

## Services for July 2007

Day/Date	Reading	Time and Place			
30 <sup>th</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	King 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 St Luke 9:51-62	Saturday <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Afternoon Prayer <b>2.30p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Lacca</b> Eucharist <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>11.30a.m.</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Feast of St Thomas</b> Red	Habakkuk 2:1-4 Psalm 31:1-6 Ephesians 2:19-22 St John 20:24-29	Tuesday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>9.00a.m.</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:1-16 St Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Saturday <b>Seir Kieran</b> Evening Prayer <b>8.00p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>9.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Annatrim</b> Eucharist <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Roskelton</b> Morning Prayer <b>11.30a.m.</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 St Luke 10:25-37	Saturday <b>Lacca</b> Evening Prayer <b>8.00p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer <b>11.30a.m.</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</b> White	Song of Songs 3:1-4 Psalm 42:1-10 2 Corinthians 5:14-18 St John 20:1-2, 11-18	Saturday <b>Seir Kieran</b> Eucharist <b>8.00p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>9.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Annatrim</b> Morning Prayer <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Roskelton</b> Eucharist <b>11.30a.m.</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> <b>Feast of St James the Apostle</b> Red	Jeremiah 45:1-5 Psalm 126 Acts 11:27-12:2 St Matthew 20:20-28	Wednesday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>9.00a.m.</b>			
29 <sup>th</sup> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-19 St Luke 11:1-13	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday <b>United Service in Seir Kieran</b> Eucharist <b>11.00a.m.</b> <i>Followed by Summer Picnic</i>			

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4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Transfiguration</b> White	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 97 2 Peter 1:16-19 St Luke 9:28-36	Saturday <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Evening Prayer <b>8.00p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Lacca</b> Eucharist <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>11.30a.m.</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 St Luke 12:32-40	Saturday <b>Seir Kieran</b> Evening Prayer <b>8.00p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer <b>9.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Annatrim</b> Eucharist <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Roskelton</b> Morning Prayer <b>11.30a.m.</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 St Luke 12:49-56	Saturday <b>Lacca</b> Evening Prayer <b>8.00p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer <b>11.30a.m.</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Feast of St Bartholomew</b> Red	Isaiah 43:8-13 Psalm 145:1-7 Acts 5:12-16 St Luke 22:24-30	Friday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>9.00a.m.</b>			
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 St Luke 13:10-17	Saturday <b>Seir Kieran</b> Eucharist <b>8.00p.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist <b>9.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Annatrim</b> Morning Prayer <b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sunday <b>Roskelton</b> Eucharist <b>11.30a.m.</b>

**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."  
**Eucharist:** The Old Testament and Epistle are read by a lector or lectors.

**Mid week services** in St Peter's, Mountrath, will be held at 9.00a.m. during the months of July and August.

**Morning Prayer:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Eucharist:** Wednesdays and Saint's Days.



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - July/August 2007

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

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### Rector's Notes

**End of Year Service** for Clonenagh National School was held in St Peter's Church on Sunday the 17th of June. The Children were wonderfully prepared by their teachers and the work that was put into the service by them and their students was tremendous! The children took part to the fullest extent possible, and some of the parents also took part in the liturgy. All the staff and the children's parents were present and it was a lovely service all together.

The theme of the service this year was that of welcome, a lesson learnt from the Samaritan woman's care for Jesus, as one of Simon the Pharisee's dinner guests.

Margaret Knowles and Gary McKay were given mementoes of their time at the school and a calculator to help them with their maths as they go on to secondary school in the Autumn. We wish them both well for the future, and we look forward to welcoming new students to Clonenagh National School in September.

### Select Vestry Meetings

**Offerlane** Tuesday 3rd of July  
St Jude's Church, Annatrim 8.30p.m.  
**Clonenagh** Thursday 5th July  
Parish Hall, Mountrath 8.30p.m.  
**Borris-in-Ossory** Friday 6th July  
St Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory 8.30p.m.  
**Seir Kieran** Saturday 7th July  
After the Saturday evening service in the Church of Seir Kieran  
**NB:** Only duly elected select vestry members may attend.

**Church 21** - As you all know, our facilitator Ruth Handy came and joined us again on

Wednesday the 30th of May last and we started work on what we could do to improve our worship. Thank you to all of you who took part in the discussion and especially for your suggestions. As Ruth said, we can all learn from these. Thank you also to those who volunteered to make sure that the suggestions were put into practice, by the time Ruth comes back to visit us in September or October. Obviously, there were some suggestions that I as rector, had to take on myself and my tasks are:

To ask the congregation to listen to each other during corporate prayer, those prayers we all say together, and to ask everyone to make an effort to say the prayers together, slowly and meaningfully. We have been trying it and it really is WONDERFUL, when people remember to do so. I will remind you from time to time and eventually we will all get it right.

On occasions, I am to explain parts of the service, so that everybody will know what they are doing and why, such as what is meant by the Gloria or Doxology and why we stand for them.

My third task is to start a monthly session on "Reading the Bible in Church". We are going to do that on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, starting on September the 12th next, so do come and join us in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath at 8p.m. on Wednesday the 12th of September.

Some of you have taken Ruth at her word and there are already Hymn Suggestion Boxes in quite a few of our churches. Please put down on paper your favourite hymns and if you'd like to share with us, your reasons for liking them.



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**Summer Bible Club** - There will be no Summer Bible Club in Mountrath this year to give us a chance to organise a club with a different slant. Watch out for news in the coming months, as organisation will start for the Summer Bible Club 2008, as early as August 2007.

**Congratulations** to the Rev'd Robert Stotesbury, brother of Thomas Stotesbury, who was ordained on Sunday the 10th of June last in Ferns Cathedral. We wish Robert every blessing in his ministry.

**Our thanks** to the Rev'd Patrick Harvey and the Rev'd Ann Wallace of St. Michael & All Angels' Church, Abbeyleix for hosting the Ossory & Leighlin National School Festival Service, which was held on Friday the 8th of June last. Our thanks also to the Rev'd Elaine Murray who preached on "Plants in the Bible".

**Congratulations** to Jean and Finbarr O'Neill of Clareen, Co. Offaly, on the birth of their little daughter Caitlin Ruby.

**Congratulations** to Dorothy, Helen, and Doreen McDowell on making €1,200 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Congratulations also to Yvonne Richardson on making €520 for the Irish Cancer Society.

Well done to all, and thank you to those who supported them in the Mini Marathon.

**Daffodil Day** - A cheque for €8,600 was presented to Bobby Finn of the Irish Cancer Society on Tuesday the 19th of June in the Parish Hall in Mountrath. Yvonne Richardson also presented Mr Finn with her cheque for €520. It was a very pleasant gathering, made up of the wider community, all of whom worked together to make money for Daffodil Day.

**Congratulations** to Robert and James Harvey who once again swept the board with prizes in the Laois County Fleadh Ceol in Clonaslee. Robert got 8 firsts and James got 7 firsts, a second and a third. They have both qualified for the Leinster competitions which will be held in Athboy on the 8th and 9th of July.

Robert's prizes were for Flute, Tin Whistle, Piccolo, Flute Slow Airs, Whistling and Liltng

James' prizes were for Banjo, Mandolin, Mandola, Tin Whistle, Tin Whistle Slow Airs and Liltng.

**Our sympathy** to the family, neighbours and friends of Joan McNulty of Borris-in-Ossory, whose funeral took place on Friday the 15th of June.

**Please take care** during the busy summer months when using tractors and farm machinery. Watch out for children. Always think of your safety and the safety of others and remember, when not in use, keep the cover on the power take off. As a Dublin Jackeen, I've begun to notice a fair few of them off! God bless you all and your work.

**Please Note...** the normal Monday to Friday services will now take place at 9.00a.m. in St Peter's Church, Mountrath for the months of July and August.

**Monday to Friday Lectionary**, for those who may wish to join the weekday congregation of St Peter's Church, whether in spirit or in body or both:

#### July

**2nd:** 2 Kings 2:15-22, Psalm 57, Matthew 8:18-22  
**3rd:** 2 Samuel 15:17-21, Psalm 92, John 11:1-16  
**4th:** 2 Kings 4:1-7, Psalm 64, Matthew 8:28-34  
**5th:** 2 Kings 4:8-17, Psalm 68, Matthew 9:1-8  
**6th:** 2 Kings 4:18-31, Psalm 70, Matthew 9:9-13  
**9th:** 2 Kings 5:15-19a, Psalm 76, Matthew 9:18-26  
**10th:** 2 Kings 5:19b-27, Psalm 78:40-72, Matthew 9:32-38  
**11th:** 2 Kings 6:1-7, Psalm 81, Matthew 10:1-7  
**12th:** Amos 1:1-2:3, Psalm 85, Matthew 10:7-15  
**13th:** Amos 2:4-11, Psalm 89:1-18, Matthew 10:16-23  
**16th:** Amos 3:9-4:5, Psalm 90, Matthew 10:34-11:1  
**17th:** Amos 4:6-13, Psalm 93, Matthew 11:20-24  
**18th:** Amos 5:1-9, Psalm 98, Matthew 11:25-27  
**19th:** Amos 5:10-17, Psalm 103, Matthew 11:28-30  
**20th:** Amos 5:18-27, Psalm 105:1-32, Matthew 12:1-8  
**23rd:** Amos 7:1-6, Psalm 107:1-32, Matthew 12:38-42  
**24th:** Amos 8:13-9:4, Psalm 108, Matthew 46-50  
**25th (St James the Apostle):** Jeremiah 45:1-5, Psalm 126, Mark 1:14-20  
**26th:** Hosea 5:1-15:Psalm 119:1-24: Matthew 13:18-23  
**27th:** Hosea 5:1-15, Psalm 19:1-24, Matthew 13:18-23  
**30th:** Hosea 2:14-3:5, Psalm 119:97-112, Matthew 13:31-35  
**31st:** Hosea 6:1-10, Psalm 119:129-144, Matthew 13:36-43

#### August

**1st:** Hosea 6:11-7:16, Psalm 119:161-176, Matthew 13:44-46  
**2nd:** Hosea 8:1-14, Psalm 124, Matthew 13:47-53  
**3rd:** Hosea 9:1-17, Psalm 131, Matthew 13:54-58  
**6th:** 1 Kings 19:1-16, Psalm 27, 1 John 3:1-13  
**7th:** Hosea 13:1-16, Psalm 142, Matthew 14:22-36  
**8th:** Hosea 14:1-9, Psalm 147, Matthew 15:21-28  
**9th:** Isaiah 9:8-17, Psalm 148, Matthew 16:13-23  
**10th:** Isaiah 9:18-10:4, Psalm 1, 2 & 3, Matthew 16:24-28  
**13th:** Isaiah 2:1-4, Psalm 10, Matthew 17:22-27

**14th:** Isaiah 24:10-13, Psalm 15, Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
**15th:** Isaiah 24:14-23, Psalm 18:21-51, Matthew 18:15-20  
**16th:** Isaiah 2:5-11, Psalm 19, Matthew 18:21-19:1  
**17th:** Isaiah 3:1-17, Psalm 24, Matthew 19:3-12  
**20th:** Isaiah 5:8-23, Psalm 29, Matthew 19:16-22  
**21st:** Isaiah 5:24-30, Psalm 32, Matthew 19:23-30  
**22nd:** Isaiah 27:1-13, Psalm 34, Matthew 20:1-16a  
**23rd:** Jeremiah 6:1-19, Psalm 36, Matthew 22:1-14  
**24th:** Isaiah 43:8-13, Psalm 145:1-7, Matthew 10:1-22  
**27th:** Jeremiah 7:1-15, Psalm 42, Matthew 23:13-22  
**28th:** Jeremiah 7:16-26, Psalm 45, Matthew 23:23-26  
**29th:** Jeremiah 7:27-34, Psalm 49, Matthew 23:27-32  
**30th:** Jeremiah 11:1-17, Psalm 50, Matthew 24:42-51  
**31st:** Jeremiah 12:1-13, Psalm 54, Matthew 25:1-13

~Rev'd Stella

**Congratulations** to Glenn & Simone Cooper on the birth of their daughter Jessica.

#### Annual Golf Classic

Thank you to everyone who supported this event by sponsorship, entering teams, and donating raffle prizes. To date we have raised €9,000 and are still open to donations. A big thank you to Mabel Peavoy and Elizabeth Cooper who looked after the teams on the day.

**Winning Teams:** 1. Michael Luttrell, 2. Andy Dowdell, 3. Seamus O'Dea, 4. Joe Hearn, 5. Jack Carter, 6. Marie Dunphy, 7. John Dwyer, 8. Ken Hovenden.

**Non-golfer teams:** 1. Revd. Stella Jones, 2. Darren Peavoy.

#### G.F.S. NEWS

A trip to Roll 'n Bowl, Portlaoise has been organised for Wednesday 27th June meeting there at 7.30pm, cost €5

#### Parish Diary - July/August

27th June.....Safe Guarding Trust training, Kilkenny (8.00pm)  
27th June.....G.F.S. Roll 'n Bowl, Portlaoise (7.30pm)  
29th June-2nd July....Summer Madness  
29th July (Sun).....Summer Picnic, Seir Kieran (after 11.00am Service)  
2nd August (Thurs)...Clonagh N.S. Bag Pack, Tesco (4.00-9.00pm)  
3rd August (Fri).....Clonagh N.S. Bag Pack, Tesco (4.00-9.00pm)  
4th August (Sat).....Clonagh N.S. Bag Pack, Tesco (11.00am-6.00pm)  
22nd August (Wed)...**Closing date for September Newsletter items!**  
**Sunday School for Juniors & Seniors**, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (during Sunday service, except United and Family services).

Items for inclusion in the September Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (22nd August) before the fourth Sunday (26th August) 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@clonagh.com](mailto:newsletter@clonagh.com) Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277 or 087-2522162