

October Sunday Services				
2nd October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9th October 20th Sunday after Trinity	16th October 21st Sunday after Trinity	23rd October 22nd Sunday after Trinity	30th October 4th Sunday before Advent
Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer 8:30am	Lacca Eucharist 10:00am	Mountrath Morning Prayer 9:45am	Annatrim Eucharist 10:15am	Mountrath United Service Eucharist 11:00am
Seir Kieran Eucharist 10:00am	Annatrim Harvest Eucharist 11:30am	Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 10:15am	Roskelton Morning Prayer 10:15am	
Mountrath Harvest Service 8:00pm	Roskelton Harvest Service 8:00pm	Seir Kieran Morning Prayer 11:30am	Lacca Morning Prayer 11:30am	

Parish Diary - October

26th September.....Mothers' Union Opening Service, St. Peter's Church (8:00pm)
 27th September.....Art & Crafts Club, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 30th September.....G.F.S, Parochial Hall (7:00-8:30pm)
 3rd Monday.....Parenting Course, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 4th Tuesday.....Badminton AGM, Parochial Hall (8:30pm)
 8th Saturday.....Kids Club
 11th Tuesday.....Art & Crafts Club, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 14th Friday.....G.F.S, Parochial Hall (7:00-8:30pm)
19th Wednesday...Closing date for November 2005 Newsletter items!
 22nd Saturday.....Kids Club & Kool Club
 24th Monday.....Mothers' Union, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 25th Tuesday.....Art & Crafts Club, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
 28th Friday.....G.F.S, Parochial Hall (7:00-8:30pm)
 29-31st Sat-Mon.....Anois

Table Tennis practice every second Friday at 7:30pm in the Parochial Hall.

Badminton practice every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30pm in the Parochial Hall.

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 (**19th October**) 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 (**23rd October**). 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.



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - October 2005

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Rector's Notes-

Harvest Time in Clonenagh Group of Parishes

It was wonderful to have **Joan Finkel**, Lay Leader of the Progressive Jewish Synagogue in Dublin, who spoke at the Harvest Festival in Lacca Church, on the 11th of September. Joan spoke on the Jewish perspective of Harvest. We all certainly learnt a lot and have a hankering to learn more!

Archdeacon Michael Nuttall, who was Archdeacon of Limerick, will preach in St Peter's Church, Mountrath on Sunday the 2nd of October at 8p.m.

Fr David Bracken, in his student days, was the Maynooth Representative to the Church of Ireland Theological College and opposite number to the Rector, who represented CITC at Maynooth. Fr Bracken will preach in St Matthew's Church, Roskelton on Sunday the 9th of October at 8p.m.

Holy Baptism

A warm welcome to the following who recently joined the Body of Christ:

On Sunday the 28th of August, Iain Luke, son of Caroline and Robert Clegg, was baptised in St Matthew's, Roskelton.

On Sunday the 4th of September, Evan Faun Pádraig, the son of Harriett McKay and Pádraig Hughes was baptised in St Peter's Church, Mountrath.

Congratulations to:

Roy Seale and Deirdre Cash, who were married on Tuesday the 30th of August in St Brendan's Church, Birr, Co. Offaly.

Albert Holmes and Yvonne Luben, who were married in Christ Church, Taney in Dublin, on Saturday the 3rd of September.

Our Sympathy to:

The Wrest Family in Mountrath on the death of Rachel Wrest, who died on Sunday the 28th of August last. Rachel was sexton of St Peter's Church, Mountrath, from 1968 to 1992.

St Cecilia's Day 2005

The 22nd of November is the feast of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music. We have decided to celebrate her feast in Mountrath, by a full day of music, while at the same time, fundraise and keep the wolf from the door of both the Clonenagh Group of Parishes and St Fintan's Roman Catholic Church in Mountrath.

We are inviting school choirs (plus any other choirs available on a Tuesday) from far and wide, to come to Mountrath on the morning of the 22nd of November. There, they will take part in a singing workshop with our choir director, the Dean of Cashel, the Very Rev'd Philip Knowles. The choirs will already



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have learnt chosen sacred music in preparation for this workshop. During the workshop, Dean Knowles will teach the choirs to sing in concert, in preparation for the afternoon service.

In the afternoon, we will have an ecumenical service in St Fintan's Church, where we will celebrate and give thanks for the beauty of music, through a sung liturgy. Choirs from everywhere are welcome to join us, for this veritable feast of sacred music.

In the evening at 8p.m, we are having a concert, which will be given by Cara O'Sullivan, soprano and John Malloy, base baritone.

Cara O'Sullivan sang at the National concert Hall in July and when the hall was full, they turned 500 people away from the door, so good is she! She is one of Ireland's leading sopranos and has a wonderful personality, which is just marvellous for concerts. She has sung throughout Ireland and England. She has sung in New York, Milan, Amsterdam, Moscow, Sydney, and New Zealand. Now she agreed to come and sing for us in Mountrath! God bless her!

John Malloy is a native of Birr, Co. Offaly and has sung extensively in Ireland and the UK, in both opera and on the concert platform. With these two singers, this will truly be a concert to remember.

Cara and John are wonderful entertainers and have among their repertoire, something to suit everyone. We look forward to a wonderful evening. Tickets are €35 and €25 for OAPs. You may book your tickets by ringing: **Mabel Peavoy 0502 32331** or **Margaret Jestin 0505 41239**.

Summer Vacation in October

The Rector will be away from the 10th of October to the 1st of November. During that time, the Rev'd Hilary Dungan of Portlaoise, will be on call for pastoral emergencies. The Rev'd Hilary Dungan's telephone number is 0502 21154. Please only ring her in emergencies. Anything else should hold till I get back. Services on Sundays will be taken by the Rev'd John Flynn and Mr Charlie Wallace.

~Rev'd Stella

MOTHERS UNION & YOUNG WIVES

A service of Holy Communion for the coming year in MU will be held on Monday night next 26th September at 8:00pm in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath. A short meeting will follow this service, when an introduction to the Parenting Course will be given. Mrs Mabel Peavoy, Mrs Emily Jackson, and Mrs Mgt. McKay are in charge of the supper for the night.

On Monday 24th October the **monthly meeting** of the Mothers Union will be held in the Parochial hall when the Laois Fire Officer will come along to give a talk on Fire prevention in our homes. This meeting is at 8:00pm and is open to all the parishioners. Mrs Marina Clegg, Mrs Mgt. Jestin and Mrs Ann Roe will be in charge of the supper.

Parenting Course: This course will start on Monday 3rd October at 8:00pm in the Parochial hall and will be lead by Linda Wharton. Anyone who is interested in doing these please contract Linda or Sandra. Everyone is welcome to come along. Mum's & Dad's!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to the Harvey brothers, James and Robert, on their recent success at **Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann**. James won the Mandolin (12-15yrs) and Banjo (12-15yrs) competitions, and Robert won Whistling (15-18yrs) and came third in Slow Flute Airs(15-18yrs)!

Art & Craft Club

An art and craft club has begun in the hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 8pm. It is a time for socialising with friends and getting any craft projects you have been putting off done! Just bring along whatever you are working on at the moment and €2 for coffee and tea and have fun. If you need any information please contact Christine Newman on 086 1730019.

Girls Friendly Society

Our first meeting will be on Friday 30th September.7.00-8.30pm in the Parochial Hall (**note change of day!**). New members are always welcome, all that we ask is that they are 5yrs+ at the beginning of the school year. Girls are given the opportunity to participate in games, crafts, bible study, badges and outings throughout the year. If you have any queries please contact any of the leaders: Christine Newman; Emily Jackson; Jennifer Lalor; Kathleen Bennett or Linda McKay.

If anyone is interested in helping with G.F.S. please don't hesitate to let us know. Thanks.

Operation Christmas Child

Each year each of us spend a large amount on Christmas gifts, but

Table Tennis News.

Junior Table Tennis is back in full swing. Practice took place in the hall on Friday the 16th and 23rd of September and will be held every second Friday after that. Time of practice is 7:30pm-8:30pm. All new members are welcome.

Badminton

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 8:30pm in the Parochial Hall, all welcome). We are always looking for new faces and hoping to see all of the old ones, so if you like to join us, practice will be on Tuesday and Thursdays nights at 8:30pm. For further details you can contact Michelle on 087 6266470.

there are many in the world who will get nothing. Operation Christmas Child tries to balance this issue by providing Christmas gifts for needy children who are affected by war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disasters. Items such as pencils, hats, gloves, colouring books, crayons, toothbrushes, toothpaste, cuddly toys are filled into medium sized cardboard boxes for a boy/girl aged 2-4yrs, 5-9yrs or 10-14yrs and €3 is required to transport each box. Anyone interested in filling a box this year or contributing to the transporting of these boxes can get a leaflet from or make a donation to Jennifer Lalor (0502 35962) or Linda Wharton. Boxes need to be returned by Tuesday 8th November. This year's boxes will be sent to countries such as Swaziland, Lesotho, Ukraine, Romania, Croatia, Serbia and Mozambique.