

February Services					
Day/Date	Readings	Time and Place			
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday before Lent Green	Isaiah 6:1-13 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 St Luke 5:1-11	Saturday 8.00pm <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Evening Prayer	Sunday 10.00am <b>Lacca</b> Eucharist	Sunday 11.30am <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer	
10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday before Lent Green	Sirach 27:4-7 Psalm 92:1-4 & 12-15 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 St Luke 6:39-49	Saturday 8.00pm <b>Seir Kieran</b> Evening Prayer	Sunday 9.00am <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist	Sunday 10.00am <b>Annatrim</b> Morning Prayer Baptism	Sunday 11.30am <b>Roskelton</b> Eucharist
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent Green	1 Kings 18:20-39 Psalm 96 Galatians 1:1-12 St Luke 7:1-10	Sunday 10.00am <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Morning Prayer		Sunday 11.30am <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer	
21 <sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday Purple	Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17 Psalm 51:1-18 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 St Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21	Ash Wednesday 8.00pm <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes			
25 <sup>th</sup> 1st Sunday of Lent Purple	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2 & 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 St Luke 4:1-13	Sunday 10.00am <b>Mountrath</b> <b>Church 21</b> United Service			
<p><b>Morning/Evening Prayer:</b> All three readings are read by a lector or lectors.  <b>Eucharist:</b> 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 - February

29th January.....M.U.&Y.W. meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)  
 31st January.....Closing date for Bishop's Medal Exam 2007  
 2nd-4th February.....Reflect a Retreat weekend, Castletown  
 3rd Saturday.....Kid's Club (5.30-7.30pm)  
 4th-11th February.....Marriage Week  
 5th-9th February.....Clonenagh National School enrolments (9.20am-3.00pm)  
 12th Monday.....M.U.&Y.W. Ossory Area Meeting, Templemore (8.00pm)  
 6th Tuesday.....Daffodil Day meeting, Parochial Hall (8.30pm)  
 7th Wednesday.....Clonenagh Select Vestry (8.30pm)  
 8th Thursday.....Borris-in-Ossory Select Vestry (8.30pm)  
 9th Friday.....G.F.S. Diocesan Bowling, Carlow  
 20th Tuesday.....Offerlane Select Vestry (8.30pm)  
 21st Wednesday.....**Closing date for February Newsletter items!**  
 22nd Thursday.....Seir Kieran Select Vestry (8.30pm)  
 23rd Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)  
 25th Sunday.....Puppet Team in Birr  
 26th Monday.....M.U.&Y.W. meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)  
 27th Tuesday.....Lenten Talk, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)  
 9th-10th March.....All Ireland Young Wives Conference, Dublin



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - February 2007

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

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### Rector's Notes

#### Church 21

This month last year, I told you how delighted I was that our group of parishes was chosen for Church 21, that motivating "think tank" from General Synod, that is going to help us move forward as a more proactive group of parishes.

Our Church 21 facilitator, Ruth Handy, is coming down from Dublin to join us for our **first Church 21 service** and meeting on Sunday the 25th of February. This service cum meeting will take place in Mountrath at 10a.m. We will start off in St Peter's Church for the Ministry of the Word, and then we will cross over to the parochial hall for the meeting, where we will discuss the future and how we as a group of parishes will move forward in the 21st century.

As we will be discussing our future as a church, I need not underline, that the numbers that attend this service cum meeting, will obviously reflect what interest there is in the future of God's Church in Clonenagh Group of Parishes.

After the business of the meeting is over, we will finish with Eucharist, which is a very fitting end to the fruitful, thoughtful and cooperative meeting that I pray God we are going to have.

I am very grateful to Ruth Handy for her enthusiasm, for sharing with us her knowledge and all the preparation that she is putting into this for us and for God's church. May God bless her and guide her, as she helps us move forward in God's name.

#### Select Vestry Meetings

All the following meetings are at 8.30p.m.  
 Clonenagh - Wednesday 7th  
 Borris-in-Ossory – Thursday 8th  
 Offerlane – Tuesday 20th  
 Seir Kieran – Thursday 22nd

#### Daffodil Day

Lent is coming soon and of course it's normally associated with "to giving up", but this year, as a body, we're going to do some "giving" as well. We are going to add our efforts and support those who already collect for the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day, which falls on Friday 23rd of March next. The money from the Daffodil Day collections goes towards a cancer information service, homecare nursing, night nursing in the home, oncology liaison nursing and education for cancer nurses, all being vitally necessary services.

A meeting was held (as announced) on the 25th of January in the Parochial in Mountrath and it was decided to have amongst other things, a Daffodil Day Traditional Music Concert on Friday the 23rd of March. Details of all our Daffodil Day arrangements will be announced in next month's Newsletter.

Anyone interested in giving a hand with Daffodil Day, please join us in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath on Tuesday 6th of February next at 8.30pm, where we will discuss our plans and decide where to go next. The more people who get involved, the more we can collect for this well deserving charity.

Thank you to those who have already shown their active interest. God bless you!



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## Lenten Talks

Lent starts on Sunday the 25th of this month and it's a good time to learn from each other and think really deeply about our faith and where it is taking us. With this in mind, a series of Lenten talks has been arranged for four weeks consecutively during this Lenten season. These talks will be held on the following days, in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath at 8p.m.:

### Tuesday the 27th of February

Corporate Prayer and Worship with Bishop Michael Burrows

### Wednesday the 7th of March

The Bible and its place in the Church with the Rev'd Professor John Bartlett

### Wednesday the 14th of March

The Church of Ireland, who are we? Speaker to be confirmed and will be announced.

### Wednesday the 21st of March

Church Teaching  
The Rev'd Stella Jones

~Rev'd Stella

**Deepest sympathy** to Jillian Hayes on the death of her Uncle in Kildare; and to the Finnermore family on the death of Walter.

**Get Well Soon** wishes go to Betty Harvey, Dick Lalor and Bob Stanley who are in hospital at this time, and to all those who are unwell or recovering at home.

**Mothers' Union & Young Wives:** will hold their meeting for January on Monday 29th at 8.00pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath. Everyone is invited to attend when the members will be sharing their favourite recipes. Who knows what delicious samples will be on offer on the night!!!! Mrs Annie Clegg, Mrs Kathleen Bennett, & Mrs Jean Treacy will be in charge of the supper.

Templemore will host the Ossory Area Meeting on February 12th @ 8.00pm where there will be a speaker from Fair Trade.

Our February meeting will be on Monday 26th at 8.00pm when Rev Olive Donohue will come along to tell us about the Bishop's Appeal. Mrs Florence Peavoy, Mrs Dorothy McDowell and Mrs Sandra Condell will be in charge of the supper.

The **Leprosy Collection** raised €184.16, thanks to everybody who contributed .

~Olga

Thank you to all who took part in our **badminton fundraising quiz sheet**. Your support was greatly appreciated. Unfortunately not everyone can win but here are the names of the winners.

1st Prize: Bob Neary, Cork  
2nd Prize: Orla Quinn, Cork  
3rd Prize: David Quinn, Portlaoise  
4th Prize: Alison McDowell, Kinnity

### Clonenagh National School

Enrolments for September 2007 will take place between Monday 5th February and Friday 9th February during school hours (9.20 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Please bring your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate with you.

**Mountrath Table Tennis Club** are currently competing in the Ossory League with upcoming games against Athy and Kilcooley. They are also taking part (2 teams) in the Starball League Div 2 where they are joined by Athy, Coolbanagher, CPO, Johnswell 1 & 2, Kilcooley & Templemore.

Team 1 of Stuart Treacy, Philip McKay & Philip Thompson share the lead with Johnswell 1; leading players in the division are Philip McKay 44, Philip Thompson 43, and William Wilkinson 42.

Two teams from the club are also competing in the U16 section of the Starball league where there are 6 teams in each of the A & B divisions.

Over the Christmas holidays many of the club juniors travelled to Dunshaughlin, Dublin, Longford and Keenagh to partake in tournaments.

The club junior champion for 06-07 is Gary McKay. In an exciting and close final he overcame tough opposition in James Harvey, well done to all who took part and it's so good to see so many young people with so much potential in the sport.

Some upcoming junior Ossory league games also. In this section they have had excellent results to date. REMINDER, Junior training has moved to Saturday evenings 7.30-9.00pm. Senior Table Tennis continues as usual on Friday evenings at 8.30pm.

## The United Dioceses of Cashel & Ossory

### Bishop's Certificate Course

Diocesan Reader Training Modules 3 & 4

## 'God Talk'

An introduction to theology

&

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**This course is open to everyone!**

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Rev Stella and I have started to plan for an **all age worship service** on one Sunday of every month during the school term. We have started practising readings, prayers, and drama with the children in school. If anyone else from outside the school would like to read or participate let us know.

The **Puppet Team** will be performing in the County Arms in Birr for a group of down syndrome young people on Sunday the 25th of February.

**Parent and Toddlers** are happy to welcome all the new faces and encourage other's to feel free to come in as everyone is welcome to enjoy a chat with cup of tea/coffee and bickies!!!!!!!.

**Kids Club** is on the 3rd of February from 5.30pm-7.30pm. **Reflect a Retreat** weekend organised by CIYD will be held in the de la Salle brother's centre in Castletown from Friday 2nd-4th February for over 17s, let me know if you're interested in going.

~Linda

Items for inclusion in the March Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**21st February**) before the **fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**25th February**). Ideally, items should be submitted by e-mail to- [newsletter@clonenagh.com](mailto: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](http://www.clonenagh.com)