

Services for June 2007						
Day / Date	Readings	Time and Place				
2nd/3rd Trinity Sunday White	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 St John 16:12-15	Saturday Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 8p.m.	Sunday Lacca Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday Mountrath Eucharist 11.30a.m.		
9th/10th 1 st Sunday after Trinity Green	1 Kings 17:8-24 Psalm 146 Galatians 1:11-24 St Luke 7:11-17	Saturday Seir Kieran Evening Prayer 8p.m.	Sunday Mountrath Eucharist 9p.m.	Sunday Annatrim Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday Roskelton Morning Prayer 11.30a.m.	
16th/17th 2 nd Sunday after Trinity Green	1 Kings 21:1-21a Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 2:15-21 St Luke 7:36-8:3	Saturday Lacca Evening Prayer 8p.m.	Sunday Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday Mountrath End of Year Service Clonenagh National School 11.30a.m.		
23rd/24th 3 rd Sunday after Trinity Birth of St. John the Baptist White	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:7-13 Acts 13:14b-26 St Luke 1:57-66,80	Saturday Seir Kieran Eucharist 8p.m.	Sunday Mountrath Eucharist 9p.m.	Sunday Annatrim Morning Prayer 10a.m.	Sunday Roskelton Eucharist 11.30a.m.	
29th Feast of St. Peter Red	Ezekiel 3:22-27 Psalm 125 Acts 12:1-11 St Matthew 16:13-19	Mountrath Patronal Service Eucharist Preacher: The Rev'd Patrick Harvey 8p.m.				
<p>Morning/Evening Prayer: All three readings are read by a lector or lectors None of the MP/EP readings finish with the words "This is the Word of the Lord."</p> <p>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 - June

- 1st Friday.....G.F.S. Prizegiving & Display of Crafts,
Parochial Hall (7.30pm)
- 2nd Saturday.....Rathdowney M.U. Tour
- 8th Friday.....Ossory & Leighlin National School Festival Service,
Abbeyleix (11.00am)
- 20th Wednesday.....**Closing date for July Newsletter items!**
- 23rd Saturday.....Kid's Club sports evening (6.00-8.00pm)
- 24th Sunday.....Confirmation Service, Abbeyleix (3.00pm)
- 27th Wednesday.....Safe Guarding Trust training, Kilkenny (8.00pm)

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



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - June 2007

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

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Deepest sympathy to Albert Garrett, Borris in Ossory on the death of his sister in law and brother Victor in the recent months; and to George Roe on the death of his sister Dorothy in England.

Rector's Notes

Confirmation Classes 2007

We wish God's blessing on all our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to confirm their allegiance to Christ - Maggie Knowles, Tara Knowles, Craig Knowles, Elaine Holmes, Jane Chambers and Garry McKay.

Our preparation class this year is a wonderful mix of ages, three primary school sixth formers, two secondary school students and a young parent. Of course we cannot always guarantee this mix of ages and wisdom, but when it happens like this, it is refreshing and enlightening. The discussion is vibrant and free and different views are articulated, listened to and considered. What's really great is, that these young folk are comfortable discussing their faith.

We are in a wonderful posi-

tion this year, in that our class is so big that it does cause logistic problems for the parish of Abbeyleix, the host parish for this year's Confirmation service. We quite simply won't all fit. I am therefore very grateful to Bishop Michael for agreeing to change what was going to be a Eucharist service in Borris-in-Ossory on the 1st of September, to a service of Confirmation. I am also grateful to those who have been kind enough to be flexible and agree to postpone their big day till the first of September.

As Abbeyleix will fit two of our candidates, Jane Chambers and Garry McKay will be confirmed in St. Michael & All Angels' Church, Abbeyleix, on Sunday the 24th of June. Service starts at 3p.m.

The other four candidates, Maggi Knowles, Craig Knowles, Tara Knowles and Elaine Holmes will be confirmed in St Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory on September 1st. Service starts at 8p.m.

The Ossory & Leighlin National School Festival Service will be held at 11a.m. on the Friday the 8th



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of June, in St. Michael & All Angels' Church, Abbeyleix. The schools attending this service will be from Abbeyleix, Portlaoise, Mountrath, Rathdowney, Stradbally and Castlecomer.

Girl's Friendly Society

Congratulations to all our young parishioners who won prizes at the annual prize giving service at St Canice's Cathedral on Sunday the 20th of May last:

Mountrath

Amanda Dunne

Bible Study 9-11 years
3rd in Cashel & Ossory Diocese

Elizabeth Parkinson

Bible Study 7-9 years
Highly commended
in Cashel & Ossory Diocese

Stephanie Bennett

Crafts 9-11 years
Highly Commended
in Cashel & Ossory Diocese and
Highly Commended in All Ireland

Portlaoise

Elaine Holmes

Bible Study 9-11 years
Highly commended in Diocese of
Cashel & Ossory

Yvonne Vanston

Bible Study 11-13 years
1st in Cashel & Ossory Diocese
and 3rd in all Ireland
Craft 11-13 years
1st in Diocese and 2nd in all Ireland

Jenna Holmes was congratulated on her rise to the ranks of leader in GFS. Jenna will lead in the parish of Portlaoise.

The GFS Prize Giving 2007 is at 7.30 on the 1st of June in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath. All are welcome to come and see the crafts and wish the girls well.

Leaders Needed for running those events in which young people take part, Girl's Friendly Society and Kid's Club etc.

A good many families enjoy the benefit of these events. It would be so good if some of the over 18s in these families, as well as some parents, were to volunteer to help out with supervision and organisation. It is simply unfair to leave this to the same good people all the time. The more people that volunteer, the less often your services will be called upon. If you would like to help, please contact the rector and let her know. Safe Guarding Trust training will be needed, but that is easy to organise.

Safe Guarding Trust panels have another session of training on Wednesday 27th June at 8pm in St. Canice's Library Kilkenny. The session will be conducted by the Revd Isobel Jackson. Members of the panel - please ring and let the rector know if you are coming along. It is vital that we are kept up to date on everything to do with Safe Guarding Trust, so regular updating of our knowledge is of great importance.

~Rev'd Stella

The Annual Golf Classic is in progress at Mountrath Golf Course on Friday the 25th of May as this issue of the Newsletter goes to press, so a full report will appear next month

G.F.S. NEWS

On Sunday 20th May leaders and girls attended the Annual Diocesan Service and Prizegiving in St. Canice's Cathedral.

Congratulations and well done to all the girls who entered the Bible Study and Craft competitions. Congratulations to Elizabeth Parkinson who was Highly Commended in Bible Study (7-9yrs); Stephanie Bennett Highly Commended in Craft competition (9-11yrs) and Amanda Dunne who won third prize in the Diocese for her Bible Study (9-11yrs).

All are welcome to join us in the Parochial Hall on Friday 1st June at 7.30pm where competition entries will be on display and our Annual Prizegiving will take place. Refreshments will be served.

In order to continue G.F.S. in the parish we will require more leaders/ helpers from September, anyone interested in helping or

requiring further information contact Emily, Kathleen, Jennifer or Rev. Stella .

Youth News

Just to say that we will have a sports evening in Kid's Club on Saturday June 23rd 6-8 pm.

I would just like to thank everyone in the parish who supported me during my time as parish assistant. Especially Rev Cliff, Rev Stella, Rev Patrick and Jennifer Masterson and all the leaders in Puppets, Toddlers, Kids club, Summer madness, Holiday club and Cool club and everyone who helped in any way.

Thank you to all the gang in toddlers who held a surprise party for my birthday I was genuinely surprised hence the huge shock! I was so touched by the great effort you all went to. Thank you for all the cards which are hanging up on the wall, the beautiful flowers and for your kind gifts which will hopefully be in their new home soon. I will miss Tuesday mornings with all the many friends I've made, but don't worry I'll call in every so often to see you.

~Linda

Items for inclusion in the July Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**20th June**) before the **fourth** Sunday (**24th June**) **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday.

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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