



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - January 2005

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Congratulations to Mark and Allison Chambers on the birth of a baby girl.

Best Wishes and a speedy recovery to Belle Holmes and Ivor Chambers who are currently in hospital, and also to Walter Finnamore and Linda Wharton who are recovering from accidents.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be an ecumenical service in the Church of St. Canice, Borris-in-Ossory, on Tuesday 25th January at 7:30pm, with Fr. Jackie Robinson.

Canon Harvey asks that he be let know when any parishioner is sick at home or in hospital, as well as when there are any bereavements. He thanks all those who have contacted him to make arrangements for their marriages and he is glad to have all the arrangements for weddings in 2005 now in place.

Several **Carol Services** were held throughout the Group during December, and particular thanks must go to Agnes Murray for her work costuming the children for the Nativity Pageant in Mountrath.

The annual **Christmas Dinner** for the members for the Mothers' Union was held on Tues 14th December in the Lemon Tree Restaurant in Portlaoise. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

The Senior Citizen Christmas Party was held on December 7th. 59 parishioners and friends plus helpers enjoyed a beautiful Christmas dinner and many thanks to all

who worked hard to make this day the success it was. Thanks as always to Canon Harvey for coming along to celebrate Holy Communion and also thanks to Mabel Peavoy for providing the music for the lovely carol singing.

The **next meeting** will be on Monday Jan 24th at 8p.m. in the Rectory. (PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE!). This will be a night exploring the Internet with Mr. Ivor Clegg. Mrs. Annie Clegg, Mrs. Jean Treacy and Mrs. Iris Honner will be in charge of supper on the night.

The members of the Mothers Union would like to extend their **good wishes** to everyone for the Christmas season and the coming year.

Diocesan Valentine Ball: A Valentine Ball will be held in The Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on the 12th February, 2005. Music by 'Backtrack'. Tickets cost €35 and are available from Jennifer Lalor (0502-35962). Whether you're 18 or 81, this is a night we guarantee you will enjoy!

The **Bring and Buy Sale/Coffee Evening** held on Thursday 9th December has raised €1260 to date, which will be divided between the School Refurbishment and Parish Youth Worker Funds.

Table Tennis News

With part one of the table tennis season now almost over, Mountrath teams have played a number of their matches at home and away. The **A team** of Wayne Carter, Tom Hargroves, Joe Hargroves, John Furlong, Yvonne Carter and Susan Jestin have taken

on Killermogh and Kolcooley, and await Rathdowney in their next match.

Team 2 of Stan Lalor, Ivan Jestin, Philip McKay, Philip Condell, Lorraine Hayes and Heather Pratt have completed all but one game. They overcame Athy 3 and team 2, and draws with Athy 2 and Killermogh 3 leaves them unbeaten to date. They have yet to play Ballyfin 2.

Meanwhile, **Team 3** of Stuart Treacy, Brendan Birney, Jimmy Hayes, Shiree Fraser, Caroline & Serena Senior have completed all but one match, that being against Ballyfin.

The **Juniors** have been active in recent times also, with games against Rathdowney, Killermogh and Athy. The team of James Harvey, Gary McKay, Leonard Carry, Doreen McDowell, Hannah Honner and Samantha Hayes have been giving their best and playing some good table tennis, with Gary trying as usual to take the paintwork off the table with his topspin rockets and killer

smashes! When you consider that he is just 10 years old and has been subbing on team 2 when required, it just goes to show how good he is.

The club are currently organising an **annual inter-club tournament**, which should create many hours of competitive table-tennis with 'The Whitehorse Cup' at stake for the winning lady and gent. The juniors will also have a tournament, so lots of excitement ahead.

Laois CIYC events:

Annual Day Trip for ages 10-17 to Dublin, Monday 27th December.
Contact Lorna on 087-1248084.

New Years Eve Disco in Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, on 31st December 2004. Strictly over 18s only. Garda ID will be required.

January Services

Date/Time	2nd January	9th January	16th January	23rd January	30th January
8:45am	Borris-in-Ossory	Seir Kieran	Borris-in-Ossory	Seir Kieran 9:30am	Mountrath United Family Service 11:00am
10:15am	Lacca	Mountrath Family Service 11:00am	Roskelton	Annatrim	
11:30am	Mountrath		Mountrath	Mountrath	

Parish Diary - January

December 27th.....LCIYC Day Trip to Dublin

December 31st.....LCIYC New Year's Eve Disco, Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix

5th Wednesday.....Closing date for Diocesan magazine notes! (to Jennifer Masterson)

24h Monday.....Mothers' Union meeting, in the Rectory (8:00pm)

25th Tuesday.....Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service, Borris-in-Ossory (7:30pm)

26th Wednesday...Closing date for February 2005 Newsletter items!

February 12th.....Diocesan Valentine Ball, Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow

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

Items for inclusion in the newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**26th January**) 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 (**30th January**).

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

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