



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - January 2008

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

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Rector's Notes

Happy New Year to you all!

A big thank you to all our school children for their wonderful nativity play that they put on on the 16th of December last. It was a magnificent performance and the message was very well told of how Christmas has become so secularised in recent times. The children however put us right, in that a beautiful angel told us all the real story of Christmas. Thank you to Gabrielle Madden, the school principal and to her staff, Michelle Stone, Finola DeArcy, Emily Dunne and Ber McWey, for all their hard work in preparing the children to perform with such panache. Thank you also to our organist Mabel Peavoy and to the costume maker who as usual had the children looking very much "the part". Our thanks to Vera Wrest for opening the church every day for rehearsals.

Weekday Services will recommence on Wednesday the 9th of January at 9.30 in St Peter's Church. They will be Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesdays: Morning Prayer

Wednesdays: Eucharist

Thursdays: Morning Prayer

Fridays: Morning Prayer

On Saint's Days, which will be advertised in the newsletter, there will be Eucharist. This month, it is Friday the 25th, when we will celebrate the conversion of St Paul. The children of Clonenagh National School will join us that day. All parents are invited to come along too.

Easter 2008

This year Easter is upon us rather sooner than we are used to having it. Easter Sunday this year falls on March the 23rd, which means that Lent starts next month on the 10th of

January Services 2008					
Date / Day	Readings	Time and Place			
5 th / 6 th The Epiphany of Our Lord White	<i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> <i>Psalms 72:1-7, 10-15</i> <i>Ephesians 3:1-12</i> <i>St Matthew 2:1-12</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10.00 Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Eucharist and Baptism	
12 th / 13 th 1st Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of Our Lord White	<i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i> <i>Psalms 29</i> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>St Matthew 3:13-17</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9.00 Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00 Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Roskelton Morning Prayer
19 th / 20 th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany White	<i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i> <i>Psalms 40:1-12</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</i> <i>St John 1:29-42</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Evening Prayer	Sunday 10.00 Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Morning Prayer	
Friday 25 th Conversion of St Paul White	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i> <i>Psalms 67</i> <i>Acts 9:1-22</i> <i>St Matthew 19:27-30</i>	Mountrath 10.30 United Service Eucharist New Year Service for Clonenagh National School			
26 th / 27 th The Presentation of Christ White	<i>Malachi 3:1-5</i> <i>Psalms 24:1-10</i> <i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i> <i>St Luke 2:22-40</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9.00 Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10.00 Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30 Roskelton Eucharist
<p>Morning/Evening Prayer: All three readings 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 the lesson in Church</p>					
<p>Midweek Services in Mountrath are at 9.30 every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Eucharist on Wednesdays and Holy Days</p>					

Parish Diary - January

17th Thursday.....Senior Citizens Dinner, Parochial Hall (12.30pm)
 21st Monday.....MU & Young Wives trip to Dunamais Theatre
 23rd.Wednesday.....**Closing date for February 2008 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 February 2008 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**23rd January**) before the fourth Sunday (**27th January**) **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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February. This year our Lenten Study Course will be on "The Hard Gospel". In other words, we will study the ways in which we can "Love God by loving our neighbour". The Children in Clonenagh National School will also do this course in tandem with their parents, which I hope will lead to wonderful discussions at home. More news on this course next month.

January Midweek Lectionary

- 7th** 1 Kings 10:1-13; P 99;
Matthew 4:12-17 & 23-25
- 8th** 1 Kings 10:14-25; P 97;
Mark 6:30-44
- 9th** Micah 5:2-9; P 66;
Mark 6:45-52
- 10th** 1 Samuel 3:1-9; P 24;
Luke 4:14-22
- 11th** 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; P 57;
Luke 5:12-16
- 14th** Genesis 35:11-15; P 1;
Mark 1:14-20
- 15th** Jeremiah 1:4-10; P 7;
Mark 1:21-28
- 16th** Isaiah 51:1-16; P 10;
Mark 1:29-39
- 17th** Isaiah 22:15-25; P 17;
Mark 1:40-45
- 18th** Genesis 27:30-38;
P 18:21-50; Mark 2:1-12
- 21st** Exodus 12:1-13 & 21-28;
P 24; Mark 2:18-22

- 22nd** Isaiah 53:1-12; P 28;
Mark 2:23-28
- 23rd** Isaiah 48:12-21; P 30;
Mark 3:1-6
- 24th** 1 Samuel 1:1-20; P 32;
Mark 3:7-12
- 25th** See Service Roster
- 28th** Judges 6: 11-24;
P 37:18-41; Mark 3:22-30
- 29th** Judges 7:12-22; P 41;
Mark 3:31-35
- 30th** Genesis 49:1-2 & 8-13 &
21 -26; P 43; Mark 4:1-20
- 31st** Exodus 6: 2-9; P 46;
Mark 4:21-25

~Rev'd Stella

Deepest sympathy to the Cooper family on the death of Sue.

Congratulations to Joe Hargroves and Yvonne Carter who were married in St Michael's and All Saints Church Abbeyleix, on Saturday 24th November.



Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee

Thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Evening, Bring-and-Buy Sale, and visit from Santa in the Parochial Hall on Thursday 13th December; proceeds to date stand at €790.



Mothers' Union & Young Wives held their annual auction on Tuesday 27th November and a very successful and enjoyable night was had by all. A donation was sent to the Cuisle Centre, Portlaoise, and the Bishop's Appeal fund. Many thanks to all who supported this night.

On Monday 21st January 2008 the Mothers' Union with friends will attend the Dunmaise Theatre, Portlaoise for the pantomime. There are a few tickets still available so please contact Sandra Condell 057 8735067 if you are interested in coming along.

Senior Citizens Dinner will be held on Thursday 17th January 2008 at 12.30pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath. Invitations will be on their way to you, but if you do not receive one and would like to come along, please contact Sandra Condell at 057 8735067. All are welcome.

Sustentation

Thanks to everyone who has returned their Sustentation, and a gentle reminder to anyone who hasn't! Please get it to Florence Peavoy as soon as possible.

St. Marks Parish, Borris-in-Ossory, would like to thank everyone who supported their recent raffle. Some of the prize winners were as follows:

- First Prize: Robert Cunningham, Roscrea
- Second Prize: Carol Roe, Durrow
- Third Prize: Tony Corrigan, Castlepollard
- Fourth Prize: William Dann, Shanboe