



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - August 2006

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

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August Services				
NOTE- NO Saturday Services				
Date/Day	Readings	Time/Place		
6th August 8th Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 11:26-12;13a Psalm 51:1-12 Ephesians 4:1-16 St John 6:24-35	9.00am Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	11.00am Lacca Eucharist	
13th August 9th Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 St John 6:35 & 41-51	9.00am Seir Kieran Morning Prayer	11.00am Annatrim Morning Prayer	11.00am Roskelton Eucharist
20th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 St John 6:51-58	9.00am Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer	10.30am Lacca Morning Prayer	11.00am Mountrath Eucharist
27th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 St John 6:56-69	9.00am Seir Kieran Eucharist	11.00am Annatrim Eucharist	11.00am Roskelton Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer: the Old Testament and Gospel readings are read by a lector or lectors.
Eucharist: the Old Testament and the Epistle are read by a lector or lectors.

Parish Diary - August

July 30th.....United Service & Summer Picnic, Seir Kieran, (1.00pm)
July 30th.....Puppet Team at Corbally Service and Fun Day
5th Saturday.....Puppet Team at Shinrone Fun Day
5th-7th Sat-Mon.....Killermogh Flower Festival, Durrow (11.00am-6.00pm)
21st-25th Mon-Fri....Holiday Club
23rd Wednesday.....**Closing date for September 2006 Newsletter items!**

Sunday School for Juniors & Seniors, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (during Sunday service, except United and Family services).

Items for inclusion in the September Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (23rd August) before the fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (27th August).

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

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277 or 087-2522162

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Our sympathy to Jillian Hayes on the death of her mother, Mrs. Dempsey who was from the parish of Aghancon; and also to her son in law, Jimmy Hayes and her eight grand-daughters.

Congratulations to Jane (nee Stanley) and Padre Fogarty on the birth of their daughter, Erica.

Beat wishes to Robert and James Harvey who have qualified for the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil in Letterkenny in August. They received two gold and two silver medals each at the Leinster finals in Carlow.

Rector's Notes

Well it's **summer holiday time** again and I'm on leave from the first of August to the first of September. I must say I am looking forward to a nice rest and to having my batteries recharged.

While I'm on leave, the Rev'd Hilary Dungan of Portlaoise will be on call for pastoral

emergencies. Her telephone number is 057 8621154. Services will be taken by the Rev'd Cecil Weeks and Mr Charlie Wallace. Please note the service times in the schedule on the back of this news letter, as they do differ from normal. **Note well:** There will be **no evening service on Saturdays** and there are only two services on Sunday the 6th as cover for three services was unavailable for that Sunday. It is a busy time of the year for auxiliary priests, retired priests and lay readers. Be kind to them and on behalf of us all, make them welcome!

Schools are taking a well earned rest as well and I hope parents and grand parents are enjoying quality time with the children. We have had a wonderful few weeks of the most fantastic weather. I pray we have more of it and maybe just the right amount of rain at night! I wish all parishioners a very pleasant August and for those of



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you, who manage to get away for a time of rest and change, enjoy yourselves and have fun.

However, life is not always rest and fun during the summer months. It is also hard work on the farms. **Please work carefully** and respect those dangerous machines you all use.

When at prayer during these long lovely summer days, think of the people of the **Middle East**, who are at war. While we enjoy clement weather and a certain amount of freedom and family "get togethers", with smiles and laughter, they are experiencing the opposite. They are suffering from bereavement and worse still – they have family members and loved ones missing, gone without a trace.

They are also suffering from hunger, from heat, from loss of their homes, from destroyed infrastructure and lack of sweet potable water, which in turn will bring about worsening hygiene, which will bring disease and even more death and misery. Pray for them, and ask God to be close to them, in this their hour of need. Ask God to bring their leaders clarity of mind and an ability to think of the greater good for all those who live in this war torn area. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with them and encourage them to look forward to peace and harmony.

~Rev'd Stella

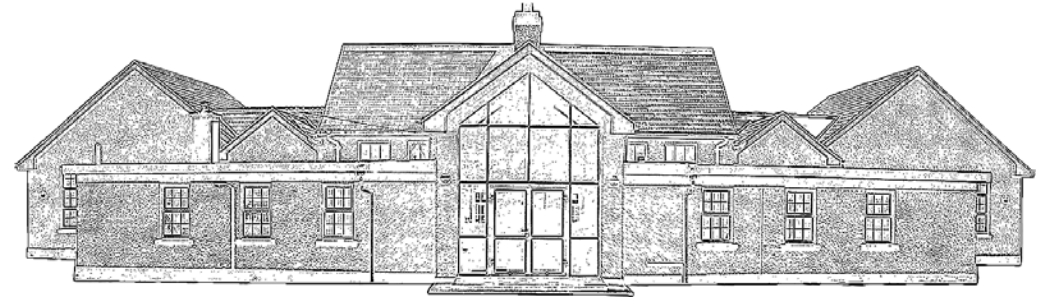


The Killermogh Union of Parishes is to present a **Flower Festival** entitled "Stepping through Time". It will be held in St Fintan's Church, Durrow, Co. Laois on Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th & Monday 7th August 2006, from 11.00am–6.00pm and there will be a special service on the Sunday at 7.00pm.

Group bookings are welcome ~ (057) 8739602 / (087) 6356715. Admission €10, Groups 10+ €7. Proceeds in aid of Parish Funds and the Durrow Community Council. Eva Holmes is Floral Art Advisor.

Parish Golf Classic

Amount collected to date: €8210



Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee

We would like to thank sincerely everyone who walked, sold tickets, and gave donations to the Flora Mini Marathon final figure of €4101.

On June 30th and July 1st, we 'Bag Packed' in Tesco, Portlaoise. This was a great success, and made €2720. We wish to thank everyone who worked hard on the

two days, and a special word of thanks to the students who volunteered their efforts on both days, and to Emily who organized the event.

Now that the school is painted and looks nice and bright, we wish to thank all who gave up their time over the past two summers, and especially to the faithful few who turned up every night.

The **Puppet Team** have been asked to participate in Corbally service and fun day 30th July. On the 5th August they will be performing in Shinrone at a fun day. Some of the team are also attending other holiday clubs throughout the diocese. Please keep them in your prayers as they do this voluntary work.

Just a reminder about the **Holiday Club** which is on the 21st to 25th August 10–1pm daily. Some forms have already been returned but if anyone needs a form or more information please contact Linda on 086-1966166.