



# Clonenagh Group of Parishes - October 2007

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

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Services for October 2007					
Day/Date	Lectionary	Time and Place			
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	<i>Habakkuk 1:1-4 &amp; 2:1-4</i> <i>Psalm 37:1-9</i> <i>2 Timothy 1:1-14</i> <i>St Luke 17: 50-10</i>	Saturday <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Compline 8p.m.	Sunday <b>Lacca</b> Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer 11.30a.m.	
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	<i>2 Kings 5:1-3 &amp; 7-15c</i> <i>Psalm 111</i> <i>2 Timothy 2: 8-15</i> <i>St Luke 17: 11-19</i>	Saturday <b>Seir Kieran</b> Compline 8p.m.	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist 9a.m.	Sunday <b>Annatrim</b> Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday <b>Roskelton</b> Morning Prayer 11.30a.m.
21 <sup>st</sup> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Green	<i>Genesis 22:22-31</i> <i>Psalm 121</i> <i>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</i> <i>St Luke 18:1-8</i>	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist 11a.m.		Sunday <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist 11a.m.	
28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fifth Sunday before Advent</b> Feast of St Simon and St Jude Red	<i>Isaiah 28:14-16</i> <i>Psalm 119:89-96</i> <i>Ephesians 2:19-22</i> <i>St John 15:17-27</i>	Sunday <b>Annatrim</b> Eucharist 10a.m.		Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist 11.30a.m.	
<p><b>Morning/Evening Prayer:</b> 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." <b>Eucharist:</b> The Old Testament and Epistle are read by a lector or lectors.</p>					
<p><b>Mid week services in St Peter's, Mountrath, are at 9.30a.m.</b> but will stop for some weeks from 12th of October on. <b>Morning Prayer:</b> Tuesday, Thursday and Friday <b>Eucharist:</b> Wednesdays and Saint's Days.</p>					

## Parish Diary - October

September 24th.....MU&YW meeting, Parochial Hall, following opening service (8.00pm)  
 5th Friday.....Table Tennis, Junior Practice, Parochial Hall (7.30 -9.30pm)  
 19th Friday.....Table Tennis, Junior Practice, Parochial Hall (7.30 -9.30pm)  
 24th Wednesday.....**Closing date for November Newsletter items!**  
 26th Friday.....Clonenagh N.S. Fundraising, Floral Demonstration, Castletown  
**Sunday School for Juniors & Seniors**, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (during Sunday service, except United and Family services).

Items for inclusion in the November Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**24th October**) before the **fourth** Sunday (**28th October**) **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](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)

## Rector's Notes

### Confirmation

The ambience at the service of Confirmation in Borris-in-Ossory on the 1st of September last, was a very happy one. It was lovely to have Bishop Michael Burrows with us and we wish Tara, Craig and Maggi Knowles and Elaine Holmes God's blessing for the future.

### Harvest

At the time of going to press, we have had two Harvest Thanksgivings Services so far. Roskelton, where we had the pleasure of listening to Archdeacon John Murray, preach a sermon on how we should take the dominion given us seriously and remember to keep our planet clean. Our thanks to Mabel Peavoy who played the organ and to Betty Harvey, Margaret Pratt, Annie Clegg, Phyllis Foot and Marina Clegg who all decorated the Church so beautifully. Thanks also to Noelle Keogh for getting the church ready and opening it up early for the florists.

We also had a Thanksgiving service in Lacca, where we had the

pleasure of Canon Patrick Harvey's words of wisdom on the beauty of what we've been given by God and our duty to share it. Fr John Lalor of Camross, was our guest that evening. At the service, a plaque was dedicated in memory of Eileen Holmes who played the organ in Lacca for many years. Beautiful wooden collection plates made by one of the brothers from Ballyfin College were also dedicated at the service. Our grateful thanks to Joan Bennet for playing the organ and to Robert and James Harvey for giving a traditional flavour to the music. Thank you also to Sylvia Stotesbury for decorating the Church, as well as giving a homily on Eileen Holmes. Thanks also to all the men who put up and took down the marquee, to John Handcock who was involved in all aspects of the preparations and to all those who did the catering for the lovely celebratory meal afterwards. It was wonderful to have such a big congregation, as a 160 something people give the harvest thanksgiving a real feeling of joy and celebration.

We still have the pleasure of looking forward to the Harvest

Thanksgiving Service at St Mark's, Borris-in-Ossory, which is next Sunday, the 30th September at 8p.m. The preacher that evening will be The Rev'd Marie Rowley Brooke and Fr Jackie Robinson will also join us.

### **Weekday Readings for October**

(P = Psalm)

- 1 Amos 6:8-14, P 129, Luke 9:46 - 50
- 2 Hosea 10:9-15, P135, Luke 9:51-56
- 3 Nehemiah 2:1-8, P 139, Luke 9:57-62
- 4 2 Kings 18:1-8, P 144, Luke 10:1-12
- 5 2 Kings 19:8-20, P 145, Luke 10:13-16
- 8 Habakkuk 1:5-17, P 1, 2, Luke 10:25-37
- 9 Habakkuk 2:5-11, P 8, Luke 10:38-42
- 10 Habakkuk 2:12-20, P 15, Luke 11:1-4
- 11 Feast of St Philip the Deacon (see roster)
- 12 Numbers 4:34-5:4, P20, Luke 11:14-26
- 15 2 Kings 5:15-19a, P35, Luke 11:29-32
- 16 2 Kings 5:19b-27, P37:1-17, Luke 11:37-41
- 17 Romans 2:1-11, P 62:1-9, Luke 11:42-46
- 18 2 Timothy 4:5-17, P 147:1-7, Luke 10:1-9
- 19 Genesis 31:43-43:2, P 44, Luke 12:1-7
- 22 1 Samuel 25:2-22, P 54, Luke 12:13-21

- 23 Isaiah 49:1-6, P 1, Mark 3: 31-35
- 24 1 Samuel 25:36-42, P 64, Luke 12: 39-48
- 25 Jeremiah 9:1-16, P 70, Luke 12: 49-53
- 26 Jeremiah 9:17-26, P 73, Luke 12: 54-59
- 29 1 Samuel 2:1-10, P 79, Luke 13:10-17
- 30 Daniel 5:1-12, P 81, Luke 13:18-21
- 31 Romans 8:26-31, P 13, Luke 13: 22-30

### **Midweek Services**

There will be Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of each week and Eucharist on Wednesdays and Saint's Days as advertised. NB From October 15th to November 15th, there will be no midweek services as the rector will be taking her summer break, God willing.

### **Diocesan Synod**

The diocesan synod will take place on Thursday the 18th of October next at the Ferry Carrig Hôtel in Wexford. It starts at 14.30. There will be no Morning service in St Peter's, Mountrath that day.

### **Clergy Conference**

There will be no morning services on the 9th and 10th of October as the rector will be attending the annual diocesan clergy conference.

**For Pastoral Care** during the month the rector is off, the Rev'd Hilary Dungan in Portlaoise will be on call. Her phone number is 057 8621154.

### **Well done Joan!**

With all the money in, Joan Bennett's grand total for the walk over the Slieve Blooms in aid of the Railway Children, came to a very healthy €4050.00.

Thank you to everyone who walked with Joan over the Slieve Blooms and who gave money towards either or both of the events which helped Clonenagh Group of Parishes gather €7,570.00 for the Railway Children. The final amount from the entire diocese has reached €40,000.00. Well done everyone!

### **A Letter from the Diocesan Representative for Bishop's Appeal**

*Dear Rev. Jones,*

*On behalf of Cashel and Ossory Bishop's Appeal Children's Railway Fund I thank you for your bank draft of €470.00, this will be added to your magnificent figure of €7,100.00 already handed to Bishop Michael.*

*Congratulations to you all in Clonenagh Group of Parishes.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bill Kingston*

*Diocesan Representative for Bishop's Appeal*

~Rev'd Stella

**Deepest sympathy** to the McDowell family on the recent death of Billy.

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with Frank Whitten and Mrs. Olive Colborne who are currently unwell.

**Congratulations** to Ciara and George Danne on the birth of their daughter Chéola on Monday 3rd September.

**Well done** to all our students who received their Junior and Leaving Certificate results recently, and best wishes for their future studies or in the world of work.

**Table Tennis** gets underway for '07/'08 season in October, Junior practice starts on Friday October 5th. It continues on October 19th, November 2nd, 16th, 30th, December 14th, January 4th, 18th, February 1st, 15th, 29th, March 14th and 28th, 7.30-9.00pm each evening. Further practice nights will be listed later.

Senior Table Tennis on each Friday evenings at 8.45pm (no Table Tennis on October 26th).

All players and beginners are welcome, further enquiries to 086-8684693.

### **Clonenagh National School Fundraising Committee**

On Friday 26th October 2007, Eva Holmes Dip. Hort. will be coming to Castletown Community Hall to give a Floral Demonstration at 8.00pm. This promises to be a great night's entertainment and not one to be missed. Tickets will be available from Harry at 8732590 or any Committee member.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THIS EVENT!