

April Sunday Services				
Date/Time	3rd April	10th April	17th April	24th April
	Borris-in-Ossory 8:30pm Saturday 2nd	Seir Kieran 9:30am	Borris-in-Ossory 8:30pm Saturday 16th	Seir Kieran 9:45am
10:15am	Lacca	Mountrath Songs of Praise 11:00am	Roskelton	Annatrim
11:30am	Mountrath (+Sunday School)		Mountrath (+Sunday School)	Mountrath
			Lacca Holy Baptism 3:00pm	

Parish Diary - April

March 29th.....Ossory League Table Tennis Junior Final, Rathdowney (7:30pm)
 March 29th.....Fund Raising Committee Meeting, Parochial Hall (8:30pm)
 March 31st.....Church Wardens Meeting, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 March 31st.....Puppet Group fundraiser, Parochial Hall (7:30-9:30pm)
 1st Friday.....Ossory League Table Tennis Dinner Dance, Castle Arms Hotel
 2nd Saturday.....14+ Club, Roll and Bowl
 2nd Saturday.....BBQ sports day and disco, Edenderry Rugby Club (1:00pm-1:00am)
 3rd Sunday.....Sunday School for Juniors and Seniors, St. Peter's Church (during service)
 4th Monday.....Craft Class
 4th Monday.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives Communion Service, St. Peter's Church(8:00pm)
 5th Tuesday.....Parent and Toddler group
 5th Tuesday.....Clonenagh Easter General Vestry, Parochial Hall (7:30pm)
 5th Tuesday.....Borris-in-Ossory Easter General Vestry, Parochial Hall (9:00pm)
8th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan magazine notes! (to Jennifer Masterson)
 8th Friday.....Seir Kieran Easter General Vestry, Seir Kieran Church (8:30pm)
 8th Friday.....LCIYC Junior Disco, Parochial Hall
 9th Saturday.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 9th Saturday.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 11th Monday.....Offerlane Easter General Vestry, Annatrim Church (8:30pm)
 17th Sunday.....Sunday School for Juniors and Seniors, St. Peter's Church (during service)
20th Wednesday...Closing date for April 2005 Newsletter items!
 23rd Saturday.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 23rd Saturday.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 27th Wednesday....Institution of Rev'd Mikhail, St. Peter's Church (8:00pm)
 30th Saturday.....14+ Club, Parochial Hall
 May 3rd.....Senior Citizen party, Parochial Hall
 May 3rd.....Parent and Toddler group outing to Tearaways (provisional)
 May 9th.....An evening with Rev'd Mikhail for the ladies of the parish. Details later.
 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 Murray can be contacted at (0505) 46311.



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - April 2005

Annatrim, Borris-in-Ossory, Lacca, Mountrath, Roskelton, Seir Kieran.

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We **sympathise** with John Handcock on the death of his aunt; and with the Gill, Gee, and Telford families on the death of Gertie Coulter.

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to David Knowles, Ivor Chambers, Arthur Furlong, and Jenny Hargroves who were all recently unwell.

Congratulations to former parishioner Philip Gray on his appointment as Headmaster of Kilkenny College, and to Ian Condell who was picked for the under 18 Irish rugby squad.

The dates for the four **Easter General Vestries** are as follows...

Clonenagh: Tuesday 5th April at 7:30pm in Mountrath Parochial Hall.

Borris in Ossory: Tuesday 5th April at 9:00pm in Mountrath Parochial Hall.

Seir Kieran: Friday 8th April at 8:30pm in Seir Kieran Church.

Offerlane: Monday 11th April at 8:30pm in Annatrim Church.

All those who are on the four Registers of Vestrymen and Women are entitled to attend the appropriate Easter Vestry and vote for their new Select Vestry.

After each Easter Vestry there

will be a short meeting of the newly elected Select Vestry to deal with any business which may have arisen. Again please let me know in advance of any business you wish to bring up.

Sadly, there were not enough people from the Seir Kieran Vestry to have a formal meeting last time, so no decisions could be taken. Please could I encourage people to attend the above meetings, especially as we are voting for Diocesan Council members as well as Parochial Nominators for the next three years?

I'd like to take this opportunity of wishing the Rev'd Stella Mikhail all the very best in her new position as Rector and also sincerely to thank the many people who helped me in many ways as Priest-in-charge during the vacancy.

~ Patrick Harvey

The Institution of Revd. Stella Mikhail as Incumbent of the Clonenagh Group of Parishes will take place on Wednesday 27th April in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath at 8:00pm.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Community Hall, Castletown. Tray bakes and help setting up are requested from all households in the group.

Contact Emily Jackson (32980).



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There is a service of **Holy Baptism** in Lacca Church on the afternoon of Sunday 17th April at 3.00 pm.

This is a public service and everyone is very welcome to attend.

~ Canon Harvey

The **renovation and extension** of the Rectory has begun, and is proceeding satisfactorily.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives

A meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath on Monday 28th February. Mr. Martin Doody from the Irish Kidney Association came along to give a very interesting talk about their work and the life of a kidney transplant patient. A donation from the branch was made towards their work.

The **next meeting** is on Monday April 4th at 8:00p.m. This will be a celebration of Holy Communion for Lady's Day. Mrs. Hazel Sherlock (Diocesan President) and the members of Abbeyleix branch will join with Mountrath for this evening. Hazel will be addressing the meeting afterwards. **ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.** Valeria Handcock, Jennifer Masterson, Moira Harvey, Susan Jestin, Tricia Roe, and Caroline Clegg will be charge of the supper on the night.

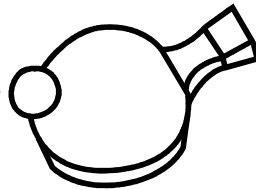
Senior Citizen party will be held on Tuesday 3rd May in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath. This will be the first party for the Rev'd Mikhail and will be a great way of meeting our new rector.

Daffodil Day: The collectors in Coolrain and Camross area would like to thank all those who gave so generously to this collection. €2535.00 was raised. Well done to all.

This year's **Golf Classic** will be held on Friday 6th May. The entry fee for a team is €120, and a hole can be sponsored for €150. All donations and contributions gratefully received, contact Mabel Peavoy (32331) to enter or for more details.

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

With the table tennis season winding down in the Ossory league, only the finals remain to be played. Killermogh and Kilcooley meet in the A final, in the B final Killermogh await a playoff between Ballyfin and Kilcooley to see who they play, and in the C league Ballyfin take on Athy 2.



Meanwhile, Mountrath juniors play Killermogh in the junior final in Rathdowney on 29th of March at 7:30pm. It will be a close game and whatever the outcome, our juniors have done well to get this far. So, to Darragh Cushin, Gary McKay, James Harvey (Capt.), Doreen McDowell, Hannah Honner and Samantha Hayes: give it your best shot and the best of luck.

It would be really great if some parents and supporters could come along to give our young team some support on the night!

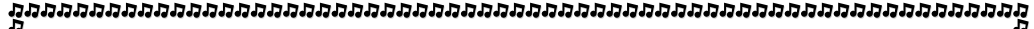
Ossory league dinner dance is on the 1st of April in the Castle Arms Hotel. For tickets locally contact Joe

Hargroves (32025). All trophies won during the season in the Ossory league will be presented on the night.

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**.

Newsletters on the Internet

The Parish Newsletter is available (in



Parent and toddlers went on an outing to Tearaways in the Rathdowney Outlet Store on Tuesday 15th March, and they had a brilliant time on the slides and tunnels. We hope to go again on the 3rd of May.

The **Senior Puppet Team** headed to Avoca for St. Patrick's weekend for



activities, workshops, fun and fellowship. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting old and new friends.

There will be a **puppet fundraiser** on the 31st of March in the hall from



colour!) at www.clonenagh.com on the Saturday of publication every month. It is usually 200-250KB in size and should download in a minute or so on an ordinary phone line.

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7:30-9:30pm. There will be a puppet show, raffle and tea/coffee, cakes, biscuits, etc. Everyone welcome, raffle tickets €2 and will be available on the night.

The **Craft Class** have been busy creating coil pots, plates, bowls and mirrors. Everyone welcome.

Holiday Club will be held from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July.

14+ Club will be going to Roll and Bowl on Saturday 2nd April. All 14+ welcome.

LCIYC Upcoming events

Junior Disco, Friday April 8th, Mountrath Parochial Hall.

Adventure Weekend, Delphi takes place June Bank Holiday weekend, please ask reps for booking forms.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (20th April) 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 (24th April). 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 This newsletter and many older editions can be downloaded directly from www.clonenagh.com.