

November Services

Date/Time	31st October	7th November	14th November	21st November	28th November
8:45am	Mountrath Holy Communion Archbishop Walton Empey 11:00am	Borris-in-Ossory	Seir Kieran	Borris-in-Ossory	Seir Kieran
10:15am		Lacca	Mountrath G.F.S. Enrolment Service 11:00am	Roskelton	Annatrim
11:30am		Mountrath		Mountrath	Mountrath

Parish Diary

October 29th.....Halloween Disco, Parochial Hall (7:30-9:00pm)
 October 30-31st....Puppet Team travelling to Reading
 2nd Tuesday.....Mothers' Union Diocesan Area Meeting, Ballyfin Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
5th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan magazine notes! (to Jennifer Masterson)
 6th Saturday.....Kool Club Junior Disco (9:30-11:30pm)
 9th Tuesday.....Closing date for Operation Christmas Child Boxes
 13th Saturday.....CIYC Adults Night Out, Thatch Restaurant, Crinkill (8:30pm)
 14th Sunday.....G.F.S. Enrolment Service, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (11:00am)
 19th Friday.....Clonenagh Badminton Cabaret, Allen's of Errill
 20th Saturday.....CIYC Harvest Ball in the Montague Hotel
 22nd Monday.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives meeting, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
24th Wednesday...Closing date for December Newsletter items! (see below)
 December 3rd.....Borris in Ossory Parish cabaret in Allen's, Errill
 December 7th.....Senior Citizens Dinner, Parochial Hall
 December 9th.....Bring and Buy Sale/Coffee Evening, Mountrath Rectory (7:30pm)
 December 11th.....CIYC Christmas Carol Service, Abbeyleix (8:00pm)

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

Canon Harvey reminds everyone that he needs to be informed when parishioners are sick at home or in hospital, and of bereavements outside the Parish. Also, he'd be grateful if those who are intending to get married would contact him to discuss their wedding plans.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**24th November**) before the fourth Sunday of the month AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**28th November**).

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 - November 2004

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Congratulations to Geoff and Deirdre Kidd on the birth of twins (a boy and girl); and to Vicky Coffey (nee Harvey) on the birth of a baby boy.

We **sympathise** with Cyril Bennett and the Bennett family on the recent death of Betty.

Best Wishes to Jennifer Masterson who was commissioning as a Diocesan Reader for another three years at a service in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Sunday 26th September. On behalf of all the parishioners of Clonenagh Group we would like to say a sincere **'thank you'** for all your hard work.

At the **Harvest Thanksgiving** in **Borris-in-Ossory** on Thursday 23rd September, Canon Harvey dedicated the organ in memory of William and Frances Garrett, and a desk prayer book in memory of Anna Dann. The special preacher was Father Jackie Robinson.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives

A most inspiring talk was held on Monday 18th October when Mrs. Janet Crampton spoke to the members on M.U. life and her involvement in it.

Diocesan Area Meeting in Ballyfin Hall on November 2nd at 8:00pm when the speaker is Rev. Nancy Gillespie. Anyone to needs transport to this meeting contact Sandra at 0502 35067. The next meeting of Mothers' Union is on Monday 22nd No-

vember at 8:00pm in the Parochial Hall. This will be the **annual auction** and **ALL MEMBERS** are asked to attend and make it a success.

The **Garden Party** was held on the Rectory grounds on the 4th September in brilliant sunshine, being a successful social and fundraising event, yielding €1,800, which was divided between the School Refurbishment Fund and Parish Assistant Fund.

A Special Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way, to those who contributed to the various stalls, attended and supported the event or gave a subscription.

(Apologies for omission from last month's newsletter - Editor)

As part of their **Gaisce awards**, some younger members of the parish are participating in a **sponsored cycle** from Donegal to Doolin in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and Temple Street Children's Hospital. All donations no matter how small would be greatly appreciated and can be given to Alison Holmes.

Senior Citizen Lunch was held on Tuesday 12th October in the newly furnish Parochial Hall when 50 parishioners & friends (inc. helpers) enjoyed lunch. Many thanks to all who came along to lend a hand, and especially to Margaret Jestin for the entertainment and also to Canon Harvey for celebrating a short Holy Com-

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munion service. The next Senior Citizen party will be the Christmas Dinner, which will be held on Tuesday December 7th.

Bring and Buy Sale/Coffee Evening

In the Rectory, Mountrath, on Thursday 9th December, at 7:30pm. Proceeds in aid of the School Refurbishment and Parish Assistant Funds.

Badminton

Clonemagh Badminton are holding a cabaret in Allen's of Errill on Friday 19th November, with music by Fernando's. Tickets €7.50, available from any Club member. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Laois Orphan Society subscriptions are due again, and the collectors in the parish value your support. Last year one of the collections was delivered too late to the Orphan Society treasurer (by Rev. Cliff, with apologies . . . sorry!!), and the amount was not recorded in this year's accounts, but will appear next year's accounts. Please continue to support their good work.

Table Tennis

Ossory Table Tennis League held it's AGM on October 7th in Abbeyleix, with great satisfaction on the season gone by and much interest in the coming league campaign. The number of clubs has again increased, making the sport of Table Tennis increasingly popular in the midlands.

Officers elected for the coming season: Chairman: Cliff. Jeffers; Secretary: Joe Hargroves; Treasurer: Henry Martyn, PRO: Jimmy Hayes.

League selectors, Div. 1: David Thompson, Henry Martyn & Peter Cooke; Div. 2: Cyril Allen, Sheila Shirley & Frank Sweetman. There will be three divisions and a junior division, and teams must have registered with Joe Hargroves (0502 32025) by October 20th.

Mountrath Table Tennis Club held it's AGM on Monday 18th October. Elected offi-

cers for the coming year are as follows: Chairman: Stan Lalor; Secretary: Joe Hargroves; Treasurer: Susan Jestin. Team selectors and co-ordinators: Yvonne Carter, Jimmy Hayes & Tom Hargroves.

Incoming chairman Stan Lalor complimented Joe on his huge contribution to the club over the past season. He also thanked Susan on her excellent presentation of accounts, and finally a big thanks to Joe and Yvonne for their fundraising efforts through the soccer tournament which was a great success, thanks to you good people. The club appreciates the help and afford of the many who help out with transport, training, food and teas.

The club will have an A team, 2 C teams, and a junior team for the coming season. Training resumes on Friday evenings, commencing 5th November. Juniors 8-9 and adults 9-10:30. New members always welcome.

Table Tennis

The exact origin of table tennis is unknown. It began sometime in the 1890s as a parlour game and swept many countries in a craze that soon died down. It became popular again in the 1920s, and clubs were formed all over the world. In those early years it was played with a cork ball and vellum racket, but in the 1950s the wooden blade covered by a thick sheet of sponge came along. Japan dominated the game during the 1950s, then in the early '60s China became a force and dominated the game right up to 1989 when Sweden beat them 5-0 for the world team championship.

The game is most popular in Asia and Europe, but in the USA where the game is growing fast, an estimated 20 million people participate in the sport right now. The game of table tennis is a full Olympic sport, and it can be played as a highly athletic and exciting competitive activity or as a healthy recreation by young and old, male and female, you can be fit or not so fit, able-bodied or with disabilities, and you can take the sport up at any age.

Over the years Ireland has had some very good table tennis players, but like many minority sports it has suffered from lack of TV

exposure and media coverage in general. One of Ireland's best players is Colum Slevin, who is ranked in the top 150 in the world and the top 100 in Europe. Locally we have some fine club players, and within our own club (Mountrath TT Club) there is the very talented Wayne Carter who, along with Tom Hargroves, Joe Hargroves, Rev. Cliff Jeffers, Yvonne Carter and Susan Jestin made up a very successful team who won the B league in the season gone by. The club also has two C League and junior teams. Junior A team were Ossary champions two seasons ago and were in the final again last season.

Here's to the new season ahead and the many exciting and competitive matches that lie ahead in the Ossory league and other tournaments. If you can play the game however good or bad, do get involved with the club. Come along and participate in training and matches on Friday evenings. Thanks to secretary Joe Hargroves and many dedicated players, the club is doing fine and is successful.

Jimmy Hayes, Ossory PRO.

Halloween Disco

A disco will be held in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath on Friday 29th October, for Primary School Children, between 7.30-9:00pm. Admission €3 (€2 in Fancy Dress). Fancy Dress prizes. Come along and bring your friends from neighbouring parishes as a good night is guaranteed.

Proceeds to G.F.S. funds.

Craft Classes on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30pm. If interested, please contact Linda on 086-1966166. Classes will cost €8-€10, including a kit containing material for 4 cards.

There are still places available. No artistic ability is required. Please bring scissors/craft knife and a cutting mat. For further info call Christine on 086 1730019

Kool Club Junior Disco

A disco will be held in Mountrath Parochial Hall on Saturday 6th November, 9:30-11:30pm. Ages 12yrs+, and a group of teenagers from the Diocese of Lund, Sweden, will be present. Admission €5.

Operation Christmas Child

Each year most of us spend a large amount on Christmas Gifts, but there are many in the world who get nothing. Operation Christmas Child tries to balance this issue by providing Christmas gifts for needy children who are affected by war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disasters. Items such as pencils, hats,

caps, gloves, colouring books, crayons, toothbrushes and toothpaste, cuddly toys are filled into medium sized cardboard boxes for a boy or girl aged 2-4yrs / 5-9yrs or 10-14yrs, and €3 is required to transport each box. **Boxes need to be returned by Tuesday 9th November**, and can be dropped off at the Rectory office on Tuesday mornings, or given to Linda or Jennifer. This year's boxes will be sent to Mozambique, and donations towards transporting the boxes also welcome.

Girls Friendly Society Enrolment Service

This will be held on Sunday 14th November at 11am in Mountrath Church, with Revd. Philip Heak (our Diocesan Youth Officer and G.F.S. chaplain) present.

Laois CIYC events:

Adult Night Out

Anyone interested in going to The Thatch Restaurant, Crinkill, Birr, on Saturday 13th November for a meal at 8.30pm, cost €40, contact Jennifer (0502) 35962 or Kathleen (0502) 56828 before Monday 8th November.

Harvest Ball

November 20th in the Montague Hotel. Strictly Over 18yrs. Tickets available from Linda or Heather Wharton and Alison Holmes.