



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - May 2006

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

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May Services				
Date/Day	Readings	Time/Place		
6th/7th May 4th Sunday of Easter	<i>Ezekiel 34:1-10</i> <i>Psalm 23</i> <i>1 John 3:16-24</i> <i>St John 10:11-18</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday, 10.00am Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday, 11.30am Roskelton Eucharist
9th May Tuesday		11.00am Mountrath Children's School Service		
13th/14th May 5th Sunday of Easter	<i>Deuteronomy 4:32-40</i> <i>Psalm 22:25-31</i> <i>1 John 4:7-21</i> <i>St John 15:1-8</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday, 10.00am Lacca Eucharist	Sunday, 11.30am Mountrath Morning Prayer
20th/21st May 6th Sunday of Easter	<i>Isaiah 45:11-13, 18-19</i> <i>Psalm 98</i> <i>1 John 5:1-6</i> <i>St John 15:9-17</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday, 10.00am Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday, 11.00am Roskelton Morning Prayer
25th May Thursday The Ascension Day	<i>Daniel 7:9-14</i> <i>Psalm 93</i> <i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i> <i>St Luke 24:44-53</i>	10.00am Annatrim Eucharist		
27th/28th May 7th Sunday of Easter	<i>Exodus 28:1-4, 9-10, 29-30</i> <i>Psalm 1</i> <i>1 John 5:9-13</i> <i>St John 17:6-19</i>	Saturday, 8.00pm Seir Kieran	Sunday, 10.00am Lacca	Sunday, 11.30am Mountrath
31st May Wednesday Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Zephaniah 3:14-18</i> <i>Psalm 113</i> <i>Romans 12:9-16</i> <i>St Luke 1:39-49</i>	10.00am Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist		

Items for inclusion in the June Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (24th May) before the fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (28th May). 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.

Deepest sympathy to Elizabeth Cooper and Linda Lalor on the recent deaths of their aunt, Mrs. Helen Brennan, and their uncle, Mr. Robert Graves.

Get Well Wishes go to Dick Lalor who is recovering from his stay in Portlaoise Hospital and also to Molly Wallace who is currently in hospital. We also remember all that are ill at home at this time.

Rector's Notes

National School Service

The Diocesan National School Service will take place in St Peter's Church, Mountrath, at 11.00am on Tuesday the 9th of May.

Families and children welcome!

Holy Baptism

On Easter Sunday morning, Jane Chambers and her baby daughter Jenalee Mary Kate were baptised into the Body of

Christ at St. Peter's Church in Mountrath.

General Vestry Meetings

At the time of going to press, Clonenagh and Offerlane Vestry meetings have taken place. In next month's Newsletter, when all four General Vestries have taken place, there will be a full list of these who have been appointed and elected to positions within the Group of Parishes.

~Rev'd Stella

Mothers' Union & Young Wives

The annual Lady's Day Service was held in St Peter's Church, Mountrath on Monday 27th March at 8.00pm. Many thanks to Rev Stella Mikhail for taking the service; Margaret Jestin, Organist; and Vera Richardson for having the church open and prepared for the service. A short meeting and the AGM of the branch followed. The

following were elected to serve the Mothers' Union for the coming years: Sandra Condell, Enrolling Member; Caroline Clegg, Secretary; and Susan Jestin, Treasurer.

An **Art & Craft Exhibition** will be hosted by the branch on Monday 24th April 2006, at 8.00pm, in the Parochial Hall. This is to allow the ladies of the parish appreciate the wonderful talents of so many of them. PLEASE come along and support them. ALL ARE WELCOME. Mrs. Valerie Handcock, Mrs. Gillian Hayes, and Mrs. Myra Harvey will be in charge of the supper on the night.

The **Senior Citizens Party** will be held in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath on Wednesday 3rd May at 12.30pm. Invitations are on their way.

Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee have finally mustered up the stamina to launch into this year's fundraising projects and have come up with numerous ways to encourage you all to part with your cash.

The first project is the **Dublin women's mini marathon** held on the June Bank Holiday weekend and we have a panel of enthusiastic people ready to

complete the marathon on our behalf. These are Harry Vanston and Mark Chambers (known for this venture as Harriet and Marcella). These brave individuals will be dressed as ladies for the day (hopefully pictures may be secured later for a nominal fee). Also on the panel are Emily Dunne, Linda Lalor, Sylvia Lalor, Alison Chambers, Michelle Stone and Yvonne Chambers.

You can contribute by either giving to anyone who has a sponsorship card, direct to the school or by using the envelope attached.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Fund Raising

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.



Holiday Club will be on the 21st-25th August. Booking forms will be available soon, and there will be a Training Day on May 6th.

The **Junior and Senior Puppet Teams** are running a draw to fundraise for Summer Madness and puppet equipment. Please support this important ministry in our parish. Tickets are €2 each, available from the puppeteers. The prizes are: Large Teddy (kindly donated by Ann Jenkins), Piece of Pottery, Bottle of Wine, etc.

Some of the puppet team were in Avoca for a weekend with four other parishes Castlecomer, Kilkenny, Dunlavin and Athy. We had a great weekend meeting new and old friends.

~Linda

G.F.S.

Annual Service and Prizegiving, St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, on Sunday 21st May at 3.30pm. Display of crafts and presentation of certificates/badges on Friday 26th May at 7.30pm, all welcome to attend.

Parish Diary - May

- April 24th.....Mothers' Union Art & Craft Exhibition, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
- April 26th.....Mothers' Union Council, Leskinferre School (2.30pm)
- April 26th.....**Seir Kieran** General Vestry Meeting, Clareen (8.00pm)
- April 27th.....**Borris-in-Ossory** General Vestry Meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
- April 28th.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)
- April 30th.....Confirmation Service, Abbeyleix (11.00am)
- 3rd Wednesday.....Senior Citizens Party, Parochial Hall (12.30pm)
- 3rd Wednesday.....Clonenagh N.S. Fundraising Committee meeting (8.30pm)
- 5th Friday.....Clonenagh Parish Golf Classic, Mountrath Golf Club
- 6th Saturday.....Holiday Club Training Day
- 12th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)
- 18th Thursday.....Cashel & Ossory Festival Service, St. Mary's Church, Castlecomer (7.30pm)
- 24th Wednesday.....**Closing date for June 2006 Newsletter items!**
- 20th Saturday.....Kida Club/Cool Club
- 21st Sunday.....G.F.S. Service & Prizegiving, Kilkenny (3.30pm)
- 26th Friday.....G.F.S. Display & Presentation (7.30-8.30pm)

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).