

April Services

Date/Day	Readings	Time/Place		
1st/2nd April 5th Sunday in Lent	<i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i> <i>Psalm 51:1-12</i> <i>Hebrews 5:5-10</i> <i>St John 12:20-33</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday, 10.00am Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday, 11.30am Roskelton Eucharist
7th April Friday	<i>Exodus 9:13-35</i> <i>Psalm 69</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:1-12</i>	9.30am Mountrath Pre-Easter School Service		
8th/9th April 6th Sunday in Lent	<i>St Mark 11:1-11</i> <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i> <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</i> <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i> <i>St Mark 14:1-15:47</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist & Blessing of Palms	Sunday, 9.30pm Lacca Eucharist & Blessing of Palms	Sunday, 11.30pm Mountrath Eucharist & Blessing of Palms
10th April Monday in Holy Week	<i>Lamentations 2:8-19</i> <i>Psalm 25</i> <i>Colossians 1:18-23</i>	8.00pm Annatrim Evening Prayer		
11th April Tuesday in Holy Week	<i>Lamentations 3:40-51</i> <i>Psalm 55:13-26</i> <i>Galatians 6:11-18</i>	8.00pm Seir Kieran Evening Prayer		
13th April Maundy Thursday	<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i> <i>Psalm 116:1, 10-17</i> <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i> <i>St John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>	8.00pm Mountrath Eucharist & Stripping of the Alter		
14th April Good Friday	<i>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</i> <i>Psalm 22</i> <i>Dramatic Reading of the Passion of St John, Chapters 18 and 19</i>	10.00am Roskelton Stations of the Cross	8.00pm Lacca Evening Prayer and Proclamation of the Cross	
15th April Easter Saturday	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>Easter Anthems</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i> <i>St John 20:1-18</i>	Saturday, 7.00pm Roskelton Eucharist	Saturday, 9.00pm Annatrim Eucharist	Saturday, 11.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Easter Vigil & Eucharist
16th April Easter Sunday	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>Easter Anthems</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i> <i>St John 20:1-18</i>	8.30am Lacca Eucharist	10.00am Mountrath Eucharist	12.00am Seir Kieran Eucharist
22nd/23rd April 2nd Sunday of Easter	<i>Isaiah 26:2-9, 19</i> <i>Psalm 133</i> <i>1 John 1:1-2:2</i> <i>St John 20:19-31</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday, 10.00am Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday, 11.30am Roskelton Eucharist
25th April Tuesday Feast of St. Mark	<i>Proverbs 15:28-33</i> <i>Psalm 119:9-16</i> <i>Ephesians 4:7-16</i> <i>St Mark 13:5-13</i>	9.30am Mountrath Eucharist		
29th/30th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	<i>Micah 4:1-5</i> <i>Psalm 4</i> <i>1 John 3:1-7</i> <i>St Luke 24:36b-48</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday, 9.00am Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday, 11.00am Abbeyleix Confirmation

Newsletter

Clonenagh Group of Parishes - April 2006

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Congratulations to Richard Harvey and Aisling Smith on the announcement of their engagement recently.

Deepest sympathy to Mr Robert Holmes on the death of his brother in law, and to Mr Willie Treacy on the death of his aunt.

“Get well” wishes to Mr Robert Newman and Mr Billy Young on their recent stays in hospital, and also we remember Mrs Molly Wallace.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday the 5th of March during the Patronal Service, Leah Emma Shaw, daughter of Aisling and Jason, was baptised into the Body of Christ at Seir Kieran, Clareen.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Please note the date, time and venue of the services over Holy Week and Easter. The readings have also been included for the benefit of churchwardens and lecturers.

Revision Vestry Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 6th of April-

7.30pm - *Clonenagh*

9.00pm - *Offerlane*

Both in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath

Friday 7th of April-

7.30pm - *Borris-in-Ossory*

in St Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory

9.30pm - *Seir Kieran*

in the Church of Seir Kieran, Clareen

General Vestry Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday 19th of April-

8.00pm - *Clonenagh*, in the

Parochial Hall, Mountrath

Thursday 20th of April-

8.00pm - *Offerlane*, in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath

Wednesday 26th of April-

8.00pm - *Seir Kieran*, in the Church of Seir Kieran, Clareen

Thursday 27th of April-

8.00pm - *Borris-in-Ossory*, in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath

Hand Written Bible

It is difficult to remember the names of everyone who made known their wish to take part in the Hand Written Bible, when these names were given to the rector when standing at the door at the end of services, before she rushed on to the next service. In order to make sure that no one is left out, would the people who have put their names forward, please send the rector a short note with their name, and address and in the case of children, their age. Thank you to those who have already let me know in writing

Clonenagh National School

Clonenagh National School will have their pre-Easter service in St Peter's Church, Mountrath, on Friday the 7th of April at 9.30a.m. All are welcome!

Confirmation 2006

Lisa Lalor, Samantha Hayes, Sarah Jane Allen, Sinéad Knowles and Yvonne Vanston will be confirmed in St Michael and All Angels Church, Abbeyleix, on Sunday the 30th of April at 11.00am Archbishop Walton Empey will be the presiding bishop. We wish the girls every blessing as they start on their adult journey with Christ.

~Rev'd Stella

Mothers' Union & Young Wives

The annual Lady's Day Service will be held in St Peter's Church, Mountrath on Monday 27th

March at 8.00pm. This will be followed by a short meeting, at which a report will be given on the All Ireland Young Wives conference held in Dublin at the beginning of the month. Mrs Susan Jestin, Mrs Caroline Clegg and Mrs Tricia Roe will be in charge of the supper.

For the April meeting, on Monday 24th at 8pm in the Parochial Hall, a more relaxed theme has been adopted when we will have an art and craft exhibition with the ladies of the parish showing their many talents. This is a social evening and ALL ARE WELCOME to come along. Mrs Valeria Handcock, Mrs Gillian Hayes and Mrs Myra Harvey will be in charge of supper.

Fund Raising

Final total for Coffee Evening & Christmas Sale held in the Parochial Hall in December 2005 was €852.71. Many thanks to all who supported this event and also those who gave donations.

Don't forget the annual **Parish Golf Classic** will be held on Friday 5th May, at Mountrath Golf Club. Teams of four will cost €120, contact Mabel for more details at 057-8732331.



Ossory League Table Tennis

Congratulations to the Mountrath Junior League Table Tennis Team who beat Athy in the Ossory Junior Final last Sunday. The match was played in Rathdowney and the final score was 10-2 in favour of Mountrath, and the victorious team was. Darragh Cushin, Gary McKay, James Harvey, Gary Smith, Doreen McDowell, and Samantha Hayes. Subs who played their part during the year were. Amy Lou Hayes and Linda Hayes.

Meanwhile, all four Mountrath Table Tennis teams are participating in the 'Star Ball League.' There will be an exhibition and presentation night for the League in Grant's Hotel, Roscrea, on April 13th. A number of Irish international players will be putting on an exhibition of Table Tennis on the night. This exhibition is open to all, so come along and enjoy.

Parish Diary - April

March 27th.....Mothers' Union Lady's Day Service & meeting (8.00pm)
6th Thursday.....**Clonenagh** Revision Vestry Meeting, Parochial Hall (7.30pm)
6th Thursday.....**Offerlane** Revision Vestry Meeting, Parochial Hall (9.00pm)
7th Friday.....Clonenagh National School pre-Easter Service, Mountrath (9.30am)
7th Friday.....**Borris-in-Ossory** Revision Vestry Meeting, Borris-in-Ossory (7.30pm)
7th Friday.....**Seir Kieran** Revision Vestry Meeting, Clareen (9.30pm)
13th Thursday.....Ossory Table Tennis League exhibition & presentation, Roscrea
19th Wednesday.....**Closing date for April 2006 Newsletter items!**
19th Wednesday.....**Clonenagh** General Vestry Meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
20th Thursday.....**Offerlane** General Vestry Meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
26th Wednesday.....**Seir Kieran** General Vestry Meeting, Clareen (8.00pm)
27th Thursday.....**Borris-in-Ossory** General Vestry Meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
24th Monday.....Mothers' Union Social Evening, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
30th Sunday.....Confirmation Service, Abbeyleix (11.00am)

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 May Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**19th April**) before the fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**23rd April**).

Ideally, items should be submitted by e-mail to- newsletter@clonenagh.com

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