

March Services					
Day/Date	Readings	Time and Place			
2 nd Friday Women's World Day of Prayer	To be Announced	To be Announced			
3 rd /4 th Second Sunday in Lent Purple	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 St Luke 9:28-43	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in- Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 10.00 Lacca Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath All Age Service	3p.m. Seir Kieran Patronal Service
10 th /11 th Third Sunday in Lent Purple	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1- 13 St Luke 13:1-9	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9.00 Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00 Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Roskelton Morning Prayer
17 th Saturday St Patrick's Day White	Tobit 13:1b-7 Psalm 63:1-9 2 Corinthians 4:1- 12 St John 4:31-38	Saturday 11a.m. Mountrath Eucharist		Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	
18 th Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday Purple	Samuel 1:20-28 Psalm 127:1-4 Colossians 3:12-17 St John 19:25-27	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist		Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Eucharist	
24 th /25 th Fifth Sunday in Lent Purple	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 St John 12:1-8	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9.00 Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00 Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30 Roskelton Eucharist
28 th Wednesday Lenten Service Purple	Daniel 3:13-28 Psalm 24:1-6 St John 8:31-47	8p.m. Mountrath Lenten Service Compline			
31 st /1 st Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday Red	St Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19- 29 Liturgy of the Pas- sion according to St Luke	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in- Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Eucharist	
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					

Parish Diary - March

26th February.....M.U.&Y.W. meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
 2nd Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (7.30-8.30pm)
 4th Sunday.....All-Age Service, Mountrath
 9th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)
 10th Saturday.....G.F.S. Leaders Training Day
 10th Saturday.....Kid's Club (6.0-8.00pm)
 21st Wednesday.....**Closing date for April Newsletter items!**
 23rd Friday.....Daffodil Day Coffee Morning/Evening, St. Fintan's Hall
 (10.00am-4.00pm)
 23rd Friday.....Daffodil Day Traditional Concert, Abbeyleix Manor Hotel (8.15pm)
 30th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)
Sunday School for Juniors & Seniors, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (during Sunday ser-
 vice, except United and Family services).



Clonemagh Group of Parishes - March 2007

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

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Rector's Notes

Just a reminder:

Our Lenten talks continue on Wednesdays, in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath at 8p.m. Everyone is welcome, so come long and bring a friend. The talks for March are as follows:

Wednesday the 7th of March

The Bible and its place in the Church with Professor Canon John Bartlett, formerly associate professor of Biblical Studies and professor of Pastoral Theology in Trinity College.

Wednesday the 14th of March

Church Teaching
 The Rev'd Stella Jones, rector of Clonemagh

Wednesday the 21st of March

The Church of Ireland, who are we?
 with Canon Adrian Empey, Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College, Precentor of Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin and a medieval historian to boot. He was rector of the Kells Inistioge Group of Parishes from 1976 to 1984 and Archdeacon Hugh Grey, former rector of Clonemagh, was curate to Adrian Empey's father. So he has a lot of connections with this part of the world.

Select Vestry Revision Meetings

Clonemagh: 8.30 Thursday 8th March
Seir Kieran: With Service Saturday 10th March
Offerlane: 8.30 Tuesday 13th March
Borris-in-Ossory: 9.15 Sunday 1st March

General Vestry Meetings

Seir Kieran: With Service Saturday 24th March
Offerlane: 8.30 Tuesday 27th March
Clonemagh: After Compline Wednesday 28th March
Borris-in-Ossory: With Service 14th April

Daffodil Day:

Friday 23rd of March is **Daffodil Day** and we, together with the congregation of St Fintan's Church, Mountrath, are running two events to help with this worthy cause. As I said in last month's magazine, the money collected at these events will go towards the Irish Cancer Society's Cancer Information Service, Homecare Nursing, Night Nursing in the home, Oncology Liaison Nurses and Education for Cancer Nurses. Well worth supporting!

The first event is a **Daffodil Coffee Day** in St. Fintan's Parish Hall, from 10a.m. to 5p.m. There will be tea and coffee and apple tart with cream on the menu that day. Price €2. There will also be home made cakes for sale.

At 8.15p.m., on the evening of the same day, we are hosting a **Daffodil Day Traditional Concert** in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel. The artists are very well known in the traditional world, see separate item in this Newsletter for more details.

Tickets are €12 each. and include refreshments.

~Rev'd Stella



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Deepest Sympathy to Vera Bennett and her family on the death of her sister in Scotland.

Congratulations to Trevor Lalor and Rosemary Standish, to Rodger Shore and Joanna Moore, and to Stanley Lalor and Tara Ryan on the recent announcements of their respective Engagements.

Get Well Wishes to John Lalor who was recently unwell.

Holy Baptism:

Andrew Alec Cooper, son of Gordon and Jennifer and brother of James was baptised in St. Jude's, Annatrim, on Sunday 11th February by the rector.

Thomas George Hinton, son of Alun and Caroline (nee Roe) was baptised by Rev. Stotesbury in St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory on Sunday 18th February.



Noel Condell, Scott Jestin, & Peter Roe after their Boy's Brigade Enrolment Service in St. Andrew's Church, Rathdowney, on Sunday 14th January

2007 Senior Bishop's Medal Essay

A new Bishop's Medal competition has been established for pupils in fifth and sixth years in secondary schools in the United Dioceses of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory, Ferns & Leighlin. Instead of an examination paper, the candidates will be asked to write an essay for seventy five min-

utes from a choice of unseen topics chosen by Bishop Michael Burrows.

Entrants will be asked to write the essay on Wednesday 18th April at 7.00 pm in Kilkenny College. Candidates do not have to be members of the Church of Ireland, nor do they have to be attending a Church of Ireland secondary school. An awareness of current affairs in Church and State will be required. First prize will be the senior Bishop's Medal plus €200, with two further prizes of €100 each.

Applicants should write (enclosing a s.a.e) to Canon Patrick Harvey, The Rectory, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois before March 31st 2007, stating their name, year in school, name of school attended, and telephone number.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives: the annual Lady's Day service will be in St. Mark's Church, Borris in Ossory on Monday 26th March after which there will be a short meeting. Mrs Susan Jestin, Mrs Tricia Roe, and Mrs Caroline Clegg will be in charge of the supper.

Fund Raising

Don't forget the annual **Parish Golf Classic** will be held on Friday 25th May, at Mountrath Golf Club. All offers of sponsorship or prizes would be gratefully received by the Fundraising Committee.



Nicole Roe in her GFS uniform after being Enroled in Rathdowney on Sunday 14th January


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Traditional Concert
In aid of Daffodil Day
Friday, 23rd March
In the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
at 8.15pm
Tickets €12.00 
Featuring:
Fadhg Maher, Camross CCE, Gabriel Lynam Dancers,
Paul Finn, John Brady & Friends, The Costello's,
Freda Collier, Robert & James Harvey,
Reel Celtic Dancers, Novelty Acts,
and Many More.
Tickets Available from:
Jennifer: (057) 8735962
Maira: (057) 8756029
or Camross CCE

On Tuesday the 21st we held a Pancake Party in aid of the Children's Hospital, Tallaght. We ate lots of pancakes, decorating pancakes and even had pancake races. We had very talented chefs in the pancake department and also in the very interesting toppings department. A huge thanks to all who helped to make it a great success, and a special thanks to all the business's in Mountrath who supported the event. We managed to raise €225 for this charity. ~Linda

Items for inclusion in the April Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (21st March) before the fourth Sunday AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (25th March). 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