

October Services					
Date/Day	Readings	Time/Place			
30th/1st 16th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Esther</i> 7:1-6.9-10, 9:20-22 <i>Psalms</i> 124 <i>James</i> 5:13-20 <i>St Mark</i> 9:38-50	Saturday 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Harvest Preacher: The Rev'd Lester Scott	Sunday 10.00am Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30am Mountrath Morning Prayer	
7th/8th 17th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Genesis</i> 2:18-24 <i>Psalms</i> 8 <i>Hebrews</i> 1:1-4; 2:5-12 <i>St Mark</i> 10:2-16	Saturday 8.00pm Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9.00am Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00am Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 3.00pm Roskelton Harvest Preacher: The Rector
13th Friday	<i>Joel</i> 2:21-27 <i>Psalms</i> 126 <i>Timothy</i> 1 2:1-7 <i>St Matthew</i> 6:25-33	Friday 8.00pm Annatrim Harvest Preacher: The Ven. Wayne Carney			
14th/15th 18th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Amos</i> 5:6-7, 10-15 <i>Psalms</i> 90:12-17 <i>Hebrews</i> 4:12-16 <i>St Mark</i> 10:17-31	Saturday 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 11.30am Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 3.00pm Lacca Harvest Preacher: The Rector	
18th Wednesday Feast of St. Luke	<i>Isaiah</i> 35:3-6 <i>Psalms</i> 147:1-7 2 <i>Timothy</i> 4:5-17 <i>St Luke</i> 10: 1-9	Wednesday 9.30am Mountrath Eucharist			
21st/22nd 19th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Isaiah</i> 53:4-12 <i>Psalms</i> 91:9-16 <i>Hebrews</i> 5:1-10 <i>St Mark</i> 10:35-45	Saturday 8.00pm Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9.00am Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00am Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 3.00pm Roskelton Evening Prayer
28th Saturday Feast of St Simon and St Jude	<i>Isaiah</i> 28:4-16 <i>Psalms</i> 119:898-96 <i>Ephesians</i> 2:19-22 <i>St John</i> 15:17-27	Friday 8.00pm Annatrim Eucharist			
29th 5th Sunday before Advent	<i>Jeremiah</i> 14:7-10, 19-22 <i>Psalms</i> 84:1-7 2 <i>Timothy</i> 4-8, 16-18 <i>St Luke</i> 18:9-14	Saturday 11.00am Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 3.00pm Mountrath Harvest Preacher: The Rector		
November 1st Wednesday All Saints Day	<i>Jeremiah</i> 31:31-34 <i>Psalms</i> 34:1-10 1 <i>John</i> 3:1-3 <i>St Matthew</i> 5:1-12	Wednesday 9.30am Mountrath Eucharist			

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 - October

September 25th.....M.U. & Y.W. Service & Meeting, St. Peter's Church (8.00pm)
13th Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)
18th Wednesday.....**Closing date for November 2006 Newsletter items!**
23rd Monday.....M.U. & Y.W., Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
27th Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)

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



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - October 2006

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

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Rector's Notes

Back to School and College

We wish all our students, at all levels of education, a blessed and fruitful year, as they return to their studies.

We think especially of those who have left home for the first time to go to boarding school, and third level colleges. Remember, you are never alone, but always walk in God's sight and presence.

Thank you to the clergy and laity who agreed to take care of Clonenagh Group of Parishes while the rector was away for the month of August. The Rev'd Cecil Weeks and Mr Charlie Wallace, who looked after Clonenagh liturgically and the Rev'd Hilary Dungan, who was available for pastoral calls. An special thank you to Emily Jackson, the rector's churchwarden in Mountrath, who read Morning Prayer on the first Sunday of the August. Thank you also to the Rev'd Ian Coulter, who took services during the Church 21 conference week-end.

Services in St Peter's Church, Mountrath

If you peruse the service roster for this month, you will notice that there is now a service at 9a.m. on Sunday morning in St Peter's, Mountrath, on those Sundays when there is no 11.30 service.

This will be a said service of Holy Communion.

Church 21

My thanks to the Church 21 team, Linda Wharton, Lionel Foot and Ivan Jestin, who joined me in St Patrick's College last weekend for a three day seminar, where we were given some brilliant ideas on how we might move our group of parishes into a proactive, rather than maintenance mode. Of course, we cannot move at all, unless we know with whom we are running and how many of us there are.

On the advice of our facilitator, we are starting with a **parish census**. We need to have a bang up to date parish list, with names, addresses, dates of birth and directions on how to get to homes from the rectory. The only way for this to be totally accurate, is to start a brand new record and every so many years, this should be done again, to ensure its accuracy.

For this reason I am asking you to fill in the form that comes with this newsletter and either post it, or drop it in to the secretary of your vestry.

Our facilitator will be with us at the beginning of November, so we need to pull out all the stops and get this census done beforehand. So PLEASE do not leave this to the last minute, but get the forms back to the secretary of your vestry.



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try as soon as possible, as all the returned information needs to be collated and typed before November.

Your help in this regard will be much appreciated. Thank you.

The secretaries are:

Clonenagh Mrs Emily Jackson
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Harvest Time in Clonenagh Group of Parishes

Our thanks to the visiting preachers who agreed to come and celebrate Harvest with us this year.

The **Rev'd Olive Donohoe**, rector of Mountmellick, who preached in **Seir Kieran** on Saturday the 23rd of September.

The **Rev'd Lester Scott**, rector of Fenagh, who will be preaching at **Borris-in-Ossory** on Saturday the 30th of September. The service starts at 8p.m.

The **Ven. Wayne Carney**, Archdeacon of Killaloe and Clonfert, who will preach in **Annatrim** on Friday the 13th of October at 8pm.

Harvest in **Roskelton** is on Sunday the 8th at 3pm. The preacher is the Rector.

Harvest in **Lacca** is on Sunday

the 15th at 3pm. The preacher is the Rector.

Harvest in **Mountrath** is on Sunday the 29th at 3pm. The preacher is the rector.

Holy Baptism

A warm welcome to the following, who recently joined the Body of Christ:

On Sunday the 10th of September, **Dean William**, son of Muriel and Roy Fairbrother, was baptised in St Jude's Church, Annatrim.

On Sunday the 17th of September, **Ella Jayne**, the daughter of Cyrena and Trevor Flanagan, was baptised in St Peter's Church, Mountrath.

Our Sympathy to:

Bertie Holmes on the death of his sister, Jenny, who died in Templeogue in Dublin in August.

Congratulations to:

Robert and James Harvey, who did so brilliantly at the All Ireland Fleadh recently.

Diploma in Parenting

These days, we seem to be giving children and teenagers a hard time, when we talk about them and we nearly always blame youthful misbehaviour on parents. After all, who else could be responsible? But has it ever occurred to you that this very important job, that of parenting children, is the one job in life, that we receive no formal training for? Well, it has been brought to my attention that there is now a diploma in parenting, available either for parents, or for those who work with children and their parents. If anybody is interested, information for this course is available on www.pacerparenting.com

The lecturer is Val Mullally MA and her telephone number is 087 7609355

~Rev'd Stella

Congratulations to Robert and James Harvey who won a silver medal each at the world Fleadh in Ballybunion for Flute and Banjo. Also, at the All Ireland Fleadh in Letterkenny, Robert won a gold medal and a bronze medal for Whistling and Piccolo respectively. James won a bronze medal for Mandola.

The band **Creideamh** said a fond farewell to Revd. Philip Heak at his farewell service in Kilkenny on the 10th of September. The band members are Linda McKay, Jenna Holmes, Robert Harvey, James Harvey and William Kerr. Best wishes to Revd Philip in his new appointment as rector of Naas parish.

The **baptism** of Joyce and John Lalor's baby will take place in Lacca on Sunday 24th September.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives will hold a service of Holy Communion on Monday 25th September in St. Peters' Church, Mountrath at 8pm. The service will be conducted by the rector Rev Stella Mikhail, and all are welcome to come along and join us.

A short meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall afterwards to discuss the calendar for the year, and the future of the Mothers' Union in the parish. Mrs Mgt McKay, Mrs Emily Jackson and Mrs Mabel Peavoy will be in charge of the supper on the night.

The October meeting will take place on Monday 23rd at 8p.m. in the Parochial Hall when a member of the Red Cross will come along to tell us about their work in the community and throughout the world. This will be of great interest and ALL ARE

WELCOME. Mrs Mgt. Jestin, Mrs Marina Clegg and Mrs Sandra Condell will be in charge of the supper for this meeting.

Table Tennis

Junior Table Tennis has resumed again, with training on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

All young people interested in playing the game are welcome along to the Parochial Hall.

Further information at 086-8684699.

Clonenagh Badminton Club

AGM will be held in the Parochial Hall at 8.30pm on Tuesday 3rd October. New members always welcome.

Girls Friendly Society

Our first meeting will be on Friday 13th October 7.00-8.30pm in the Parochial Hall; registration forms will be distributed prior to this and must be returned on the first night. If anyone is available to help with G.F.S. until Christmas or interested in helping on a full time basis please don't hesitate to contact us.

New members are always welcome, all that we ask are they are 5yrs + at the beginning of the school year. Girls are given the opportunity to participate in games, crafts, bible study and badge work throughout the year. If you have any queries please contact Kathleen Bennett 05787 56828 or Jennifer Lalor 05787 35962.

We will be supporting the Operation Christmas Child project again this year, and boxes need to be returned by 12th November. This year's boxes will be sent to countries such as Lesotho, Nepal, Romania, Ukraine, Serbia and Mozambique.

Items for inclusion in the November Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (18th October) before the fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (22nd October). 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 This Newsletter and many older editions can be downloaded directly from www.clonenagh.com