



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - March 2006

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

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March Sunday Services			
5th March 1st Sunday in Lent	11th/12th March 2nd Sunday in Lent	18th/19th March 3rd Sunday in Lent	25th/26th March 4th Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)
Seir Kieran Patronal Service Eucharist & Baptism 8.00pm	Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer 8.00pm (Saturday 11th)	Seir Kieran Eucharist 8.00pm (Saturday 18th)	Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 8.00pm (Saturday 25th)
	Lacca Morning Prayer 10.00am (Sunday 12th)	Annatrim Morning Prayer 10.00am (Sunday 19th)	Lacca Eucharist 10.00am (Sunday 26th)
	Mountrath Eucharist 11.30am (Sunday 12th)	Roskelton Morning Prayer 11.30am (Sunday 19th)	Mountrath Morning Prayer 11.30am (Sunday 26th)

Other Services

1st March Ash Wednesday	3rd March 2nd Sunday in Lent	17th March St Patrick's Day	22nd March Feast of St Joseph	27th March Lady's Day
Mountrath United Service Service for the Beginning of Lent 8.00pm (Wednesday 1st)	Mountrath Women's World Day of Prayer 8.00pm (Friday 3rd)	Borris-in-Ossory United Service Eucharist 11.00am (Friday 17th)	Mountrath United Service Eucharist 9.30am (Wednesday 22nd)	Mountrath Mothers' Union Service Eucharist 8.00pm (Monday 27th)

Parish Diary - March

February 27th.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Parochial Hall (8:00pm)
11th Saturday.....Kid's Club and Cool Club
22nd Wednesday.....**Closing date for April 2006 Newsletter items!**
25th Saturday.....Kid's Club and Cool Club
27th Monday.....Mothers' Union Lady's Day Service & meeting (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 April Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**22nd March**) before the fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**26th March**).

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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Get well Wishes!

Our prayers and good wishes are with those who are unwell at the moment.

Rector's Notes-

Ann Roe – Organist and Friend

It was a very sad day when we said goodbye to Ann Roe. She will be missed by all of us, as she was involved in so much and in so many ways, in our group of parishes and in the wider community. We send our sympathies to her husband George, to her children Jennifer, Henry, Rosemary, Robin and Caroline and her grandchildren Holly, Fay, Peter and Nicola.

Handwritten Bible

Those who wish to take part in writing verses in the Handwritten Bible, please let the rector know by handwritten letter and post your letter to Coolrain House, Coolrain, Co. Laois. Include your name and address and phone number and send it off within the ten days. We need to know how many participants there will be, so as to write away for the

necessary writing materials. Each participant will receive a specially designed Gospel of Luke. It would be wonderful if we could get at least 20 or more to take part. This opportunity is open to all age groups.

Exploring the Possibilities

I have only heard from two people who wish to join the Bible reading group and I would like to get things going. Are there any more people out there, who have never read and would like to? If so, please give the rector a call at 0502 35127.

Change of Service Times

Having an evening service on Saturday seems to have gone down very well. Folk don't rush off at the end of the service as they normally do, but stay for a chat and a hot cuppa. This is rather nice, as the social side of the church is one that is important to the collegiality of our community. May I on behalf of all those who attend the evening services, thank those who prepare and bring along the hot beverages etc. that we all enjoy after the service.

Lent starts 1st of March!

As you see from the service schedule, we are having a service for the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 1st of March at 8pm. This will be a United Service and will be held in St Peter's Church, Mountrath.

We will also have a weekly study session on Wednesday nights during Lent. These will start on Wednesday the 8th of March at 8pm and will take place in the Parish Hall. We are going to study the book "Meeting Jesus for the First Time Again" – The Historical Jesus and The Heart of Contemporary Faith" by Marcus J. Borg.

It is published by Harper San Francisco and the ISBN number is 0-06-060917-6. The book is available by post from the National Bible Society in Dublin at €11.99. The phone number for the National Bible Society is 01 6773272. It is not strictly necessary to have the book, but it would be very beneficial.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the service is being held in St Peter's Church, Mountrath at 8pm on Friday the 3rd of March. After the service there will be a cup of tea etc. The service was written by the women of South Africa, or the Rainbow Nation, so called, because of the variety of cultures and colours that make up the population. We look forward to hosting parishioners of our sister churches that night.

Please let your friends and neighbours know of the service and

tell them that they are welcome to join us.

Seir Kieran

The feast of St Kieran this year falls on Sunday the fifth of this month and we look forward to a Patronal Service with more than a hint of a Celtic Flavour.

Our preacher this year will be the Very Rev'd Michael Burrows, the Dean of Cork. We also look forward to having Tadhg Maher sing two of the Irish traditional hymns for us with musical accompaniment by members of Ceoltas, including two of our parishioners, Robert and James Harvey. Margaret Jestin will be our organist that day.

We look forward to welcoming into the Body of Christ, little Leah Shaw, whose baptism will take place during the service.

In all, it will be a service of great celebration. It starts at 8pm in Seir Kieran, Clareen, Co. Offaly. Refreshments will be served after the service in the hall in Clareen. All are welcome!

Junior and Leaving Certificate

We wish all those who will take exams this month for the Junior and Leaving Certificates, whether Mock or Aural, the very best of luck in the exams they sit. May God be close to you as your study and may he give you calmness and clarity of mind and an ability to recall all that you have prepared for the exam. God bless you all.

Holy Baptism

So far this year, we've had a wonderful bumper harvest of new infant members for Christ's Church.

**St Peter's Church, Mountrath
Sunday the 22nd January**

Ian Robert Joseph, son of Vera and Robert Caldbeck.

Naomi Jayne Martha, daughter of Serena and Robert Senior.

Sunday the 5th February

Harry Michael, son of Síle and David Peavoy.

Sunday the 19th February

Adrian Harry, son of Evelyn and Ivan Bennett.

~Rev'd Stella

MOTHERS UNION & YOUNG WIVES

will meet for their February meeting on Monday 27th at 8.00pm in Parochial Hall, Mountrath. A member of the Rowan Berry Adult Day care team will join us for this meeting to tell us about their work


and a donation (from the proceeds of the Christmas Auction) will be made to them to help continue their wonderful work. Mrs. Dorothy McDowell, Mrs. Florence Peavoy, and Mrs. Sandra Condell will be in charge of the supper.

A service of Holy Communion, to celebrate Lady's Day in St Peter's church on Monday 27th March at 8pm. This will be followed by a meeting in the Hall. Mrs. Caroline Clegg, Mrs. Susan Jestin, and Mrs. Tricia Roe will be in charge of the supper.

We would like to remember all those who are ill at this time both at home and in Hospital, particularly Mrs. Molly Wallace and wish her a speedy recovery.

Condolences to Sue Cooper and family on the death of her sister, Emily, and to George Roe and family on the death of Ann.

Plans for **Holiday Club** are how under way. The dates for Holiday Club have changed to the 21st to the 25th August. We will be using Noah's theme this year.



The **Puppet Team** hope to visit one service in every church over the next few months which will probably be the Family Service. The puppet team will be partaking in the events of St. Patrick's Day so come and visit the tent for some fun.

We really need some youth leaders so please if you can do one (Holiday Club or Kids Club) please let me know so we can set up a rota or something like it.

~Linda