



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - July 2005

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

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G.F.S. Day Trip to Dublin Zoo
 We are off to the zoo, zoo, zoo, are you coming too??

G.F.S. Day Trip to Dublin Zoo: This trip has been organised by the G.F.S. leaders and will take place on Wednesday 6th July. There are a few places remaining if anyone in the parish would like to come. Cost €20

(which includes bus, entrance to Zoo, and a Happy Meal in McDonalds on the way home). Anyone under 16yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Further information can be obtained from any of the G.F.S. leaders (Christine, Emily, Jennifer, Kathleen or Linda), or by contacting Jennifer on 0502 35962 / 086 8185644.

July Sunday Services

3rd July 6th Sunday after Trinity	10th July 7th Sunday after Trinity	17th July 8th Sunday after Trinity	24th July 9th Sunday after Trinity	31st July 10th Sunday after Trinity
Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 8:30am	Seir Kieran Eucharist 8:30am	Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer 8:30am	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer 8:30am	Seir Kieran United Service Eucharist 11:00am
Lacca Morning Prayer 10:15am	Annatrim Morning Prayer 10:15am	Lacca Eucharist 10:15am	Lacca Eucharist 10:15am	
Mountrath Eucharist 11:45am	Roskelton Eucharist 11:45am	Mountrath Morning Prayer 11:45am	Roskelton Morning Prayer & Baptism 11:45am	

Parish Diary - July

- 1st Friday..... Diocesan outing to Kid's Kingdom, Baltinglass
- 1st-5th..... Summer Madness, Belfast
- 5th Tuesday..... Conjoint Vestry meeting, Parochial Hall (8:30pm)
- 6th Wednesday..... G.F.S. Trip to Dublin Zoo
- 16th Saturday..... Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee meeting, Mountrath Service Station
- 18th-22nd..... Holiday Club: 'X-ploration'
- 20th Wednesday... Closing date for August 2005 Newsletter items!**
- 24th Sunday..... Sunday Afternoon Cruise (Provisional date!)

Sunday School for Juniors & Seniors, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (during Sunday service, except United and Family services).

Items for inclusion in the newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (20th July) 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 July). 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.

Rector's Notes-

Well here we are, almost into July and the sun is shining as I write. I wish all my parishioners the best of summer months. May you enjoy a time of reflection, natural theology and family and friendly fellowship. May your work go well on the land and in the office or shop and may you see the love of God in everyone whose path crosses yours.

Confirmation - God willing, by the time you read this, Bishop Peter will have visited St Peter's in Mountrath, one of his parish churches. The confirmation service will have been held and Wesley and his fellow candidates, will have become adult Christians in their own right. Let us wish them God's blessing in their future ministry in His church.

Our Sympathy - During June, sadly we lost two of our parishioners, Christobel Holmes and Eileen Allen. May God bless the families and friends of both women, may He keep them close and may He give them strength in the months to come.

Summer Schedule - We return to the Summer schedule of church ser-

vices in July. Each church will have a service on alternate weeks. Please see the schedule for details. There will be a united service in Seir Kieran on the fifth Sunday in July. I have chosen Seir Kieran for this United Service, as the distance is more suited to the summer months. What say you all come to a parish picnic in the Slieve Bloom Mountains after the 11 o'clock service? If you'd like to join us, please contact Jennifer Lalor on 0502 35962.

Best Wishes - I would like to thank Jennifer Masterson, our diocesan reader, for all her hard work. She has been a constant ministerial presence in Clonenagh Group of Parishes during several incumbencies and was a wonderful welcoming presence when I arrived here. Starting this July, Jennifer has decided to take some months off, so that she may pursue other areas of interest in her life. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well in her pursuits.

~Rev. Stella

Congratulations to Robert and Caroline Clegg on the birth of their baby son.



Ladies Mini Marathon participants: Mary Vanston, Sylvia Lalor, Linda Lalor, Agnes Murray and Emily Dunne, with Alanah Murray.

The first project the **Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee** undertook was the Ladies Mini Marathon held in Dublin on Monday June 6th. We would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support that was given in raising sponsorship for this event. The total collected to date is €5500.48.

Their **next project** will be a car windscreen wash held at Mountrath 24hr Service Station, Castletown, Mountrath, on Saturday the 16th July 2005. The idea is to form teams of

volunteers who will wash the wind-screens of cars pulling in for fuel in the hope the drivers will make donations into collection cans displayed. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone over the age of fifteen, and has some time to spare, could volunteer their services to help form the teams for the day. A rota will be drawn up when names and times people are available is to hand. Please contact any committee member as soon as possible.

family service in Annatrim.

We had our **Kids Club** and **Cool Club** parties on Saturday 11th to

finish up for the summer. Rev. Stella came to see Kids Club and what was going on and was delighted to see all the kids playing out in the sunshine.

The **puppets** were back in the Family Service in Annatrim on Sunday the 12th. Later that evening we had our second **Parent and Toddler** party. We had a pet corner with ducklings, hen and cock, puppies and a lamb. We were also very lucky to have Heather Jestin doing face painting which went down very well. Our resident clown was busy and big thanks to him for entertaining both kids and adults.

Thanks to Rev. Stella for coming to this event to meet the parents, toddlers and families. Thanks to Sandra Condell and the members of the Mothers' Union and Young Wives for their contributions of food. Thanks to everyone who made it such an safe and enjoyable day.

The **puppets** also took part in the **Family Service** in Rathdowney on Sunday 19th, where they received a warm welcome and got great applause after they performed. Thanks to the Archdeacon and Irene and the congregation for their great welcome.

The last **Parent and Toddlers** was held on Tuesday 2nd and we had a mini party. We may have an event later in the summer.

Some of the teens from the parish are heading to **Summer Madness**

in Belfast from 1st-5th July. We are sharing a bus with Kilkenny, Carlow, Athy and Wicklow. Please pray for a safe and pleasant trip for all.

Parish Assistant's Notes-

I have received some bookings for our Holiday Club which will be on the 18th-22nd of July.

Please book a.s.a.p. with Linda, for more info please ring 086-1966166.

In September we hope to run a **first-aid** course specifically directed towards children. we hope to run it Tuesday nights. If you are interested can you let me know soon as it is necessary to book trainers in advance? You will receive a certificate after the course which will run for about eight nights.

I attended a facilitator's course about parenting in Cork during May this was run by the Mothers' Union. We hope to run a parenting course in the autumn so if you may be interested please contact Sandra Condell or Linda.

~Linda

Sunday Afternoon Cruise:

If anyone is interested in coming on a cruise from Banagher - Victoria Lough, contact Jennifer 0502 35962/ 086 8185644 for further information. All ages welcome, anyone under 16yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Provisional dates - 24th July or 7th August. Cost for cruise €6 per person.