

March Roster of Services

Date / Day	Readings	Time and Place			
1 st / 2 nd 4th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday Pink	1 Samuel 1:20-28 Psalm 127:1-4 Colossians 3:12-17 John 1 9:25-27	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Celebrating the Feast of Seir Kieran Isaiah 49 Psalm 145:8-17 John 5:19-30 Sunday at Seir Kieran Eucharist at 3p.m.
7 th Friday	Luke 10:38-42	Mountrath Children's Version of the Women's World Day of Prayer 10a.m.			
8 th / 9 th 5th Sunday in Lent Violet	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer
15 th / 16 th Palm Sunday Red	Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	
17 th Feast of St Patrick White	Tobit 13:1b-7 Psalm 145:1-13 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 John 4:31-38	Monday 9.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist		Monday 11.30 Seir Kieran Eucharist	
19 th Wednesday Red	Isaiah 63:1-9 Psalm 88 Revelation 14:18-15:4	Monday 9.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist		Monday 11.30 Seir Kieran Eucharist	
20 th Maundy Thursday White	Exodus 12:1-12; Psalm 116: 1 & 10-17; John 13:1-17 & 31b-35	Monday 9.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist		Monday 11.30 Seir Kieran Eucharist	
21 st Good Friday No Colour	Readings to be announced	Monday 9.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist		Monday 11.30 Seir Kieran Eucharist	
22 nd Easter Eve White	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2 & 14-24	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Eucharist
23 rd Easter Sunday White	Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Eucharist
29 th / 30 th 2nd Sunday of Easter White	Acts 2:14a & 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Eucharist
31 st The Annunciation of Our Lord	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 40:5-10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	Mountrath Eucharist 11a.m.			

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.

After Lent Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday mornings at **11a.m.**

Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - March 2008

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Rector's Notes

Just a reminder:

Our Lenten discussion evenings with our sister churches continue in March and are on Wednesdays at 8p.m. The penultimate and final one are on the following days.

Wednesday the 5th of March 8p.m. **St Peter's Church, Mountrath**

"Welcoming the Stranger" with visiting speaker:
Fr Marcin Lisak O.P., chaplain to the Polish Roman Catholic community.

Wednesday 12th of March 8p.m. **Methodist Church, Portlaoise**

"Doers of the Word" with visiting speaker: Dr Livingstone Thompson of "Meath Cultural Solutions".

Holy Baptism

It was a great pleasure to welcome into the Church, **Ciara Mai Elizabeth**, daughter of Sile and David Peavoy. She was baptised in St Peter's Church, Mountrath, on Sunday the 17th of February.

Select Vestry Revision Meetings

Offerlane

8.30 Tuesday March 4th

Seir Kieran

8.30 Tuesday March 11th

Borris-in-Ossory

After 8p.m. Service

Saturday March 15th

Clonenagh

After 10a.m. Service

Sunday March 30th

As the Easter General Vestry must be held no more than 20 days after Easter Sunday, i.e. by latest, Saturday April 12th, the following dates for Easter General Vestries have been arranged.

Easter General Vestry Meetings

Borris-in-Ossory

After 8p.m. Service

Saturday April 5th

Clonenagh

8.30 Thursday 7th April

Offerlane

8.30 Tuesday April 8th

Seir Kieran

After Service Saturday April 12th

8.30

The Body of Christ has AIDS

Our Lenten Campaign called "The Body of Christ has AIDS" is a serious campaign being run by the Church of Ireland, that is endeavouring to assist in any way possible, two projects run by "Christian Aid" and "Tearfund", both of which help people with AIDS. Most families in the developing world get by on €1 a day! Please see if you could double this during Lent, by contributing €1 per day of Lent, i.e. €40.

At all services this Easter, there will be a plate handed around and it would be wonderful if each family, where possible, could put €40 in an envelope marked The Body of Christ has AIDS. Obviously, if you cannot manage €40, then please put what you can and if you can manage more than €40, then please do. The more we can give, the more help can be given and every dona-



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tion will be gratefully received. AIDS doesn't wait till people are ready to receive the disease, it just comes. We shouldn't wait either, we should help. Please give what you can to help.

Start collecting your euros now. There is an envelope included in this newsletter marked **The Body of Christ has AIDS**. Please put into it your €40, or what ever amount you can afford and pop it on the plate at one of the Easter services. On behalf of the people this campaign will help, **thank you!**

Confirmation classes for March are being held in the rectory and are as follows:

Thursday 6th of March at 7p.m.

Subject: The Holy Spirit

Thursday 13th of March at 7p.m.

Subject: The Church

Pancake Party

A pancake party in aid of the National Children's Hospital in Tallaght, was held in the Parish Hall in Mountrath, on Tuesday the 5th of February last. The great sum of €350 was made! Well done to the Parent and Toddlers Group who organised the event. The pan cakes were delicious!

GFS Leaders Wanted

The Clonenagh branch of the Girl's Friendly Society is in need of leaders. We do need to have the required number, plus some extras to cover all events. The three ladies currently covering the fortnightly sessions will not continue after the summer, if some new leaders are not forthcoming, which means that GFS will come to and end in Mountrath from September on. So, do please consider joining our present leaders and giving a helping hand. We need at least three more leaders to cover all eventualities. This is the only way that GFS can possibly continue in Mountrath.

Weekday Readings

Sunday readings are included in the roster of services. P = Psalm

1st 1 Samuel 15:32-34; P 56;

Mark 12:28-34

3rd Isaiah 59:9-19; P 27;

John 4:43-54

4th Isaiah 42:14-21; P 69;

John 5:1-3 & 5-16

5th Isaiah 49:8-15; P 103:1-12;

John 5:19-30

6th Ezekiel 1:1-3 & 2:8-3:3;

P 102; John 5:31-47

7th Ezekiel 33:10-16; P 38;

John 7:1-2 & 10 & 25-30

8th Ezekiel 36:8-15; P 90;

John 7:40-52

10th 1 Kings 17:17-24; P 73;

John 8:1-11

11th 2 Kings 4:18-37; P 20;

John 8:21-30

12th Daniel 3:14-20 & 24-25 & 28

P 24:1-6; John 8:31-42

13th 1 Samuel 16:11-13; P 40;

John 8:51-59

14th 1 Samuel 16:11-13; P 69;

John 10:31-42

15th Deuteronomy 32:1-9;

P 145:1-13; John 4:31-38

Holy Week

17th Lamentations 1:1-12a; P 27;

Luke 22:24-53

18th Lamentations 3:1-18; P 27;

Luke 22:24-53;

19th Wisdom 1:16-2:1 & 2:12-22

P 102; Luke 22:54-71

20th **Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-12;

P 116: 1 & 10-17;

John 13:1-17 & 31b-35

21st **Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; P 22;

Hebrews 10:126-25

John 18:1-19:42

22nd **Easter Eve**

Job 14:1-14;

P 31:1-4 & 15-16

1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:57-66

24th Exodus 14:10-31 & 15:20-21

P 2; Matthew 28:8-15

25th Exodus 15:1-18; P 63;

John 20:11-18

26th Acts 3:1-10; P 105:1-9;

Luke 24: 13-35

27th Song of Solomon 2:8-15;

P 30; Luke 24:35-48

28th Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3

P 29; John 21:1-14

29th Song of Solomon 8:6-7;

P 103; Mark 16:9-15

31st **The Annunciation**

of Our Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; P 40:5-10;

Luke 1:26-38

Our Condolences to the Allen Family of Oldtown, Portlaoise, on the death of John Allen. John's funeral took place in St Matthew's Church, Roskelton on Saturday the 9th of February last.

Get well wishes to Stanley Foot and Peg McKay who are currently unwell. .

Congratulations to Jackie Cooper and Dale Rothwell who were married in Annatrim Church on Sunday 30th December. Also best wishes to Valarie Harvey who celebrated her 60th Birthday recently.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives will meet on Monday 25th February at 8pm in the Parochial Hall. This is going to be a fun evening with a practice for the Mothers' Union showcase evening and Linda Wharton will lend her expert advice to us for our project. Also remember subs are due and in order to maintain our branch we would be grateful if ALL MEMBERS could send this to Mrs Susan Jestin as soon as possible. Mrs Jean Treacy, Mrs Annie Clegg, & Mrs Kathleen Bennett will be in charge of the supper.

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

Parish Diary - March

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

February 26th.....Clonenagh Select Vestry meeting (8.30pm)

4th Tuesday.....Offerlane Vestry Revision Meeting (8.30pm)

6th Thursday.....Confirmation class, the Rectory (7.00pm)

7th Friday.....Women's World Day of Prayer, St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath (7.30pm)

11th Tuesday.....Seir Kieran Vestry Revision Meeting (8.30pm)

13th Thursday.....Confirmation class, the rectory (7.00pm)

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

15th Saturday.....Borris-in-Ossory Vestry Revision Meeting (after 8.00pm Service)

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

30th Sunday.....Clonenagh Vestry Revision Meeting (after 10.00am Service)

April 5th.....Speed Dating Night, Gandon Inn

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

Items for inclusion in the April 2008 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (19th March) before the fourth Sunday (23rd March) 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

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