



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - November 2007

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

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Services for November 2007					
Day / Date	Lectionary	Time and Place			
4 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent All Saints (transferred) White	<i>Daniel 7:1-3 &amp; 15-18</i> <i>Psalms 149</i> <i>Ephesians 1:11-23</i> <i>St Luke 6:20-31</i>	Sunday <b>Roskelton</b> Morning Prayer 10a.m.	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist 11a.m.	Sunday <b>Seir Kieran</b> Morning Prayer 12a.m.	
11 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent Green	<i>Job 19:23-27a</i> <i>Psalms 17:1-9</i> <i>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 &amp; 13-17</i> <i>St Luke 20:27-38</i>	Sunday <b>Lacca</b> Eucharist 11a.m.	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer 11a.m.		
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent Disability Awareness Sunday Green	<i>Malachi 4:1-2a</i> <i>Psalms 98</i> <i>2 Thessalonians 3:6-13</i> <i>St Luke 21:5-19</i>	Saturday <b>Lacca</b> Compline 8p.m.	Sunday <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist 10a.m.	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer 11.30a.m.	
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent Kingship of Christ White	<i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i> <i>Canticle Benedictus</i> <i>Colossians 1:11-20</i> <i>St Luke 23:33-43</i>	Saturday <b>Seir Kieran</b> Eucharist 8p.m.	Sunday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist 9a.m.	Sunday <b>Annatrim</b> Morning Prayer 10a.m.	Sunday <b>Roskelton</b> Eucharist 11.30a.m.
30 <sup>th</sup> Feast of St Andrew Red	<i>Romans 10:12-18</i> <i>Psalms 19:1-6</i> <i>St Matthew 4:18-22</i>	Friday <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist 9.30a.m.			
<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.					
<b>Mid week services in St Peter's, Mountrath, are at 9.30a.m.</b> and will start again on the Tuesday 20th of November <b>Morning Prayer:</b> Tuesday, Thursday and Friday <b>Eucharist:</b> Wednesdays and Saint's Days.					

### Parish Diary - November

- 5th Monday.....Aspects of Family Law, Abbeyleix Hall (8.00pm)
- 9th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting, Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)
- 10th Saturday.....Young Families Conference, Leighlinbridge
- 21st Wednesday.....**Closing date for November Newsletter items!**
- 23rd Friday.....G.F.S. meeting, Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)
- 26th Monday.....MU & Young Wives Annual Auction, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
- December 13th.....Coffee Evening/Bring-and-Buy/Santa, Parochial Hall (7.30pm)

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

### Rector's Notes

#### Building Blocks

A conference to support those working with children and young people and to encourage those who might think of working in this way, is being organised by children's ministry leaders from a broad spectrum of Christian Churches and organisations throughout Ireland.

The conference will be held in St Patrick's College of Education, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, from 9.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. on Saturday the 1st of December 2007. If you would like to attend this conference to "Building Blocks", St Patrick's college of Education, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 and give the following information.

Title.....  
First Name.....  
Surname.....  
Address.....  
Home Telephone Number.....  
Email.....  
Church/School/Organisation.....  
Current involvement in children's ministry and/or youth ministry.....  
Is disability access required?.....

#### Special Dietary Requirements.....

As places are limited, you have to book early. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Telephone bookings cannot be accepted. Please give this information separately for each person attending and return it no later than Friday the 16th of November 2007. You can download the booking form on [www.buildingblocks.ie](http://www.buildingblocks.ie)

#### Harvest Collections

Our Harvest collections for Bishop's Appeal came to the grand total of €1404.52. Well done! It is a very important part of our Christian ministry, to give to those from whom we can expect no return.

#### New School Appointments

We are delighted to announce that from the 5th of this month, Clonenagh National School will have a full compliment of permanent staff. The Board of Management has appointed Gabrielle Madden B.Ed., M.Ed., who hails all the way from Galway and has been a school principal since 1993, as our new Principal Teacher. The Board's second task was to appoint a Permanent

Teacher with initial duties as Resource Teacher, a post sanctioned earlier this year by the Department of Education and Science. We are delighted to announce that Finola D'Arcy B.A., M.A., who has been with us for the past two years, has been appointed to the post.

**Congratulations** to Serena and Robert Senior on the birth of their daughter Miriam, born the 5th of October last. A sister for Naomi.

**Weekday Readings for November**  
(P = Psalm)

- 1 Ephesians 1:11-23, P 149, Luke 6: 20-31
- 2 Job 22:21-23:17, P 90, Luke 14: 1 - 6
- 5 Nehemiah 13:23-31, P 97, Luke 14:12-14
- 6 Zachariah 7:1-14, P 103, Luke 14:15-24
- 7 Amos 5:12-24, P 105:1-22, Luke 14: 25-33
- 8 Deuteronomy 25:5-10, P 106:1-18,  
Luke 15:1-10
- 9 Genesis 38:1-26, P 107:1-16,  
Luke 16: 1-8
- 12 Job 20:1-11, P 110, Luke 17:1-6
- 13 Job 21:17-34, P 114, Luke 17:7-10
- 14 Job 25: 1-26:14, P 118, Luke 17: 11-19
- 15 1 Samuel 28:3-19, P 119:17-32,  
Luke 17:20-25
- 16 2 Samuel 21:1-14, P 119:49-72  
Luke 17:26-37
- 19 Ezekiel 11:14-25, P 119:129-144  
Luke 18: 35-43
- 20 Ezekiel 39: 21-40:4, P 119: 161-176, Luke 19:1-10

- 21 Ezekiel 43:1-12, P 122, Luke 19:11-28
- 22 2 Chronicles 18:12-22, P 126,  
Luke 19:41- 44
- 23 Zechariah 11:1-17, P 131, Luke 19: 45-48
- 26 Jeremiah 46:18-28, P 137:1-6,  
Luke 21:1-4
- 27 Isaiah 33:17-22, P 140, Luke 21:5-9
- 28 Daniel 5:1-6, 13-28, P 98, Luke 21:10-19
- 29 Daniel 9:15-19, P 145, Luke 21:20-28
- 30 Feast of St Andrew (see roster)  
~Rev'd Stella

**Deepest sympathy** to the Whitten family on the recent death of Frank.

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

**Congratulations** to Amylou Hayes on achieving leading Irish U10 Table Tennis player. Well done to her and all who supported her. Good luck in Belfast over the bank holiday weekend.

**Mothers' Union & Young Wives** met on Monday 22nd Oct when Mrs Irene Murray came to speak to us about the work of Laois Hospice and the funding needed to run the organization.

A report was given from the Young Members Conferences held in Dublin on Oct 19 & 20th.

The Ossory Area Meeting will be held on Monday 5th Nov @ 8pm in Abbeyleix Parochial Hall, when Ms Claire Jackson will speak on As-

pects of Family Law.

A Young Families conference will be in Leighlinbridge on Sat 10th Nov and the topic for the day is Media, and the speaker is Ms Aphra Kerr well known to this end of the diocese.

The annual MU auction will be on Monday 26th Nov @ 8pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath and a donation will be made to the Bishop's appeal and the Cuisle Centre, Portlaoise from the proceeds. This is always a fun night and your support is valued.

A Christmas night out is planned for early December to a show in the Dunamais Theatre and anyone interested in coming along, please contact Sandra Condell, before Nov 5th so bookings can be confirmed.

As always everyone is welcome to the Mothers Union & Young Wives and we love to see new faces.

**Girls Friendly Society**

Operation Christmas Child

You can bring hope and a smile to some of the worlds poorest children Each year we spend a large amount on Christmas gifts, but there are many in the world who will get

nothing. Operation Christmas Child tries to balance this issue by providing Christmas gifts for needy children who are affected by war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disaster.

Items such as pencils, hats, gloves, colouring books, cuddly toys, are filled into a medium sized shoe box for a boy/girl aged 2-4yrs, 5-9yrs or 10-14yrs and €3.00 is required to transport the box. Anyone interested in filling a box or contributing to the transporting of these boxes can get a leaflet from or make a donation to Jennifer Lalor (05787 35962).

Boxes need to be returned by 11th November. This year's boxes will be sent to countries such as Armenia, Belarus, Nepal, Romania and Ukraine.

**Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee**

A Coffee Evening, Bring-and-Buy Sale, and visit from Santa will take place in the Parochial Hall on Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm; more details in the December Newsletter.

**Leprosy Mission Boxes** (and any other donations) should be returned to Olga Telford as soon as possible.

Items for inclusion in the December Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**21st November**) before the **fourth** Sunday (**25th November**) **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

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