

## June Sunday Services

5th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	12th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	19th June 4th Sunday after Trinity	26th June 5th Sunday after Trinity
Seir Kieran Eucharist 8:30am	Mountrath Eucharist 9:30am	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer 8:30am	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer 8:30am
Roskelton Morning Prayer 10:15am	Annatrim Family Service 11:00am	Roskelton Eucharist 10:15am	Annatrim Eucharist 10:15am
Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 10:15am		Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer 10:15am	Mountrath Morning Prayer 11:45am
Lacca Morning Prayer 11:30am		Lacca Morning Prayer 11:30am	Mountrath Confirmation 4:00pm
Mountrath Eucharist 11:45am		Mountrath Eucharist 11:45am	

## Parish Diary - June

May 22nd.....G.F.S. Diocesan Service & Prizegiving, Kilkenny (3:15pm)  
 May 24th.....Parish Fundraising Committee meeting, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)  
 May 25th.....G.F.S. Presentation Night & Craft Display, Parochial Hall (7:30-8:30pm)  
 11th Saturday.....Kool Club, Parochial Hall (8:30-10:00pm)  
 11th Saturday.....Kids Club, Parochial Hall (10:00am-noon)  
 12th Sunday.....Parent and Toddler party  
 19th Sunday.....Puppet Teams in Rathdowney  
 20th Monday.....Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee meeting (8:00pm)  
**22nd Wednesday..Closing date for July 2005 Newsletter items!**  
 July 1st.....Diocesan outing to Kid's Kingdom, Baltinglass  
 July 1st-5th.....Summer Madness, Belfast  
 July 6th.....G.F.S. Trip to Dublin Zoo  
 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).

**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 (**22nd June**) 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 (**26th June**). Ideally, items should be submitted by E-Mail to- [newsletter@clonenagh.com](mailto: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](http://www.clonenagh.com).

# Newsletter

## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - June 2005

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**Best Wishes** for a speedy recovery to Eileen Allen who is currently unwell.

**Congratulations** to Cyrena Peavoy on her marriage to Trevor Flanagan; and to Robert and Vera Caldbeck, Andrew and Lynn Clegg, and Kevin and Siobhan O'Mahony, ALL on the birth of baby boys!

### Rector's Notes-

**THANK YOU** to all my parishioners and the wider community for the lovely welcome my family and I received on our arrival here in Clonenagh Group of Parishes. Your welcome could not have been warmer. Thank you!

We're beginning to settle down in **Coolrain** and slowly getting used to the myriad of roads that meander within the parish boundaries. I've a strong feeling that we'll be finding new ones for years to come! It's also going to take a while to get used to the distances that need to be travelled in this neck of the woods, and you will note that the times for the services for the month of June have been changed, to facilitate the rector's arrival in one piece at each church on Sunday. For this reason, I

would ask you to pay careful attention to the service times printed in the news letter every month. Eventually, we will arrive at a suitable start time for each service, that will insure quality worship for us all.

It was lovely to begin my ministry here with the **Baptism** of Robert Edward Richard Lalor, the son of Jennifer and Albert Lalor. A warm welcome Robert, to the Body of Christ.

**Confirmation** this year will be in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, on Sunday the 26th of June at 4:00pm. Our candidate, Wesley Lalor, will be joined by candidates from Portlaoise and Stradbally.

I ask your **prayers** for Robert, at the beginning of his Christian journey and for Wesley, as he prepares to confirm what his parents began when they brought him for baptism as an infant. May both of them receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they make their spiritual journeys. ~Rev. Stella.

**Senior Citizen Party** was held on Tuesday May 3rd, when 55 people including helpers enjoyed a short Holy Communion service, lunch, and a chat with all their friends. MANY

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THANKS as always to all who give a helping hand to made this day enjoyable for all.

### **Mothers' Union & Young Wives**

A meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath on Monday May 9th in the Parochial Hall.

This was an evening for all the ladies of the parish to come along and meet Rev Mikhail and introduce themselves. We look forward to having Rev. Mikhail with us for our meetings, when we meet again in September.

The **Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee** has been established to organize fundraising for the refurbishment of Clonenagh National School.

Committee members are the Rev'd Stella Mikhail, Harry Vanston (Chairman) Emily Dunne (Secretary), Clive Bennett, Jimmy Hayes, Vera Caldbeck, Linda Lalor, Darragh Murray, and Russell Newman.

The **first project** the committee has undertaken is the **Ladies Mini Marathon** held in Dublin on Monday June 6th. Ladies walking on the school's behalf are Mary Vanston, Agnes Murray, Joanne Bennett, Linda Lalor, Sylvia Lalor and Emily Dunne. A **sponsorship card** has been issued to each family with children in the school and a supply is held by all committee members.

This will be the first of several fundraising projects and we ask for your full hearted **support** over the coming months. Any ideas for projects would be very much welcomed

and can be discussed with any committee member.

The next meeting of the committee is on Monday June 20th.

### **TABLE TENNIS NEWS**

Mountrath Table Tennis Club held its annual end of season inter-club tournaments recently. First up was the Club Championship and in this the finalists were Tom and Joe Hargroves, with Tom coming out as winner after a great battle which contained much skilful play.

The second competition had six divisions with players of similar standard meeting in each section. The winners were: Div 1 - John Finn; Div 2 - Ivan Jestin; Div 3 - Gary McKay; Ladies Div - Lorraine Hayes; Junior A - Hannah Honner; Junior B - Amylou Hayes.

The award for "Player of the Year" went to Ivan Jestin, while Brendan Birney collected the award for "Most Improved Player of the Year."

Over the season many exciting games of table tennis took place but the highlight of the campaign has to be the success of our young players who won the Ossory Junior League final.

As the season of '04/'05 comes to an end much hard work was done by many during that season but particularly by club secretary Joe Hargroves who was so instrumental in the running of club and Ossory League for which he is also secretary. Keep up the good work Joe, and well done.

The table tennis season gets under way again in September.

The **Puppet Teams** (Solas Beag and Solas Solas) received a great reception at the Roscrea Family Service. They performed songs and scripts and they did two dramatic readings. Well done to all. Thanks to Rev. Lesley Robinson for her invitation to use our gifts of ministry.

The puppets were also invited to "Songs of Praise" in Inistoige, Kilkenny, where they had a great day. Thanks to Rev. Philip for his help and to the parents who drove.

**Parent and toddlers** did a toddle walk for Barnardos, and we raised €275. Everyone had a great day, with the walk first followed by a teddy bear's picnic in the park, Mountrath.

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

### **LCIYC Night Out:**

Anyone interested in going to the Royal Tycoon Chinese Restaurant, Kilminchy, Portlaoise for a meal on Saturday 28th May at 9.30pm please contact Jennifer Lalor 0502-35962/086-8185644 or Kathleen Bennett 0502-56828 before Wednesday 25th May to book a place.

### **G.F.S. Presentation Night & Craft Display:**

On Wednesday 25th May between 7.30-8.30pm G.F.S. members will

be presented with certificates for their Diocesan Bible Study & Craft entries. The badges which they achieved - G.F.S. Knowledge and Arts & Crafts will also be presented. The crafts completed during the year will all be on display .All are welcome to join them for a cup of tea/coffee and view all their hard work.

Don't forget the **Annual Diocesan Service and Prizegiving** will be held in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd May

### **Day Trip to Dublin Zoo**

The G.F.S. leaders have organised a trip to Dublin Zoo for G.F.S. Members on Wednesday 6th July. If any other parishioners are interested in joining them there are a few places left on the bus. Cost €20 per head to include bus, entrance fee to Zoo and a Happy Meal in McDonalds on the way home. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

If interested a €5 non-refundable deposit needs to be given to any of the G.F.S. leaders before 6th June to secure a place. Further information available from Jennifer 0502-35962.

**All the youth groups** would like to welcome Rev. Stella to the parish. We wish her well as she settles in and finds her feet here among us. We hope to have her visit each group as time passes. We also hope to avail of her skills in drama.