

Sunday Services - May

1st May 6th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday	8th May 7th Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension Day	15th May The Day of Pentecost Whit Sunday	22nd May Trinity Sunday	29th May 1st Sunday after Trinity
Mountrath United Service Eucharist 11:00am	Annatrim Eucharist 9:30am	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer 8:45am	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer 8:45am	Roskelton United Service Eucharist 11:00am
	Mountrath Family Service 11:00am	Roskelton Eucharist 10:00am	Annatrim Eucharist 10:15am	
		Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer 10:15am	Mountrath Eucharist 11:30am	
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Lacca Eucharist 11:30am				

Parish Diary - May

April 24th.....Memorial Service, St. Mark's Church, Borris in Ossory (3:00pm)
 April 24th.....Puppet Team at Roscrea Family Service
 April 25th.....Fund Raising Committee meeting, Parochial Hall (**9:30pm**) *Note change of time!*
 April 26th.....Preparation for Institution, Castletown Community Hall (8:00pm)
 April 27th.....Preparation for Institution, Castletown Community Hall (11:00am)
 April 27th.....**Institution of Rev'd Mikhail**, St. Peter's Church (8:00pm)
 April 29th.....Memorial Service, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (time to be announced)
 April 30th.....14+ Club, Parochial Hall
 April 30th.....Closing date for Delphi weekend forms & deposits, and CIYC quiz sheets
 3rd Tuesday.....Senior Citizen party, Parochial Hall (12:30pm)
 3rd Tuesday.....Parent and Toddler group outing to Tearaways
 4th Wednesday.....G.F.S. (7:00-8:30pm)
 6th Friday.....Parish Golf Classic, Mountrath Golf Club
 7th Saturday.....Confirmation Retreat, Ferns
6th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan magazine notes! (to Jennifer Masterson)
 8th Sunday.....Puppet Team and Band at Inistoige 'Songs of Praise'
 9th Monday.....An evening with Rev'd Mikhail for the ladies of the parish (8:30pm)
 18th Wednesday.....G.F.S. (7:00-8:30pm)
 18th Wednesday.....Mothers' Union Festival Service, Gorey (7:30pm)
18th Wednesday...Closing date for June 2005 Newsletter items!
 21st Saturday.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)
 21st Saturday.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)
 22nd Sunday.....G.F.S. Diocesan Service & Prizegiving, St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny
 28th Saturday.....14+ Club, Parochial Hall
 June 11th.....Kool Club and Kids Club, Parochial Hall
 July 1st.....Diocesan outing to Kid's Kingdom, Baltinglass
 July 18th-22nd.....Holiday Club: 'X-ploration'

Sunday School for Juniors & Seniors, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (during Sunday service, except United and Family services).
 The **Parent and Toddler** group meet every Tuesday in the Parochial Hall.

The **Parish office** in the Rectory will be open on Tuesdays, 10:30am-1:30pm.

Linda will be away from the 12th to the 14th May.



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - May 2005

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We **sympathise** with Eileen Senior on the death of her niece; with Molly Wallace on the death of her nephew; and with George Roe on the death of his sister.

There will be **memorial services** for Margaret 'Peggy' Roe in St. Mark's Church, Borris in Ossory, on Sunday 24th April at 3:00pm; and for Maurice Mills in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, on Friday 29th April (time to be announced).

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Allison Honner, Eileen Allen, David Knowles, Essie Moynan, Herbert Gill, and Bella Holmes, who were all recently unwell.

Congratulations to Albert and Jennifer Lalor on the birth of a son, Robert; and to Billy and Annie McDowell on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Canon Harvey would like to thank all the members of the four Select Vestries for their attendance at the Easter meetings, including all the Church and Glebe wardens who kindly agreed to continue in their roles for the coming year.

He would also like to thank the

members of the Board of Management of Clonenagh National School for all the work they dutifully and conscientiously carried out over the past year.

The **Institution of Rev'd 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.

The Hall will be prepared at 8:00pm on Tuesday 26th, and the catering arrangements will be organised at 11:00am on Wednesday 27th. Tray bakes and help setting up are requested from all households in the group.

Contact Emily Jackson (32980).

The Diocesan Youth Officer has arranged a **Confirmation Retreat** in Ferns on Saturday 7th May. Those who are to be confirmed in June in Mountrath are welcome to attend.

It starts at 10:30am and finishes up with a service in Ferns Cathedral at 3:00pm. The Youth Officer, the Rev'd Philip Heak, can be contacted at (056) 7771854.



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Mothers' Union & Young Wives

Lady's Day was celebrated with a service of Holy Communion on Monday 4th April in St Peter's Church, Mountrath. Mrs. Hazel Sherlock (Diocesan President) and the members of Abbeyleix branch joined Mountrath for this evening. Hazel addressed the meeting afterwards, speaking about the five objects of the MU.

Festival Service will be held this year in Gorey, on Wednesday 18th May at 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Sandra to arrange transport.

An evening with Rev'd Mikhail for the ladies of the parish has been organized on Monday 9th May at 8:30pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath. **All are welcome** to come and meet with our new rector, and enjoy some refreshments.

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.

Jordan Lalor, son of John & Joyce, was **baptised** on Sunday 17th April in Lacca Church by Canon Harvey. Please remember Jordan, his parents and godparents in your prayers.

Don't forget the **Parish Golf Classic** will be held on Friday 6th May in Mountrath Golf Club. 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

MOUNTRATH VICTORIOUS

A fine bunch of young people brought great credit to themselves and to their club when they were victorious in The Ossory League (Junior Section). After many games both home and away over the season they were up against a fancied Killermogh team in Rathdowney on Tuesday 29th March, and in a final of many close and exciting games they won by the narrowest of margins with the result standing at 6-6, with sets won the deciding factor. They were ahead by one set at the end, too close for comfort, but a brilliant victory for our young table tennis team.

The panel of players over the season were: James Harvey (Capt.), Gary McKay, Darragh Cushin, Nigel Condell, Leonard Carry, Doreen McDowell, Hannah Honner, Samantha Hayes and Linda Hayes. In the final, Hannah, Samantha, Doreen, Darragh, Gary and James were the team, well done to all the players over the season.

At the **Ossory dinner dance** and presentation of awards night on Friday 1st April in the Castle Arms Hotel, the players received their winners trophies and James Harvey (Capt.) thanked all who were involved with the team in training, transport, teas and support. Also on the night trophies were presented to: Darragh Cushin, Ellen Honner and Jimmy Hayes for victories in different grades at the annual Ossory Tournament which was played in Rathdowney in March. As the season comes to a close shortly, the **annual Club Championship and Tournament** will take place in the Parochial Hall.

The **puppet fundraiser** on Thursday 31st March went well. A good number turned out to support both puppet teams and €696 was raised between the raffle and donations. Thanks to all who contributed and all the parents who helped with refreshments and donated raffle prizes. First prize (pottery) went to Kevin Conroy Tinnakill, second prize (painting) went to Jesse Hayes, and third (Easter hamper) went to Ciara O'Meara, Roscrea, and there were many other prizes won on the night.

The **Puppet Team** will perform at the Roscrea Family Service on Sunday 24th April, and they will join the Band at the Inistoige 'Songs of Praise' on Sunday 8th May.

The **14+ Club** went to Roll and Bowl on Saturday 2nd April, and everyone enjoyed the night. The winner on the boy's team was "Pop 'n Fresh" and on the girls team it was "Foxy."

Holiday Club (X-ploration) will be held from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July.

Kid's Club are starting a new program called 'Miraclemaker', involving space travel!!!!!!

LCIYC

Just a reminder to everyone that if you have forms and deposits for Del-

phi weekend in June or any of the CIYC quiz sheets, both are due back by Saturday 30th April.

Diocesan Valentine Ball

Many thanks to all who supported this event on Saturday 12th February in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. A total of 125 attended and the profit of €380 was donated to the South East Asia Disaster Fund, a good night was had by all.

G.F.S.

The girls were all examined for their **G.F.S. Knowledge Badge** on Wednesday 20th April, many thanks to Helen Bradley from Abbeyleix for examining them.

The **Annual Diocesan Service and Prizegiving** will be held in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd May. Can all members please let the leaders know if they are able to attend this service.

A **Diocesan outing** has been organised to Kids Kingdom in Baltin-glass on Friday 1st July, cost €10 per child + transport. If interested contact leaders for further information.

We are organising a **day trip** for our own branch to Dublin Zoo at the beginning of July, further information available at the next meeting.

Items for inclusion in the June newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (18th May) before the fourth Sunday of May (the 22nd) AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday
Ideally, items should be submitted by E-Mail to- newsletter@clonagh.com
Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 0502-21277 or 087-2522162
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