1st. There will be some ongoing work on the front porch, but this area will be fenced off and noise levels kept to a minimum during school hours.

A **Garden Party** will be held at 3pm on

Saturday 4th September in aid of the School Refurbishment and Parish Assistant Funds.

Everyone is welcome and there will be games and activities for all ages, a cake stall, a bottle stall, wheel-of-fortune, books, toys, lucky-dip, afternoon teas, etc.

Any donations for the stalls would be greatly appreciated. Further details from Vera Caldbeck at 32642 or Linda Wharton.

The **newly extended school** will be **open for viewing** throughout the afternoon, and the new principal teacher, Kevin O'Mahony, will be along to introduce himself and get to meet everybody.

St. Peter's Church, Portlaoise, is celebrating it's **Bicentennial** this year, and a full programme of events is planned to commemorate the occasion-

Art exhibition in Aras an Chonte and the Credit Union - from Tuesday 21st.

Flower Festival in the church - from Saturday 25th.

Children's Pageant - throughout the week, dates and venues to be confirmed.

Songs of Praise - Sunday 26th at 4pm, presented by Mr. Bryan Dobson (of RTE), with the Choirs of St Peter's Church, Laois Choral Society, Kilkenny College and Maryborough School.

Visit from Her Excellency the President, Mary McAleese - Monday 27th at 8pm.

Tullamore Gospel Choir - Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th at 8pm. Tickets €15 (children half price) available from Cahill's Pharmacy Mountrath.

Festival Eucharist - Wednesday 29th at 8pm. On the 200th anniversary of it's consecration. Celebrant: Bishop Peter Barrett. Preacher: Archbishop John Neill. Choir: 'Voxtrót' dir. Michael Finley.

The **Puppet Team** went to **Summer Madness** in Belfast on 2nd-6th July. We arrived and pitched out tents, and were very fortunate with the weather as the rain held off. Worship was a great highlight of the camp, but Delirious and Robin Mark were the real highlights, and of course seeing Bishop Barrett giving Communion made us very proud. There were many activities (including ice-skating), and all of us enjoyed them, but we came home very tired!

Thanks to Davy for all his help, and for driving.

On the 25th July the Puppet Team had 2 slots at **Camross field day**, and they got a great response. It was really very encouraging for them as they had added in a few new songs. Trying something new has it's risks, but it all paid off!

On the bank holiday Monday, the Team went to **Donaghmore** parish to take part in 3 slots in their parish fete. The parishioners really enjoyed the performance.

The Team will be in **Athy** doing a **Holiday Club** on August 21st-28th.

The Puppet Team have been asked to participate in **Core's family service** on the 12th of September. We are thinking of taking a coach, so if anyone is interested in coming along, please let Linda know at 086-1966166.

Kaleidoscope is on in **Kilkenny College** on September 25th. The Puppet Team will be giving training seminars, and may be involved in worship.

We hope to start a **Junior Puppet Team** (for fourth class up) in September, on Fridays from 3:15-4:15pm. Contact Linda for more details.

The **Kool Club Scavenger Hunt & BBQ** was a great success, and everyone really enjoyed it. There was a great crowd, including our neighbours from Abbeyleix. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the night, and special thanks to Jennifer Lalor for all her hard work.

The Holiday Club Week in Castletown was great! Numbers were a little smaller than previous years, but everyone really enjoyed the crafts, games, Bible study, and music. Thanks to everyone that helped out, and a special thanks to Jennifer Masterson, who has really been a great support since Cliff's departure.

The **Teen Night** on Tuesday was poorly attended. Those who did attend greatly enjoyed the volleyball, relays, challenges, and food!

The **Parents Night** on Thursday went well. The kids sang songs and make a banner, and everyone stayed on for tea/coffee/juice & biscuits, and to have a chat.

Thanks to the **Crosslinks** team and the parish helpers, without whose energy and hard work the Holiday Club would not happen.

Laois CIYC events:

18+ Disco on Saturday 28th August In the Gandon Hotel, Portlaoise.

New reps for Mountrath-

Alison Holmes, Heather Wharton, and Linda Wharton.

Thanks to Jennifer Lalor for her hard work representing the Clonemagh Group.