

February Roster of Services					
Date / Day	Readings	Time and Place			
Friday 1 st Feast of St Brigid White	<i>Hosea 6:1-4</i> <i>Psalms 24:1-10</i> <i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i> <i>St Luke 2:22-40</i>	Borris-in-Ossory 11a.m. United Service Eucharist			
2 nd / 3 rd Sunday before Lent White	<i>Exodus 24:12-18</i> <i>Psalms 2</i> <i>2 Peter 1:16-21</i> <i>St Matthew 17:1-9</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Songs of Praise	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	
Wednesday 6 th Ash Wednesday Violet	<i>Psalms 38</i> <i>Daniel 9:3-6 & 17-19</i> <i>1 Timothy 6:6-19</i>	Mountrath 8p.m. Ash Wednesday Service and First Hard Gospel Lenten Talk "Dealing with Difference"			
9 th / 10 th 1st Sunday in Lent Violet	<i>Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7</i> <i>Psalms 32</i> <i>Romans 5:19</i> <i>St Matthew 4:1-11</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13 th Violet	<i>Psalms 90</i> <i>Exodus 34:109, 27-28</i> <i>St Matthew 18:10-14</i>	Evening Prayer and Second Hard Gospel Lenten Talk 8p.m. "Freedom or Fetter" Venue to be announced at Lenten Talk on Ash Wednesday			
16 th / 17 th 2nd Sunday in Lent Violet	<i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i> <i>Psalms 121</i> <i>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</i> <i>St John 3:1-17</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Morning Prayer and Baptism	
Wednesday 20 th Violet	<i>Psalms 25</i> <i>Ezekiel 36:22-32</i> <i>St John 7:53-8:11</i>	Evening Prayer and Third Hard Gospel Lenten Talk 8p.m. "Welcoming the Stranger" Venue to be announced at Lenten Talk on Wednesday the 13 th			
23 rd / 24 th 3rd Sunday in Lent Violet	<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i> <i>Psalms 95</i> <i>Romans 5:1-11</i> <i>St John 4:5-42</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Eucharist
Wednesday 27 th Violet	<i>Jeremiah 2:4-13</i> <i>Psalms 69</i> <i>St John 7:14-31, 37-39</i>	Evening Prayer with Fourth Hard Gospel Lenten Talk 8p.m. "Boundaries and Bonds" Venue to be announced at Lenten Talk on Wednesday the 20 th			
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					
Midweek Services in Mountrath are at 9.30 every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. During Lent there will be no Eucharist on Wednesday mornings					



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - February 2008

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Rector's Notes

Ecumenical Service

A Christian Unity service is to be held in St Fintan's Roman Catholic Church, Mountrath at 7.30 next Tuesday the 29th of January. The rector will be preaching. All are welcome!

Hard Gospel

Love God – Love your Neighbour

This is the title of our Lenten Course for this year. It will begin on the 6th of February, which is Ash Wednesday. The course is six weeks long and will be at 8p.m. each Wednesday. This course is designed to enable people to deal positively with difference. There are six biblically based sessions and they are as follows:

1 Wednesday 6th of February

Dealing with Difference
Speaker The Rev'd Stella Jones

2 Wednesday 13th of February

Identity - Freedom or Fetter?
Speaker to be confirmed

3 Wednesday 20th of February

Welcoming the Stranger
Speaker to be confirmed

4 Wednesday 27th of February

Boundaries and Bonds
Speaker to be confirmed

5 Wednesday 5th of March

Building Peace
Speaker to be confirmed

6 Wednesday 12th of March

Doers of the Word
Speaker: Dr Livingstone Thompson of "Meath Cultural Solutions".

Confirmation Classes

These classes are open to all aspiring candidates from 11 up. They start at the rectory on the 5th of February next at 8p.m. Anyone who wishes to join the Confirmation Class this year should write a letter to the rector as soon as possible, explaining in detail why they would like to be confirmed. On the basis of the content of this letter, a decision will be made as to whether the writer is ready for Confirmation or not. Obviously an awareness of the meaning of Confirmation and a certain discursive ability is a prerequisite for acceptance to the class. If you are not ready for Confirmation, don't worry, you can be confirmed at any age.

The Service of Confirmation for Clonenagh Group of Parishes this year will be in Lacca Church on the 12th of October.



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February Select Vestry Meetings

All the following meetings are at 8.30p.m.

Offerlane – Tuesday 12th

Borris-in-Ossory – Thursday 14th

Clononagh – Tuesday 26th

Seir Kieran – Saturday 23rd

Holy Baptism

St Peter's Church, Mountrath

Sunday, the 6th of January:

Miriam Eileen Florence Senior, daughter of Serena and Robert.

Sunday, the 20th January:

Ava Marie Carter Hyland, daughter of Louise and Declan.

Our New Parish Archivist

I am delighted to announce that Ms Vicky Knowles has taken on the job of parish archivist. A parish archivist is someone who does searches of parish registers when people are tracing their family tree or in need of a Baptism Certificate etc. I am very grateful to Ms Knowles for her interest in the Church and for taking this on. Her contact details are on the front page of this newsletter.

Pancake Party

A pancake party in aid of the National Children's Hospital in Tallaght, will be held in the Parish Hall in Mountrath, on Tuesday the 5th of February from 10.30a.m. to 1p.m. Everyone is welcome! Please support our children.

February Midweek Lectionary

1st Hosea 6:1-4; P 134; 1

John 1:1-4; St John 10:7-16

4th Exodus 33:7-23; P119:81-96

Acts 7:30-34; St Mark 10:17-27

5th 1 Kings 19:9-18; P119:113-128

Romans 11:1-6; St Mark 10:28-31

6th Ash Wednesday - See Service Roster

7th Jonah 3:1-10; P25; Romans 1:1-7

St Luke 9:18-25

8th Jonah 4:1-11; P 39;

Romans 1:8-17; St Matthew 9:14-17

11th 1 Kings 19:1-8; P26;

Hebrews 2:10-18; St Matthew 25:31-46

12th Genesis 4:1-16; P56;

Hebrews 4:14-5:10; St Matthew 6:7-15

13th Wednesday - See Service Roster

14th Isaiah 51:1-3; P13; 2 Timothy 1:3-7;

St Matthew 7:7-12

15th Micah 7:18-20; P 25;

Romans 3:21-31; St Matthew 5:20-26

18th Numbers 21:4-9; P38;

Hebrews 3:1-6; St Luke 6:36-38

19th Isaiah 65:17-25; P 90;

Romans 4:6-13; St Matthew 3:1-12

20th Wednesday - See Service Roster

21st Exodus 16:9-21; P 69;

Colossians 1:15-23; St Luke 16:19-31

22nd Exodus 16:9-21; P 31;

Ephesians 2:11-22; St Matthew 21:33-46

25th Genesis 44:1-17; P 3;

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; St Luke 4:24-30

26th Genesis 29:1-14; P25;

1 Corinthians 10:1-4;

St Matthew 18:21-35

27th Wednesday - See Service Roster

28th 1 Samuel 15:10-21; P 13;

Ephesians 4:25-32; St Luke 11:14-23

29th 1 Samuel 15:22-31; P 26;

Ephesians 5:1-9; St Mark 12:28-34

~Rev'd Stella

Deepest sympathy to Martin Jestin on the death of his brother in law.

Get well wishes to Stanley Foot who is currently in hospital, and to Jill Hayes and George Roe who are recuperating from their recent stays in hospital.

Congratulations to Richard Harvey (Camross) and Aisling Smith (Mullingar) who were married in Cullahill on Saturday 22nd December. We welcome them both back to the parish.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the **Leprosy Mission** last year, a total of €268.27 was collected.

A Happy New Year to all.

~Olga Telford

Mothers' Union & Young Wives (with some husbands & sons) attend the Dunamais Theatre on Monday 21st as their January meeting, and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

The **February Meeting** will be on Monday 25th in the Parochial Hall at 8pm. This is going to be a planning evening for the Mothers' Union Showcase been held on April 19th in Kilkenny College. All members are requested to attend as our project for the event has to be perfected. Mrs Annie Clegg, Mrs Jean Treacy and Mrs Kathleen Bennett will be in charge of the supper.

The **Senior Citizens Dinner** was held on Thursday 17th January, with over 30 young at heart enjoying a beautiful dinner, prepared by the some of the ladies of the parish. Many thanks to all who gave of their time on the Wednesday evening and Thursday to make this day a success.

Parish Diary - February

January 29th.....Christian Unity service, St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath (7.30pm)

5th Tuesday.....Pancake Party, Parochial Hall (10.30am-1.00pm)

8th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)

12th Tuesday.....Offerlane Select Vestry meeting (8.30pm)

14th Thursday.....Borris-in-Ossory Select Vestry meeting (8.30pm)

20th Wednesday....**Closing date for March 2008 Newsletter items!**

22nd Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (7.00-8.30pm)

23rd Saturday.....Seir Kieran Select Vestry meeting (8.30pm)

25th Monday.....MU & Young Wives meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)

26th Tuesday.....Clononagh Select Vestry meeting (8.30pm)

March 14th.....Coffee Evening & Raffle, Dooley's Hotel, Birr (8.00pm)

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

Items for inclusion in the March 2008 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**20th February**) before the **fourth** Sunday (**24th February**) **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@clononagh.com

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277 or 087-2522162

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The senior members of **Solas Solas Puppet Team** met for a very enjoyable reunion on the 4th of January. They went for a Chinese meal and then on to the cinema in Portlaoise.

Seir Kieran Note:

A **Coffee Evening** and raffle will be held in Dooley's Hotel, Birr, on Friday 14th March at 8.00pm in aid of Gillian Grant's voluntary work at an orphanage in Uganda. Gillian will be heading out in June, and all donations and support are most appreciated and will be put to very good use.

Clononagh Parish Fundraising Committee

This year's parish **Golf Classic** will take place on Friday May 9th 2008 at Mountrath Golf club by kind permission.

The committee are appealing to parishioners for sponsorship, and names of companies, etc, who might like to sponsor a team or a hole.