

November Services					
Date/Day	Readings	Time/Place			
1st Wednesday All Saints Day	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 34:1-10 1 John 3:1-3 St Matthew 5:1-12	Wednesday 9.30am Mountrath Eucharist			
4th/5th 4th Sunday Before Advent	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrew 9:11-14 St Mark 12:28-34	Saturday 8.00pm Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9.00am Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00am Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30am Roskelton Eucharist
11th/12th 3rd Sunday Before Advent	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 St Mark 12:38-44	Saturday 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10.00am Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30am Mountrath Morning Prayer	
18th/19th 2nd Sunday Before Advent	1 Samuel 1:4-20 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-25 St Mark 13:1-8	Saturday 8.00pm Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9.00am Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00am Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30am Roskelton Morning Prayer
25th/26th Sunday Before Advent The Kingship of Christ	Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b - 8 St John 18:33-37	Saturday 8.00pm Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 10.00am Lacca Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30am Mountrath Eucharist	
30th Thursday Feast of St Andrew	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 19:1-6 Romans 10:12-18 St Matthew 4:18-22	Thursday 9.30am Mountrath Eucharist			
Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer: all three readings are read by a lector or lectors. Eucharist: the Old Testament and the Epistle are read by a lector or lectors.					

Parish Diary - November

October 21st.....Kids Club (10.00am-12.00pm)
 October 23rd.....M.U. & Y.W., Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
 1st Wednesday.....Christmas Shoe Box Appeal evening, Parochial Hall
 7th Tuesday.....Mothers' Union Diocesan Council, Kilkenny College (10.30am)
 10th Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)
 11th Saturday.....Young Women's Day, Leighlinbridge Parish Centre (10.00am-4.00pm)
 12th Sunday.....Closing date for return of Operation Christmas Child boxes
 13th Monday.....Mothers' Union Area Meeting, Johnstown Hall (8.00pm)
 18th Saturday.....Kids Club (10.00am-12.00pm)
 22nd Wednesday.....**Closing date for December 2006 Newsletter items!**
 24th Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)
 December 16th.....Kids Club (10.00am-12.00pm)

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

Items for inclusion in the December Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**22nd November**) before the **fourth** Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**26th November**). 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



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - November 2006

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Rector's Notes

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to all those who decorated the churches for the Harvest Thanksgiving services this year. An incredible amount of hard work was put in to have the churches looking so beautiful. Thank you for using your artistic talents and for giving of your time.

We also give thanks to Almighty God for giving us such beautiful weather for the service in Lacca on Sunday the 15th of October, when we enjoyed our Thanksgiving Supper outside in the month of October!

Presentation

At the Harvest Thanksgiving service in Lacca, in an almost full to capacity church, we presented **Jennifer Masterson** with a gift in thanks for her ministry to our Group of Parishes. Jennifer served Clonenagh Group of Parishes as diocesan reader for 15 years. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her God's blessing and a very dynamic and happy retirement.

€506.45 was collected for the Bishop's Appeal.

Sunday Readings

At the request of Bishop Michael, we will from now on, have all three readings for Morning and Evening Prayer. Therefore please note well, the instruction regarding the readings at the bottom of the roster of services for the month of November.

Church 21

As you learnt last month in our newsletter, our Church 21 facilitator has asked us to make a parish census, as we need to have a bang up to date parish list, with names, addresses, telephone numbers and dates of birth as well as directions on how to get to homes from the rectory. A big **thank you** to those who have returned their forms so promptly.

At the time of going to print, the following are the number of census forms returned for each church:

Mountrath - 11
 Roskelton - 0
 Lacca - 1
 Annatrim - 0
 Borris-in-Ossory - 10
 Seir Kieran - 2

Because the forms are coming back so slowly, our facilitator has now put off coming to Clonenagh until the later half of November. May I respect-



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fully ask you to return the forms back to the secretary of your vestry as SOON as possible, as all the returned information needs to be collated and typed. All information received on the census form will be kept in confidence. I might ask you to add telephone numbers to the address, so that we have a way of contacting you before visiting, or in the event of a covering clergyperson needing to get to your house, they can telephone you if they get lost.

Your help in this regard will be much appreciated. Thank you. The secretaries are:

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Mrs. Emily Jackson, Kilbricken, Mountrath, Co. Laois.

Offerlane

Mrs. Jean Treacy, Loran, Pike of Rushall, Co. Laois.

Borris-in-Ossory

Mrs. Susan Jestin, Sentry Hill, Borris-in-Ossory, Co. Laois.

Seir Kieran

Mrs. Jaqueline McBryde, Knockarlow, Clareen, Birr, Co. Offaly.

Confirmations in 2007

Would anyone wishing to be Confirmed this coming year please write to the rector requesting Confirmation, and please include an explanation why you'd like to be Confirmed.

Confirmation is open to all from 6th class in primary school up.

Adults are welcome to join a class of Confirmation preparation for adults only.

Please write to the rector at: The Rectory, Portlaoise Road, Mountrath,.

~Rev'd Stella

Deepest sympathy to Muriel Austin and her family on the death of her mother, Olive Mitchell.

Congratulations to Jennifer and Albert Lalor on the birth of their daughter.

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

St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory will hold their **Annual Cabaret** on Friday 1st December in Allen's Bar, Errill. A great night's entertainment is guaranteed.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives met for their opening service on September 25th. Many Thanks to Rev Stella for conducting the service, Mabel for providing the music and Vera for having the church ready for us. The next meeting will be on Monday 23rd October at 8pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath, when Pat Keegan from The Irish Red Cross will come along to address us about their work in the community and world wide. All are welcome as always to this meeting and we love to see new faces. Mrs. Marina Clegg, Mrs. Mgt Jestin and Mrs. Sandra Condell will be in charge of the supper.

November will be a busy month for MU members with the following dates:

MU Diocesan Council, Kilkenny College on Tues 7th November at 10.30am

Young Women's Day in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre on Sat 11th November from 10pm to 4pm. This day promises to be very interesting

and is opened to all.

Area Meeting will be held in Johnstown Hall on Monday 13th November at 8pm, when we will have a speaker from the Camphill Community.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

An evening with Rose Williams the Laois co-ordinator will be held in Parochial Hall, Mountrath on Wed 1st November.

A video of these boxes being given to children will be shown, ideas for filling them, easy ways to cover boxes and loads more. PLEASE come along and see for yourself how easy it is to give a gift to the very needy this Christmas.

Clonenagh Badminton Club

Badminton has re-started, and as always, new and non-team members are always welcome.

Practice is on Tuesday and Thursday nights, at 8.00pm.

Holiday Club went very well, all the kids had a wonderful time playing games, doing crafts and singing new songs. It was great to have extra people from Borris-in-Ossory and Abbey-leix, and even some from England and Australia!!! Thanks to our own Leaders and to those leaders who travelled from Castlecomer, Athy and Dunlavin.

Then in September **Toddlers** got back into the swing of things after the summer some had grown more than an inch!! We have advertised in the local paper so we now have more new

Girls Friendly Society

We will be supporting the **Operation Christmas Child** project again this year.

If any parishioners are interested in filling a box or contributing towards the cost of transporting these boxes a leaflet can be obtained from or donation made to Jennifer Lalor, Kathleen Bennett or Sandra Condell.

Items such as pencils, hats, gloves, colouring books, crayons, toothbrushes and toothpaste, cuddly toys are filled into medium sized shoe boxes for a boy or girl aged 2-4yrs, 5-9yrs or 10-14yrs, and €3 is required to transport each box. Boxes need to be returned to any of the above by 12th November. This year's boxes will be sent to countries such as Lesotho, Nepal, Romania, Ukraine, Serbia, and Mozambique.

Leprosy Mission Boxes should be returned to Olga Telford as soon as possible.

faces.

Church 21 went very well and we got lots of interesting information about how other parishes have developed very successful outreach centres in their parish, I for one found it very encouraging to see such vibrant things happening in our Country.

Some of the **puppet team** were involved in worship and training in Villers school in Limerick for UDYC and Mothers Union fun day.

~Linda