



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - August 2005

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August Sunday Services

7th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	14th August 12th Sunday after Trinity	21st August 13th Sunday after Trinity	28th August 14th 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
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 11:45am

Parish Diary - August

July 26th.....Parents and Toddlers meeting (10:00am)

July 31st.....Puppet Team at Corbally Fun Afternoon

1st Monday.....Puppet Team at Donaghmore Parish Fete

1st Monday.....Abbeyleix Rectory Garden Fete

24th Wednesday...Closing date for September 2005 Newsletter items!

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 (**24th August**) 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 (**28th August**).

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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Rector's Notes-

This time I am writing on the first day of rain we've had for ages! However, the cattle in my front field appear to be happy about the change in weather. So I suppose we should greet the change with delight too, for their sake.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday the 10th of July, Jonathan Andrew, son of Lynn and Andrew Clegg, was baptised into the Body of Christ at St Matthew's Church, Roskelton. Welcome Jonathan!

Our Sympathy to the Caldbeck Family on the death of Robert Caldbeck, late of Cappagh. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his son Robert and his daughter Betty Carter and their families.

United Service at 11a.m. next Sunday the 31st of July in Seir Kieran, Clareen. I do hope to see a good number of parishioners at the United Service next week. Summer is the ideal time for us to gather in that beautiful place. Walking gear will be de rigueur and let's hope the weather

holds for our picnic!

Comhghairdeas libh!

Congratulations to Robert and James Harvey who yet again swept the board by winning all round them in the Leinster Finals of the Fleadh Ceoil. Robert won three firsts, a second and a third in whistling, liltling, piccolo and flute and James won one first, a second and a third in mandolin, banjo and liltling. This of course means that they are both in for the All Ireland Fleadh. May the road rise with them!

Well done to the hard working car windscreen washers of Saturday the 16th. The members of the Clonenagh National School Fund Raising Committee got to work on a lot of dirty windcreens at Mountrath Motors on the Limerick Road, and in a matter of hours, made the staggering total of €1402! Hard work was done and a lot of laughing was heard that day. Our thanks to Russell and Christine Newman of Mountrath Motors, who very kindly permitted this fund raising endeavour and to those who very generously supported the committee's efforts.

~Rev. Stella



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Congratulations to Sylvia Lalor and Thomas Stotesbury on the occasion of their marriage on the 18th June 2005 at Lacca Church. Wishing them God's blessing

Bishop Barrett with Wesley Lalor after his Confirmation in Mounrath on June 26th.

Clonenagh National School are pleased to announce that our Junior Room teacher, Miss Michelle Stone, will be staying with us, as she has been appointed permanently to the position.

Forty Third Abbeyleix Rectory Fete:

You are all invited to attend the annual Abbeyleix Rectory Garden Fete on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st August 2005.

There's something for everyone in the family. Come and

buy cake, jams, country produce, play games, enter the bonny baby competition, the soccer penalty competition, duck someone in the barrel, and then put your feet up and have tea and sandwiches in the basement. The Fete opens at 2.00 pm in the garden of the Abbeyleix Rectory and teas are served from 3.00 pm. Bring your friends! Thanks to all our supporters far and near who have supported the Fete for over forty years now.

~Canon Patrick Harvey

A group of teenagers from our Parish, Kilkenny, and Athy went to **Summer Madness** in Belfast for a weekend of fellowship and fun. Everyone enjoyed a great weekend with worship, seminars, activities, BBQs, and praise parties.

The Puppet Team gave a performance on the Tearfund stage, and they got a great response.

Thanks to Davy who drove the 52 seater to Belfast, and thanks also to those who made donations to fund the trip. We all hope to attend again next year, everyone welcome.

At the time of writing, we are in the middle of our **Holiday Club**. It is going really well with children and leaders enjoying their time together. We are learning about Easter Weekend how people can use their senses to experience the Bible in a new and different way.

They have learned memory verses, enjoyed puppets and quizzes, challenges, etc. They have made new friends, and met with old ones.

Thanks to everyone who provided lunches and desserts during the week, and to those who prayed for leaders and kids, and weather! Thanks also

to Rev. Stella, Trish Roe, and Myra Harvey for all their hard work and support. Welcome and thanks to all the leaders from Athy and Donaghmore, and finally, thanks to our own young leaders who put a lot of work into the Club.

See you all again next year!



The **Puppet Team** will be at Camross Field Day on Sunday 24th of July at 3pm. They will again feature at the Corbally Fun Afternoon on Sunday 31st July, and then on the Donaghmore for their Parish Fete on Monday 1st August.

All **Parents and Toddlers** are kindly invited to the home of Christine and Russell Newman on Tuesday 26th July from 10am onwards. Can everyone please bring a dish of food with them, and camping chairs if you have any? For more details, contact Linda at 086-1966166 or Christine at 35931.