

April Services					
Day/Date	Readings	Time and Place			
31 st / 1 st Palm Sunday <i>Red</i>	<i>St Luke 19:28-40</i> <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</i> <i>St Luke's Passion Gospel</i>	Saturday Lacca Eucharist 8p.m.	Sunday Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday Mountrath Eucharist 11.30a.m.	
2 nd Monday <i>Violet</i>	<i>Psalm 25</i> <i>Lamentations 2:8-19</i> <i>Colossians 1:18-23</i>	Lacca Evening Prayer 8p.m.			
3 rd Tuesday <i>Violet</i>	<i>Psalm 55:13-26</i> <i>Lamentations 3:40-51</i> <i>Galatians 6:11-18</i>	Seir Kieran Evening Prayer 8p.m.			
4 th Wednesday <i>Violet</i>	<i>Psalm 88</i> <i>Isaiah 63:1-9</i> <i>Revelation 14:18-15:4</i>	Mountrath Evening Prayer 8p.m.			
5 th Maudy Thursday <i>White</i>	<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i> <i>Psalm 116:1, 10-17</i> <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i> <i>St John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>	Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist & Stripping of the Alter 8p.m.			
6 th Good Friday <i>No Colour</i>	<i>To be announced</i>	The Hollow Church to St Matthew's, Roskelton Interchurch Stations of the Cross 10a.m.			
7 th Easter Saturday Night <i>White</i>	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i> <i>Easter Anthems</i> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>St Matthew 28:1-10</i>	Seir Kieran Eucharist 6.30p.m.	Annatrim Eucharist 9p.m.	Mountrath A service of light, the renewal of baptismal vows, first Eucharist of Easter 11p.m.	
8 th Easter Sunday <i>White</i>	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i> <i>Easter Anthems</i> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>St Matthew 28:1-10</i>	Lacca Eucharist 8a.m.	Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 10a.m.	Roskelton Eucharist 11.30a.m.	
14 th / 15 th 2 nd Sunday of Easter <i>White</i>	<i>Job 42:1-6</i> <i>Psalm 150</i> <i>Revelation 1:4-8</i> <i>St John 20:19-31</i>	Saturday Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer 8p.m.	Sunday Lacca Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday Mountrath Morning Prayer & Baptism 11.30a.m.	
21 st / 22 nd 3 rd Sunday of Easter <i>White</i>	<i>Jeremiah 32:36-41</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>Revelation 5:11-14</i> <i>St John 21:1-19</i>	Saturday Seir Kieran Evening Prayer 8p.m.	Sunday Mountrath Morning Prayer 9a.m.	Sunday Annatrim Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday Roskelton Morning Prayer 11.30am.
25 th Wednesday Feast of St Mark <i>Red</i>	<i>Proverbs 15: 28-23</i> <i>Psalm 119:9-16</i> <i>Ephesians 4:7-16</i> <i>St Mark 13:5-13</i>	Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 10a.m.			
28 th / 29 th 4 th Sunday in Easter <i>White</i>	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i> <i>Psalm 23</i> <i>Revelation 7:9-17</i> <i>St John 10:22-30</i>	Mountrath 5 th Sunday United Service All Age Service 11a.m.			
Morning/Evening Prayer: All three lessons 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 lessons in Church					



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - April 2007

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Rector's Notes

A Very **Happy Easter** to you all!

Doesn't time fly? It's that wonderful time of year again when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It's also a time when we remember those who are no longer with us, but are now with Christ. There is a general feeling of theological happiness and thankfulness.

But first, we must travel with Christ through Holy Week. All things have two sides and we must go through the antithesis of cheerfulness before we can see the Resurrection. Easter means will be all the more significant for all of us, when we look at it through the lens of the Passion. Our services for Holy Week are outlined on the back page. There will be no morning midweek services that week.

Daffodil Day

We had a great turn out over all the events that were run for the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day and the rough ball park figure for

our takings so far is €8180 after expenses, and there's still money to come in! Anyone who wishes to add to that amount and increase Mountrath's donation to this worthy cause, can go into the Bank of Ireland in Mountrath and put their donation into the "Daffodil Day" account.

Our committee was magnificent! I cannot say enough to describe their dedication to making this event work. On behalf of all those who will benefit from Daffodil Day this year, we give our **grateful thanks** to Jennifer Lalor, Moira Harvey, Mabel Peavoy, Gladys Danne, Katarina Šimkova, Noel Wrest, Sal Dooley, Valerie Handcock, Olga Telford and Lionel Gyves.

Thank you to the Mart committee for permitting us to run the **Yellow Wellies Auction**, which was very successful. Our thanks to Detta Reynolds, Mary Arthurs, Fiona Wallace and Margaret Hetherington who worked all day running the Coffee Day at St Fin-tan's Hall.



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Also thanks to the ladies of the **Mothers and Toddlers** group in St Peter's Parochial Hall who made cakes and sold them to add to Daffodil Day.

The **traditional concert** in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel was brilliant and the talent unbelievable! We had a very enjoyable night, with top quality music, singing and dancing. Our thanks to all the performers, who made this event successful and to Catherine Conroy Lalor who was a brilliant MC.

Thanks also to those who donated prizes for the raffle and door prizes. Thank God for music and for those who put such hard work into practising and developing their God given gifts. Thank you all!

Last General Vestry Meeting

Borris-in-Ossory - After Service
14th April

Select Vestry Meetings

Select vestry meetings may not be attended by anyone except duly elected select vestry members. Visitors may only attend at the invitation of the entire select vestry and with the chair person being aware in every respect, of the reason for attendance.

~Rev'd Stella

Deepest Sympathy to the Harvey family on the recent death of Joe.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives met on February 26th when Rev Olive Donohue gave an inspirational talk on the work of the Bishop's Appeal.

The annual Lady's Day Service will be held on Monday 26th in St Mark's Church, Borris in Ossory at 8pm. Mrs Caroline Clegg, Mrs Susan Jestin & Mrs Tricia Roe will be in charge of the supper.

On April 23rd the Laois Environmental Officer, Ann Marie Kelly will visit the branch to talk about Reuse, Reduce & Recycle. This meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall @8pm. Mrs Valeria Handcock, Mrs Myra Harvey & Mrs Jillian Hayes 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.

Anybody wanting to join in and make up a team, please contact Mabel Peavoy on 057 8732331. Four people are needed per team.

All offers of sponsorship or prizes would be gratefully received by the Fundraising Committee.

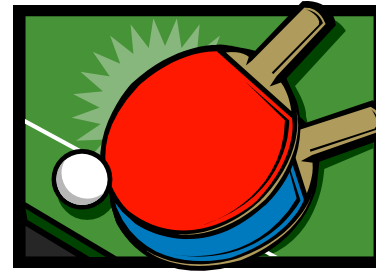


Table Tennis

Mountrath Junior Team recorded a 12-0 win over Rathdowney recently in the Ossory League, and so remain Junior Champions for 06/07. The team of James Harvey, Gary McKay, Ronan Cahill, Samantha, Linda and Amylou Hayes all played really well on the day. Substitute

Calum Finnerty also played two games over the season and is doing really well in his first year at the club. Amylou had a very successful year in which she won the U10 Leinster Series and heads into the next season as champion.

The annual Ossory Dinner Dance takes place on Friday 30 March (next Friday) in the Castle Arms Durrow at 9pm. Tickets available at 086-8684693. Book a place by Tuesday if possible in order for numbers to be catered for.

The **Mothers & Toddlers** raised €115.50 for Daffodil Day.

~Linda

Parish Diary - April

- 26th March.....Lady's Day Service, St Mark's, Borris in Ossory (8.00pm)
- 28th March.....Clonenagh General Vestry Meeting
- 30th March.....Table Tennis, Ossory Dinner Dance, Durrow (9.00pm)
- 30th March.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)
- 14th Saturday.....Kid's Club (6.0-8.00pm)
- 14th Saturday.....Borris-in-Ossory General Vestry Meeting
- 18th Wednesday.....**Closing date for May Newsletter items!**
- 20th Friday.....M.U.&Y.W. Diocesan Festival Service, Tullow (7.30pm)
- 23rd Monday.....M.U.&Y.W. Branch Meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
- 26th Thursday.....M.U.&Y.W. Diocesan Council Meeting, Killeshin (2.30pm)
- 24th May.....Parish Golf Classic
- 2nd June.....Rathdowney MU Tour

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

Items for inclusion in the May Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**18th April**) before the **fourth** Sunday **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday (**22nd April**). 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
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