



# Clonenagh Group of Parishes - February 2006

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

Parochial Hall, Mountrath, when a representative from the Rowan Berry Adult Day Care Centre will be with us to tell us about their work. ALL ARE WELCOME as always to these meetings. Mrs Florence Peavoy, Mrs Dorothy McDowell, & Mrs Sandra Condell will be in charge of the supper of the February meeting.

### TABLE TENNIS NEWS

Mountrath Table Tennis Club have been extremely busy in recent weeks with four teams taking part in the Starball League .

Some members of the Junior Team also travelled to the Dunshaughlin Christmas tournament, with James Harvey, Philip McKay, and

### Night Out

Anyone interested in going out for a meal at the end of February (provisional date

Samantha, Linda and Amylou Hayes taking part. Philip was a plate winner in the U14 Boys. The three girls also took part in the Longford Open, where Linda was a finalist in U12 Girls.

Over the past weekend, they also travelled to Cork to compete in the Munster Open U12, which is an Irish Ranking Tournament. The skill and athleticism of the many table tennis player taking part there is very promising for a sport which is growing rapidly.

**The Leprosy Mission** wishes to thank everybody who contributed to their appeal for the year 2005. The total collected was €196.60. Many thanks and a happy new year to all.

25th) to Spagos Restaurant in the Heritage, Portlaoise contact Jennifer (35962) or Kathleen (56828) as soon as possible.

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**Our Condolences** to the Caldbeck family on the death of Frank, who died recently; to Ciara Gyves on the sudden death of her sister; and to Willie Treacy on the death on his sister in law.

**Our best wishes** to those in our parish who are unwell at this time. We wish you God's strength and comfort.

### Rector's Notes- Church 21

I am delighted to say that Clonenagh Group of Parishes is one of the two groups in this diocese that has been chosen to partake in Church 21, which I described to you in last month's newsletter. We look forward to learning more in the weeks and months to come. I would like to thank those parishioners, who kindly accepted my invitation to work on this initiative. We were allowed three apart from me and the group had to be gender balanced and age specific, so the **Church 21** seminar participants are as follows:

- Ivan Jestin, Borris-in-Ossory
- Linda Wharton, Seir Kieran
- Lionel Foot, Roskelton
- Stella Mikhail

### Hand Written Bible

Have you ever thought of being a scribe? The Bible Society of Ireland is 200 years old this year and to celebrate, they are planning to gather a very large group of people to hand write the Bible

If you would like to join the thousand or so scribes, please let the rector know by ringing 0502 35127. Thank you!

### Exploring the Possibilities

If anyone is interested in becoming a lector, (a reader of lessons in Church) or who would like to know more about reading the Bible in Church, please ring the rector and give her your

name, address and phone number, as it is hoped to set up a group to explore possibilities in Bible reading. You don't need to have read lessons before. Everyone is welcome and we will all learn together.

### Confirmation

Bishop Peter Barrett has expressed the wish that all confirmation candidates should be regular church goers. We look forward to enjoying the company of all candidates each Saturday evening (Note the 8.30 service that used to be on Sunday morning, is for February and March at 8p.m. on Saturday evening) or Sunday morning.

### Clonenagh National School

Enrolment for the academic year 2006/2007 will take place on Thursday and Friday, the 2nd and 3rd of February at the school. Parents are requested come on either of those days between 9:30am and 3:00pm, and to bring with them the birth and baptism certificates of the child they wish to enrol.

### Please Note

#### Change of Service Times

For the cold months of February and March, the 8.30 service on Sunday mornings has been moved to 8p.m. on Saturday evenings to facilitate those who have to work outside on these rather cold mornings. I hope this will be of some help to parishioners.

~Rev'd Stella

**MOTHERS UNION & YOUNG WIVES** will meet on January 30th at 8:00pm. in the Parochial Hall. Linda Wharton will come along to give a demonstration on her work with ceramics. Mrs Annie Clegg, Mrs Jean Treacy, and Mrs Kathleen Bennett are in charge of the supper.

The February meeting of the branch has been arranged for Monday 27th at 8:00pm, in the

## February Services

2nd February The Presentation of Christ	4th/5th February 4th Sunday before Lent	11th/12th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	18th/19th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	25th/26th February Sunday before Lent Transfiguration of Our Lord
	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Evening Prayer <b>8:00pm</b> (Saturday 4th)	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Eucharist <b>8:00pm</b> (Saturday 11th)	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist <b>8:00pm</b> (Saturday 18th)	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Evening Prayer <b>8:00pm</b> (Saturday 25th)
<b>Lacca</b> Eucharist <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Lacca</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00am</b> (Sunday 5th)	<b>Annatrim</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00am</b> (Sunday 12th)	<b>Lacca</b> Eucharist <b>10:00am</b> (Sunday 19th)	<b>Annatrim</b> Eucharist <b>10:00am</b> (Sunday 26th)
	<b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>11:30am</b> (Sunday 5th)	<b>Roskelton</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:30am</b> (Sunday 12th)	<b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:30am</b> (Sunday 19th)	<b>Roskelton</b> Eucharist <b>11:30am</b> (Sunday 26th)

## Parish Diary - February

- January 30th.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
- 11th Saturday.....Puppet Team in Kilkenny
- 18th Saturday.....Kid's Club and Cool Club
- 22nd Wednesday.....**Closing date for March 2006 Newsletter items!**
- 25th Saturday.....Night Out, The Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise (provisional)
- 27th Monday.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)

**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 March Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**22nd February**) before the fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**26th February**). 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).