

January Services					
Date/Day	Readings	Time and Place			
December 31st First Sunday of Christmas <i>White</i>	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 St Matthew 2:13-23	Sunday 09.00 Seir Kieran Eucharist		Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Readings will be given to Lectors	
6th/7th Epiphany and 1 st Sunday after Epiphany <i>White</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-15 Ephesians 3:1-12 St Matthew 2:1-12	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10.00 Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Morning Prayer	
13th/14th 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany <i>White</i>	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 St John 2:1-11	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9.00 Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00 Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30 Roskelton Eucharist
20th/21st 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany <i>White</i>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a St Luke 4:14-30	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Evening Prayer	Sunday 10.00 Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Eucharist	
27th/28th 4 th Sunday after Epiphany <i>White</i>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 48 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 St Luke 4:21-30	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9.00 Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00 Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Roskelton Morning Prayer
<p>Morning/Evening Prayer: All three readings are read by a lector or lectors. Eucharist: The Old Testament and Epistle are read by a lector or lectors. Note for Children – A lector is someone who reads the lesson in Church</p>					

Parish Diary - January

24th Wednesday.....**Closing date for February Newsletter items!**

31st Wednesday.....Closing date for Bishop's Medal Exam 2007

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

Items for inclusion in the February Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**24th January**) before the **fourth** Sunday **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**28th January**). 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 - January 2007

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Rector's Notes

Happy New Year to you all!

In many ways, it seems strange to wish you all a happy New Year, in that the Church New Year started on the first Sunday in Advent. Nevertheless, I wish you all a very happy and prosperous year ahead and may all your wishes come true!

Those **Census forms** are still trickling back slowly but surely. If any are still out there, please fill them in and return them as soon as possible. All those forms returned, have been collated, which of course shows up the gaps. I'd really like to have those gaps filled in the near fu-

ture. A sincere thank you to those who have returned their forms already. If anyone has mislaid the form, others are available at the rectory.

A big thank you to Michelle Stone, Ber McWey, Emily Dunne and Finola DeArcy of Clonenagh National School, for all their hard work in preparing the play and teaching it to the children for their Christmas service at the end of December. Thank you to the children, who rehearsed long and performed very well indeed. There are a couple of natural actors in the school at the moment. I wonder where we'll see them in the years to come? Thank you also to Sylvia Stotesbury for the



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costumes, which were very imaginative! To Mabel Peavoy who provided much needed live music for our singing and to Vera Wrest for opening the church every day for rehearsals.

I thought the children's birthday cards for Jesus and their Christmas posters made superb decorations in St Peter's Church this year. The décor reflects the broad spectrum of the Body of Christ.

Thank you to all those who put energy and time into decorating our churches for the Christmas Season.

Weekday Services will continue at 9.30 in St Peter's Church Monday to Friday.

Mondays: Morning Prayer
 Tuesdays: Morning Prayer
 Wednesdays: Eucharist
 Thursdays: Morning Prayer
 Fridays: Morning Prayer

On Saint's Days, which will be advertised in the newsletter, there will be Eucharist. This month, it is Thursday the 25th, when we will celebrate the conversion of St Paul.

On the last Wednesday of each month, in addition to Eucharist, there will be "Anointing with Oil" and the "Laying on of Hands" for those who desire it. See the Book of Common Prayer Pages 447 & 448.

I have decided that each year, I will award a prize for

"Church Attendance and Participation" to one girl and one boy in the 10 to 14 year age group. This year the prizes go to Keely Jackson and Garry McKay, both of whom attend St Peter's Church in Mountrath. Keely and Garry will receive their prizes at the Midnight service in St Peter's Church on Christmas Eve. Well done to you both and also to your parents and families, for taking the promises made at your baptisms seriously, for encouraging you and bringing you up as active members of the Body of Christ.

Thank to all those who left cards and presents to the rectory before Christmas. They were much appreciated!

~Rev'd Stella

Please accept my **apology** (especially to those with young children) for the late start of the Service in St Peter's Church Mountrath on the 17th which was due to commence at 7pm. This was due to unforeseen circumstances on my part.

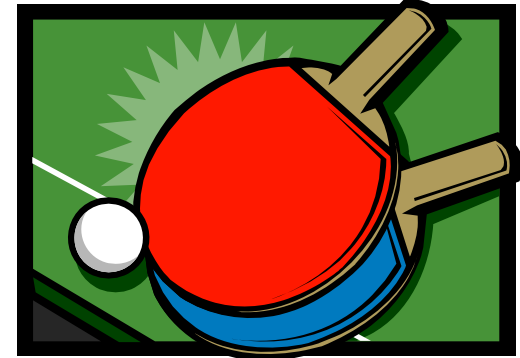
~Sylvia Stotesbury

Enclosed with this Newsletter should be a **Bishop's Medal Exam 2007** form.

For extra forms and more details, please contact: Canon Patrick Harvey, The Rectory, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois. Tel: 057-8731243.

Mountrath Table Tennis Club wishes a safe, peaceful and exciting time to all players, fans and parishioners over Christmas. New players and those wishing to learn are always welcome. We are always excited to see young children take up the sport, especially as this sport has so much to offer for a lifetime.

Much development is planned for the coming season both at club, county and national level. Over the season our teams have done well; Louise has been great with the juniors, Amylou has reached number 1 in Leinster and



the Coach has recently received a table tennis coaching badge and certificate.

Club contact 086-8684693. Merry Christmas and all the best for '07.

Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee would like to thank everybody who supported our sale of Christmas Fayre which we held in the school car park recently. To date we have raised just over the € 3,000 mark. The Committee would like to say a big Thank You to Mary Vanston who took time out to bake her beautiful Plum Puddings and Mince Pies.... they sold like hot cakes!!!

We would also like to extend a big **Thank You** to Sylvia Stotesbury who worked round the clock making her beautiful wreaths and door hangs; they were so popular that she is still making wreaths to meet the demand. To everyone who supplied produce, helped out and supported our fund raiser: thank you.

