

November Sunday Services			
6th November 3rd Sunday before Advent	13th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	20th November Sunday before Advent	27th November 1st Sunday of Advent
Seir Kieran Morning Prayer 8:30am	Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 9:00am	Roskelton Morning Prayer 9:00am	Mountrath Eucharist 10:15am
Annatrim Morning Prayer 10:00am	Lacca Eucharist 10:15am	Annatrim Eucharist 10:15am	Lacca Morning Prayer 11:15am
Roskelton Eucharist 11:30am	Mountrath GFS Enrolment Service 11:30am	Seir Kieran Eucharist 11:45am	Borris-in-Ossory Advent Carol Service 8:30pm

## Parish Diary - November

24th October.....Mothers' Union 'Fire Safety in the Home,' Parochial Hall (8:00pm)  
 29-31st October.....Anois  
 5th Saturday.....Young Families Conference, Leighlinbridge (10:00am)  
 8th Tuesday.....Art & Crafts Club, Pike-of-Rushall  
 11th Friday.....G.F.S, Parochial Hall (7:00-8:30pm)  
 11th Friday.....Badminton Club Cabaret, Allen's of Errill  
 12th Saturday.....Kids Club & Kool Club  
 13th Sunday.....G.F.S. Enrolment Service, St. Peter's Church (11:30am)  
 13th Sunday.....Closing date for return of Operation Christmas Child boxes  
 16th Wednesday....Mothers' Union Diocesan Meeting, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)  
 21st Monday.....Closing date for return of 'Guess the Cars' quiz sheets  
 22nd Tuesday.....St. Cecilia's Day Concert  
 22nd Tuesday.....Art & Crafts Club, Pike-of-Rushall  
**23rd Wednesday...Closing date for December 2005 Newsletter items!**  
 25th Friday.....G.F.S, Parochial Hall (7:00-8:30pm)  
 26th Saturday.....Kids Club & Kool Club  
 28th Monday.....Mothers' Union Annual Auction, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)  
 2nd December.....Advent & Christmas Music, St. Fintan's Church, Durrow (8:00pm)  
 3rd December.....Christmas Flower Festival, Rathfarnham  
 5th December.....Closing date for return of Leprosy Mission boxes  
 7th December.....Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner, Parochial Hall (12:30pm)  
 8th December.....Coffee Evening & Christmas Fair

**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).



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - November 2005

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

### Rector:

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**Our Sympathies** to Vera Caldbeck on the death of her father, and to Joyce Lalor on the death of her father.

### Congratulations:

To **Robert and Eleanor Birney** on the birth of a baby girl; to **Olga Jackson and George Boyhan** who were married in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, on Saturday 17th September; and to **Thomas Hargroves** as he begins his studies at the University of Wales.

### MOTHERS UNION & YOUNG WIVES

Met on Monday 26th September, for a Holy Communion service and a short meeting was held afterwards in the Parochial Hall, where the coming year's calendar was discussed. Many thanks as always to Rev Ann Wallace for conducting the service and to Vera for having the church ready for the service.

The **next meeting** for the branch will be on Monday 24th October at 8:00pm in the Parochial Hall, when Sinead Sweeney (Laois Fire Officer) will give a talk on 'Fire safety in the Home.' **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**, as National Fire Safety Week ran from October 12th-17th. Mrs. Margaret Jestin, Mrs. Ann Roe, and Mrs. Marina Clegg are in charge of supper on the night.

The annual **Mothers' Union Auction** will be held on Monday 28th November and as always a donation from the proceeds will be made to local charities.

Mountrath Branch will host the **Area Meeting** on Wednesday 16th November at 8:00pm, when the speaker will be Cormac McNally from the Simon Community. All the members are asked to help with the supper on the night.

On November 5th, a **Young Families conference** will be held in Leighlinbridge. The title for this day is 'Passion for Life' and will be led by Rev Ted Woods. It promises to be an informative and fun day so anyone interested in coming along PLEASE contract Sandra Condell (0502 35067) before Friday 28th October, and you DO NOT have to be a M.U. member to attend.

MUMS and DADS WELCOME!!!!!!!

### St Cecilia's Day Concert 2005

Don't forget the St Cecilia's Day Concert on Tuesday 22nd of November.

Tickets are €35 and €25 for OAPs, and may be booked by ringing: **Mabel Peavoy 0502 32331** or **Margaret Jestin 0505 41239**.



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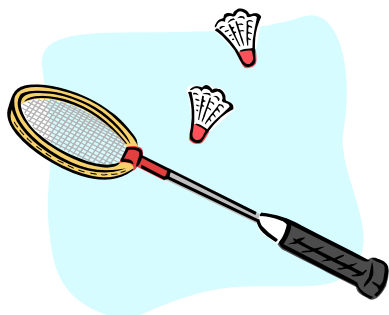
The **Parenting Course** has started in the Parochial Hall on Monday nights at 8:00pm. ALL ARE WELCOME and it is a great way of meeting other parents. Anyone interested in coming along contact Linda Wharton.

**Christmas Flower Festival** in Rathfarnham Church on Saturday 3rd December. Anyone interested in travelling phone Sandra at 0502 35067.

This year's **Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** will be held in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday 7th December. More details next month.

**Leprosy Mission Boxes**

Don't forget to return your boxes to Olga Telford before the 5th of December.



**Badminton**

Clonenagh Badminton Club are running a **Cabaret** in 'Allen's of Errill' on Friday 11th November. Music by the 'Obsessions'. Tickets are €7.50 and available from any club member.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Parish Fund Raising-**

A **Coffee Evening & Christmas Fair** will be held on Thursday 8th December at 7:30pm, at a venue yet to be decided. More details next month.

**Art & Craft Club**

The craft club is now being held at the blue house in the Pike-of-Rushall. It is now free and all are welcome to attend. Any further info or for directions please call Christine on 086-1730019.

A copy of the **Clonenagh National School** fundraising 'Guess the Cars' quiz sheet should be enclosed with this Newsletter. If you need extra copies, photocopy this one or pick up more from the school. It is also available to download (in colour!) at [www.clonenagh.com](http://www.clonenagh.com)

**Advent & Christmas Music** in St. Fintan's Church, Durrow: On Friday 2nd December at 8.00 pm a unison choir is being gathered in Durrow to sing Advent & Christmas carols and hymns. The audience will have an opportunity to sing too. People who like singing, whatever Parish they are from, are very welcome to join the choir.

Trevor Crowe, who is at present restoring the 1797 Green organ in Durrow, is an accomplished organist and we are delighted he has agreed to come and play for us that night.

As well as the choir and audience singing, Mr. Crowe will play solos on the organ. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. There will be an entrance charge for singers and audience to raise money for the restoration of the organ.

A practice will take place before the concert either on the day or soon before it. Attendance at the practice is required. Please give your name to Canon Harvey at (0502) 31243 if you'd like to join the choir.

Come and sing!



**Olga Jackson and George Boyhan** who were married in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, on Saturday 17th September.

**Girls Friendly Society**

G.F.S. Members are busy preparing for their 'Home Nursing' and 'Cookery' badges. The Annual Enrolment Service will take place on Sunday 13th November at 11.30am in Mountrath Church. All girls are asked to attend, please meet in Church porch at 11.15am

**Operation Christmas Child**

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

Items for inclusion in the Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**23rd November**) 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 (**27th November**). 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).