

February Services

Date/Time	30th January	6th February	13th February	20th February	27th February
8:45am	Mountrath United Family Service 11:00am	Borris-in-Ossory 8:30pm Saturday 5th	Seir Kieran 9:30am	Borris-in-Ossory 8:30pm Saturday 19th	Seir Kieran
10:15am		Lacca	Mountrath Family Service 11:00am	Roskelton	Annatrim
11:30am		Mountrath		Mountrath	Mountrath

Parish Diary - February

January 30th.....King's Hospital Chapel Choir, St. Andrew's Church, Rathdowney (7:30pm)
 1st Tuesday.....MU&YW Quiet Evening, St. Andrew's Church, Rathdowney (8:00pm)
 2nd Wednesday.....GFS (7:00-8:30pm)
4th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan magazine notes! (to Jennifer Masterson)
 5th Saturday.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 5th Saturday.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 9th Wednesday.....**Ash Wednesday Holy Communion**, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (8:00pm)
 12th Saturday.....Diocesan Valentine Ball, Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow
 16th Wednesday.....GFS Bible Study Exam (7:00-8:30pm)
 16th Wednesday.....MU&YW **Lenten Service**, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (8:00pm)
 19th Saturday.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 19th Saturday.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
23rd Wednesday...Closing date for March 2005 Newsletter items!
 126th Saturday.....14+ Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 28th Monday.....Crafts Class (Pottery), Parochial Hall (7:30-9:30pm)
 28th Monday.....Mothers Union & Young Wives, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 March 2nd.....GFS (7:00-8:30pm)
 March 5th.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 March 5th.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 Parent and Toddler group **every Tuesday** in the Parochial Hall

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

Canon Harvey is off duty on Mondays and should a member of the clergy be required urgently, Archdeacon John Murray can be contacted at (0505) 46311.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**23rd February**) 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 (**27th February**).

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

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Newsletter

Clonenagh Group of Parishes - February 2005

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Apologies from the editor to Mark and Allison **Chambers** and their new baby daughter for the mistake printed in the January Newsletter.

We **sympathise** with the McKay family on the death of Caroline, with the Wheeler family on the death of Betty, and with Canon Harvey on the death of his father.

Best Wishes and a speedy recovery to Belle Holmes and Essie Moynan who are currently in hospital, and also to Noelle Keogh, Sarah Cooper, Harry Vanston and Richard Lalor who were recently unwell.

There will be a service of **Holy Communion** on **Ash Wednesday**, 9th February, at 8.00 pm in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath.

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!

All profit from the event will be donated to the **South East Asia Disaster Fund**, so come on everybody, gather up a few friends and support the good cause!

Grateful thanks go to all those who gave so generously towards the **special Bishops' Appeal Fund** to help those affected by the Tsunami in Asia. Thanks also to the four Select Vestries for responding so quickly to the Appeal.

Here are the figures broken down into the four Vestry areas: Seir Kieran donated €1,016; Clonenagh (Mountrath and Roskelton) €600, plus €253 taken at the Mountrath Family Service retiring collection on Sunday 9th January; Borris in Ossory sent €710 and Offerlane (Lacca & Annatrim) €1000.

This gathers to a **grand total** of €3,579. Thank you all again, Canon Harvey.

Parishioners are very welcome to attend the **Abbeyleix & Killermogh** Group of Parishes' series of **Lenten Talks** entitled 'Different Voices' in Ballyroan Church on Wednesday 16th February and in Killermogh Church (near Ballacolla) on Wednesday 23rd February, both at 8.00 pm.

If anyone wishes to come to the lovely All Saints Church, Ballinakill, at 7.00 pm on Sunday 30th January for our fifth Sunday **'old' Evening Prayer** by candlelight they're very welcome! The symbols of the saints are on the ceiling in gold leaf, and the ceiling of the baptistery has a night sky with stars. Well worth seeing. Wrap up warm though!

-Canon Harvey

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Mothers' Union & Young Wives met in the Rectory for the first meeting of 2005 on Monday 24th January. An evening surfing the Internet under the guidance of Mr. Ivor Clegg was enjoyed by all present. We first visited the Irish MU site and Christ Church Cathedral; from there we went to Bandon Parish web site and finished off the evening by looking up the history of some of our favourite hymns. Many thanks to Ivor for all his work in preparing the evening.

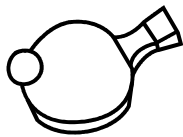
The **next meeting** of Mothers' Union & Young Wives is on Monday 28th February at 8:00p.m. in the Parochial Hall. A representative of the Irish Kidney Association will give a talk about their work and ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Mrs. Florence Peavoy, Mrs. Dorothy McDowell and Mrs. Sandra Condell will be in charge of the tea on the night.

Quiet Hour in St. Andrew's Church, Rathdowney on Tuesday 1st February at 8:00p.m. The theme of this evening is Peace & Reconciliation, with Rev. Ann Wallace. A cake per car please.

Lenten Service in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath on Wednesday February 16th at 8:00p.m. This service will be part of Marriage Week. Afterwards there will be a cup of tea in the hall and the members of the Mothers' Union & Young Wives will host a '**Down Memory Lane**' evening when some of their wedding albums etc. will be on show. ALL WELCOME .

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

The New Year got off to a start with a host of the club's players taking part in the new annual **inter club tournament**. After four long evenings and some ninety games, it came right down to the wire with one single point separating first and second. On a score of 361 to 360, David Furlong just pipped Ivan Jestin to the winning post to take



the **Gents Whitehorse Cup** for the first time. The winner of the **Ladies Whitehorse Cup** by a very narrow margin was Caroline Senior who played superbly throughout the competition, and finished just ahead of Susan Jestin who was also in fine form. Games were played on a league basis with every point counting and consistency was a major factor. In this case, David and Caroline were mega consistent as they collected the first silverware of the season.

In the **Ossory League**, all senior teams have been in action, with **Team A** playing Kilcooley in Mountrath. This was a competitive match with Kilcooley making it by a very narrow margin. The team of Wayne, Tom, Joe, John, Yvonne and Susan are set to play Rathdowney on Friday 28th January. **Teams 2 and 3** played Ballyfin around the Christmas time, and as usual they proved difficult opposition on these occasions. However, good wins were recorded by Serena Senior, Brendan Birney, Stan Lalor and Philip Condell.

The **junior players** have had a break from the tables for a short while, but are now back to training for part 2 of the season, with a trip to Durrow next on the agenda for James, Leonard, Gary, Doreen, Hannah and Samantha.

Another enjoyable aspect of the game of table tennis is the **tea break** in which a never ending supply and feast of sambos, cakes, chocolate biscuits, tarts, buns and goodies of all kinds grace a well set up table. **Well done** to all who contribute, prepare and organize this mighty half time break.

On Tuesday 18th January there was a **Safeguarding Trust** training evening in St. Canice's Library, Kilkenny. Among those who attended were Jimmy Hayes (Junior Table Tennis) and Warren Allen (Junior Badminton), who both took refresher courses.

King's Hospital School Chapel Choir. The Rev'd Robert Whiteside, a former parishioner of Rathdowney, has very kindly offered to bring the Chapel Choir and supporting musicians from King's Hospital School to St. Andrew's Church, Rathdowney, for a concert of sacred and secular music on Sunday 30th

January at 7.30 p.m. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parochial Hall.

Canon Harvey asks that he be notified when any parishioner is sick at home or in hospital, as well as when there are any bereavements.



Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers while I was in hospital and during my recovery. I am now feeling better and back to work.

-Linda

Parent and toddlers is now back in the hall. Everyone is welcome and please feel free to invite anyone you may think will be interested. Both parents and toddlers enjoy meeting up each week.

Kids club is back with a new programme called 'Champions' based on the Olympics. All welcome, ages 4+, every second Saturday in the hall.

Kool club is exploring the theme of praise and worship, learning new songs, playing games and sports. All welcome, ages 10+.

A **new group for 14+** will be held once a month. Its starts on the 29th January in the hall from 8:30-10:00pm. Contact Linda 086-1966166.

Craft class will be starting on Monday night 28th February from 7:30-9:30pm in the hall. We will be doing pottery. Please give your name to Linda.

Holiday Club will be on a later date this year, on the last week of July 25th-26th.

Congratulations to Linda McKay on getting through to the Leinster finals of 'Stars in Your Eyes.'

Junior and senior puppets are on 3:30-5:30pm on Fridays. New members are welcome.



Anyone who is interested in becoming a **youth leader** for any of the groups please let Linda know. New leaders bring new ideas and it eases the pressure of the other leaders so please come along and give of your talents!!!!!!!

Bible notes are now available. Please drop in or send attached form ASAP thanks.

G.F.S : - If any teenagers who have been a member of G.F.S would like to remain a paid up member, associate membership of €7 can be paid to Kathleen Bennett by 16th February. This will allow girls to apply for a place in G.F.S accommodation in Dublin when they leave school if attending college there.

