

March Sunday Services

Date/Time	6th March	13th March	20th March	26th March Easter Eve	27th March Easter Day
	Borris-in-Ossory 8:30pm Saturday 5th	Seir Kieran 9:30am	Borris-in-Ossory 8:30pm Saturday 19th	Seir Kieran 8:00pm Holy Communion	Annatrim 10:00am Holy Communion
10:15am	Lacca	Mountrath Family Service 11:00am	Roskelton	Borris-in-Ossory 8:00pm Holy Communion	Lacca 10:00am Holy Communion
11:30am	Mountrath		Mountrath	Roskelton 8:00pm Holy Communion	Mountrath 11:30am Holy Communion
	Seir Kieran 3:00pm Patronal Service				

Parish Diary - March

February 28th.....Mothers Union & Young Wives, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 1st Tuesday.....Quiet Hour in 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)
 4th Friday.....Woman's World Day of Prayer service, St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath (8:00pm)
 6th Sunday.....Mothering Sunday; Seir Kieran Patronal Festival (3:00pm)
 6th Sunday.....Sunday School for Juniors and Seniors, St. Peter's Church (during service)
 7th Monday.....Craft class, Parochial Hall (7:30-9:30pm)
 8th Tuesday.....**Vestry Meetings:** Seir Kieran (7:30pm), Clonenagh (9:00pm), Parochial Hall
 12th Saturday.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 12th Saturday.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 15th Tuesday.....Parent and Toddlers outing, Rathdowney (9:30am-1:00pm)
 15th Tuesday.....**Vestry Meetings:** Borris-in-Ossory (7:30pm), Offerlane (9:00pm), Parochial Hall
 16th-19th.....Puppet Team weekend away in Avoca
 16th Wednesday....Lenten Talks, Ballyroan Church (8:00pm)
 20th Sunday.....Sunday School for Juniors and Seniors, St. Peter's Church (during service)
23rd Wednesday...Closing date for April 2005 Newsletter items!
 23rd Wednesday....Lenten Talks, Killermogh Church (8:00pm)
 26th Saturday.....14+ Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 April 2nd.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 April 2nd.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 April 2nd.....BBQ sports day and disco, Edenderry Rugby Club (1:00pm-1:00am)
 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 March**) 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 March**).

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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Clonenagh Group of Parishes - March 2005

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The **Revd. Stella F. Mikhail** B.Th. at present serving as Curate Assistant in the Bandon Group of Parishes, Diocese of Cork, has been appointed to serve as Incumbent in the Clonenagh Group of Parishes. (more inside...)

Best Wishes and a speedy recovery to David Knowles, Joe Harvey, and Bella Holmes who are currently in hospital, and also to Essie Moynan, Richard Lalor and Robert Newman who were recently unwell.

Congratulations to Celine Foot and Jim Malone on the birth of their baby daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Harvey on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Holy Week:

The Revd. Ann Wallace has kindly agreed to be the visiting preacher in Holy Week. The services are all at **8:00pm** and are as follows:

Monday 21st - Borris-in-Ossory;

Tuesday 22nd - Seir Kieran;

Wednesday 23rd - Annatrim;

Maundy Thursday 24th - Mountrath;

Good Friday 25th - Lacca.

For **Easter Services** please see the Parish Diary.

Seir Kieran's Patronal Festival will take place on Sunday 6th March, Mothering Sunday, at 3:00pm.

Vestry Meetings

All four **Select Vestries** will gather in **March** for their **Revision Meetings**. At these meetings the Registers of Vestrymen & Women will be updated, and the Treasurers will present the Annual Accounts to be adopted by the Vestries prior to their presentation at the **April Easter General Vestries**.

Please remember that 2005 is a triennial year which means that at the April meetings there will be elections for Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synodsmen and Women as well as the usual elections for the Select Vestries. Might I suggest that the present **Churchwardens** stay in place for one more year since we are between Rectors?

I'm calling **Seir Kieran Select Vestry** to their Revision Meeting on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30 pm upstairs in the Mountrath Parochial Hall, followed by **Clonenagh Select Vestry** at 9.00 pm.

Borris in Ossory Select Vestry will gather at the same venue on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30 pm; and **Offerlane Select Vestry** will meet after them at 9.00 pm.

If there are topics Vestry members wish to raise at these meetings please ring me beforehand so that I can put them on the **agenda**. It's important that substantial items are not added as **'Any Other Business'** at these meetings.

Thank you ~ Patrick Harvey

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Confirmation classes will begin in April or early May. Candidates will be contacted when they are to start. Anyone who has not yet notified Canon Harvey of their wish to be confirmed in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath on the afternoon of Sunday 26th June should do so as soon as possible. If any parishioner is being confirmed in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Friday 11th March please also let him know.

Special Bishops' Appeal Fund to help those affected by the Tsunami in Asia update-

A further €485 has been received from Mountrath & Roskelton, bringing their total to €1,338 and the **grand total** to €4,064. Thank you all again, Canon Harvey.

This year's **Golf Classic** will be held on Friday 6th May. More details in the next Newsletter.

The **renovation and extension** of the Rectory will begin in early March.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives

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

Subs and missionary boxes are now due and the treasurer would like to collect as many as possible on the night.

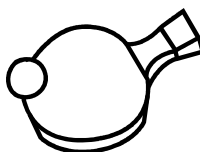
Marriage Week was celebrated with a service in St. Peters' Church, Mountrath on Wednesday 16th February. Many thanks to all who came along, and brought their wedding receipts, dresses, photos, going away outfits, etc. The cup of tea and the trip down Memory Lane was enjoyed by all.

The **Revd. Stella Mikhail** is originally from the parish of Howth in the diocese of Dublin. She is married to Wahid, a medical doctor, and they have two daughters: Amy, a doctoral research student of Medical Entomology focusing on malaria vectors, in Aberdeen University in Scotland; and Rania, a veterinary nurse who works in Dublin. Stella's family moved where Wahid's career took him and they have lived in Perthshire in Scotland, Cork, Jeddah in Saudi Arabia and Howth, Co. Dublin. When the children were young, Stella was lucky enough to be a full time mother. During the family's time in Jeddah, she taught French to local children and expatriate workers, and directed and produced amateur dramatics. When the family moved home to Dublin, Stella worked as school matron of Sutton Park School, during which time she became more and more involved in her local church of St. Mary's in Howth. Eventually she became a student at the Church of Ireland Theological College and read for her B.Th. in Trinity, from where she graduated in 2002. Since June of 2002, she has served as curate assistant in Bandon Union of parishes in West Cork.

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

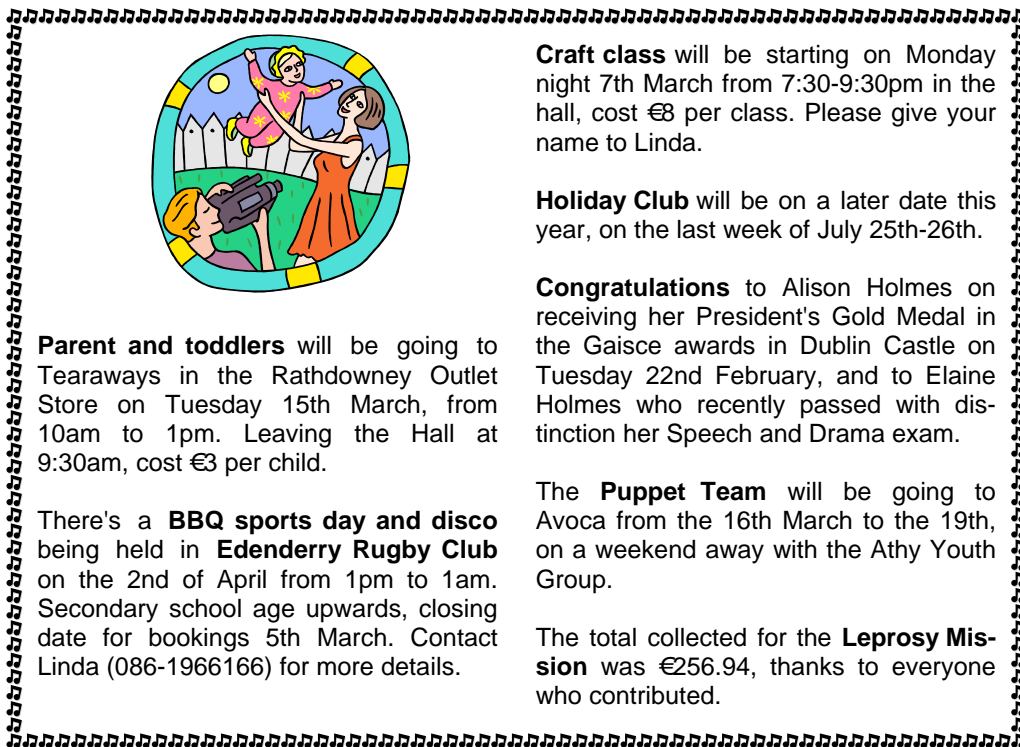
TABLE TENNIS NEWS

The **Ossory League finals** are coming up in March, and the last few League games of the season are taking place so competition is coming to conclusion stages. Over the past weeks our teams have played matches against Ballyfin, Killermogh, Rathdowney, Kilcooley, and Athy teams in either senior, junior, or both. Recently fourteen of our younger people



received **an afternoon of coaching** from top Dublin Coach and former international player Liam O'Callaigh in the local hall; this training brought great satisfaction to all the children who took part and the organiser was also very pleased that everything worked out so well. Liam also brought a team of juniors from Dublin with him.

A number of club players competed to the **Ossory Championship and tournament** which were held in Rathdowney on the 15th and 18th of February. Running over two nights, the occasion brought much exciting and competitive table tennis. Championship winner for 04/05 was Brendan Cantwell from the Kilcooley Club. Among the winners on Tournament night were Jimmy Hayes, Ellen Honner and Dara Cushin from Mountrath Table Tennis Club. The events were really well organised and run by Ossory League secretary Joe Hargroves and the great turn out of players on both nights showed the excitement



Parent and toddlers will be going to Tearaways in the Rathdowney Outlet Store on Tuesday 15th March, from 10am to 1pm. Leaving the Hall at 9:30am, cost €3 per child.

There's a **BBQ sports day and disco** being held in **Edenderry Rugby Club** on the 2nd of April from 1pm to 1am. Secondary school age upwards, closing date for bookings 5th March. Contact Linda (086-1966166) for more details.

ment that this annual event still holds. 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 March and in Killermogh Church (near Ballacolla) on Wednesday 23rd March, both at 8.00 pm.

Dean Brian Harvey's funeral:

I would like to thank the very many people who came from the Clonenagh Group of Parishes to Kilkenny for my father's funeral on 30th January. It was a great support to the whole family.

Also could I say how much we appreciated the many cards and letters which you sent. Ministry works in many directions.

~ Patrick Harvey

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**.

Craft class will be starting on Monday night 7th March from 7:30-9:30pm in the hall, cost €8 per class. 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 Alison Holmes on receiving her President's Gold Medal on the Gaisce awards in Dublin Castle on Tuesday 22nd February, and to Elaine Holmes who recently passed with distinction her Speech and Drama exam.

The **Puppet Team** will be going to Avoca from the 16th March to the 19th, on a weekend away with the Athy Youth Group.

The total collected for the **Leprosy Mission** was €256.94, thanks to everyone who contributed.