

## April Roster of Services

Day / Date	Readings	Time and Place			
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> White	<i>Acts 2:14a &amp; 36-41</i> <i>Psalms 116:1-3 &amp; 10-17</i> <i>1 Peter 1:17-23</i> <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	Saturday 8p.m. <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Compline		Sunday 10a.m. <b>Lacca</b> Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist
12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> White	<i>Acts 2:42-47</i> <i>Psalms 23</i> <i>1 Peter 2:19-25</i> <i>John 10:1-10</i>	Saturday 8p.m. <b>Seir Kieran</b> Compline	Sunday 9a.m. <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist 1	Sunday 10a.m. <b>Annatrim</b> Eucharist 1	Sunday 11.30a.m. <b>Roskelton</b> Morning Prayer 1
19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> White	<i>Acts 7:55-60</i> <i>Psalms 31:1-5 &amp; 15-16</i> <i>1 Peter 2: 2-10</i> <i>John 14:1-14</i>	Saturday 8p.m. <b>Lacca</b> Compline	Sunday 10a.m. <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. <b>Mountrath</b> Morning Prayer	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>Feast of St Mark</b> Red	<i>Proverbs 15:28-28-33</i> <i>Psalms 119:9-16</i> <i>Ephesians 4:7-16</i> <i>Mark 13:5-13</i>	Friday 8p.m. <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Eucharist			
26 <sup>th</sup> / 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> White	<i>Acts 17:22-31</i> <i>Psalms 66:7-18</i> <i>1 Peter 3:13-22</i> <i>John 14:15-21</i>	Saturday 8p.m. <b>Seir Kieran</b> Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. <b>Mountrath</b> Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. <b>Annatrim</b> Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30 <b>Roskelton</b> Eucharist
<b>Morning/Evening Prayer:</b> All three readings are read by a lector or lectors. <b>Eucharist:</b> The Old Testament and Epistle are read by a lector or lectors.					
<b>Midweek Services in Mountrath :</b> Morning Prayer at 9.30 every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Eucharist on Wednesday mornings at <b>11a.m.</b>					

### Parish Diary - April

- 5th Saturday.....Borris-in-Ossory General Vestry Meeting (after 8.00pm Service)
- 8th Thursday.....Offerlane General Vestry Meeting (8.30pm)
- 10th Thursday.....Clonenagh General Vestry Meeting (8.30pm)
- 11th Friday.....Interchurch Prayer Group, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (11.00am)
- 12th Saturday.....Seir Kieran General Vestry Meeting (after 8.00pm Service)
- 25th Friday.....Clonenagh National School enrolment (11.30am - 12.30pm)
- 23rd Wednesday...Closing date for May 2008 Newsletter items!**
- 28th Friday.....Ossory Table Tennis Dinner Dance, Ballyfin (9.00pm)

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

Items for inclusion in the May 2008 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (23rd April) before the fourth Sunday (27th April) **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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## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - April 2008

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

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### Rector's Notes

#### **Easter General Vestry Meetings**

##### Borris-in-Ossory

After 8p.m. Service  
Saturday April 5th

##### Offerlane

8.30 Tuesday April 8th

##### Clonenagh

8.30 Thursday 10th April

##### Seir Kieran

After 8p.m. Service  
Saturday April 12th

#### **GFS Leaders Wanted**

No replies yet!!!!

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 an 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. If you wish to volunteer to help, please contact Jennifer Lalor on 057 8735962. Let the GFS live on!

### **Weekday Readings**

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

**1st** Jonah 1:1-17; P 135;

John 3:7-15

**2nd** Jonah 2:1-10; P 139;

John 3:16-21

**3rd** Isaiah 25:1-5; P 33;

John 3:31-36

**4th** Isaiah 26:1-4; P 30;

John 6:1-15

**5th** Isaiah 25:6-9; P 118;

John 6:16-21

**7th** Genesis 18:1-14; P 115;

John 6:22-29

**8th** Proverbs 8:32-9:6; P 118;

John 6:30-35

**9th** Exodus 24:1-11; P 103;

John 6:35-40

**10th** Exodus 2:15b-35; P 139;

John 6:44-51

**11th** Exodus 3:16-22 & 4:18-20;

P 113; John 6:52-59

**12th** Ezekiel 34:1-16; P 116;

John 6:60-69

**14th** Ezekiel 34:17-23; P 135;

John 10:1-10

**15th** Ezekiel 34:23-31; P 33;

John 10:22-30

**16th** Jeremiah 23:1-8; P 105:1-22;

John 12:44-50

**17th** Genesis 12:1-3; P 81;

John 13:16-20

**18th** Exodus 3:1-12; P 107:1-32;

John 14:1-7;

- 19th** Jeremiah 26:20-34; P 30;  
John 14:7-14
- 21st** Exodus 13:17-22; P 66;  
John 14:15-26
- 22nd** Proverbs 3:5-12; P 103;  
John 14:27-31a
- 23rd** Proverbs 3:13-18;  
P 105:23-45; John 15:1-8
- 24th** Genesis 6:5-22; P 118  
John 15:9-11
- 25th Feast of St Mark**  
Acts 15:35-41; P 119:9-16;  
Mark 13:5-13
- 26th** Genesis 8:13-19; P 136;  
John 15:18-21
- 28th Rogation Day**  
Genesis 9:8-17; P 106:1-23;  
John 15:26-16:4
- 29th Rogation Day**  
Deuteronomy 5:22-23;  
P 78:1-39; John 16:5-11
- 30th Rogation Day**  
Deuteronomy 31:1-13; P 77;  
John 16:12-20

### Interchurch Prayer Group

This comes as a direct result of the Lenten Talks on "Loving our Neighbour". Members of the Church of Ireland, Methodist Church and Roman Catholic Church will gather on a monthly basis to pray for each other and to pray for those who are in need. We will meet for the inaugural meeting Friday April the 11th at 11 a.m. in St Peter's Church in Mountrath. The May meeting will be in the Methodist Church at 8p.m. on Thursday the 8th of May.

### English Conversation Classes

Would those who are interested in helping our newly arrived Polish brothers and sisters improve their English through English Conversation Classes, please contact the rector (057 8732146) and leave her your name

and phone number, so as she can get in touch with you to arrange the rota. The more volunteers we have the less often the leaders will be needed. So come on! Volunteer and do your bit to help others. There is no need to dip into your pocket this time, but there is a need to give some of your free time to help. We want to get these classes going as soon as possible. They will take place on Wednesday nights in the parish hall at 8p.m. If you know of anyone who is a recent arrival into our country and needs a hand getting going with English, do let them know. All are welcome.

### St Peter's Church building works

The builders are starting on Monday the 7th of April in St Peter's Church, on the side chapel in memory of Archdeacon Hugh Grey. This will be a marvellous addition to our church, for those services where we expect a small congregation.

~Rev'd Stella

**Our Condolences** to the Cooper Family on the death of Eileen, to the Austin family on the death of Leslie, and to Marina Clegg on the death of her mother.

**Get well wishes** to Jane Wheeler, Peg McKay, George Roe and Stanley Foot.

**Congratulations** to Alison Holmes who was presented with an award for achieving the top mark in physiotherapy at the recent awards ceremony held in UCD.

### Clonenagh National School

School enrolment for September 2008 will take place in the school, on Friday 25th April from 11.30 to 12.30.

**Mothers' Union & Young Wives** will meet on Monday 7th April for the Lady's Day Service at 8pm in the Parochial Hall, followed by a meeting. Mrs D. McDowell, Mrs F. Peavoy, & Mrs S. Condell will be in charge of the supper.

**Many thanks** to all who attended and supported the **Coffee Evening** and raffle in Dooley's Hotel, Birr, on Friday 14th March in aid of Gillian Grant's voluntary work at an orphanage in Uganda. To date, over €3,000 has been raised.

### Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee

This year's **Parish Golf Classic** will take place on Friday May 23rd 2008 at Mountrath Golf Club by kind permission.

Team entry fee: €140; sponsorship of a hole: €150. Please contact Mabel Peavoy at 057 87322331 if you wish to play a game or sponsor this event.

### Route 22, The New Way Forward

Saturday 19th April, The Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow. Disco: D.J. General; buffet served at 11.30pm.

Admission by ticket only, €12 each.  
Contact: David Quinn - 087-2440813  
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**Mountrath Table Tennis Club** had a very successful season:

Irish Number 1 U10, Amylou Hayes, retained her title and won all 4 Leinster Ranking Tournaments. She also won the last U12 Tournament of the season in the same competition and is currently number 2 U12 in Leinster; this has earned her a call up to the Leinster Team for the Inter Provin-

cial in May. She is currently preparing for the Irish Nationals in April.

Among the many other club juniors who have also competed in Leinster Ranking are Number 9 U12 Linda Hayes, Ronan Cahill, Gary McKay, George Goodson, Callum Flannery, Fionan Comerford, Keith Thompson, Samantha and Katie Hayes.

In the Ossory League, 2 junior teams from the Club took part and after many matches home and away both teams (Team East and Team West) met in the final where the result was 5-5 with Team East winning 19-17 on sets. Team East was Amylou, Ronan, Fionan and Linda; Team West was Gary, Keith, Callum and Samantha. Substitutes who played were Katie, George and Alannah.

Mountrath also won the C Division with an 8-2 win against Athy. The team was Greg, Philip, Jimmy and Amylou and sub Gary.

There were wins for Philip, Ronan, Samantha and Katie in the Ossory Tournament at the end of April; Gary and Amylou competed in the senior section of this competition.

Mountrath Currently lie 2nd in Starball League Division 2.

Next up coming event is the Starball Open on April 4th which will be held in Castletown Community Centre with Senior and Junior events. There are also up coming team events in Dublin on the 19th and 26th April.

The Club always welcomes new members.

Ossory Dinner Dance takes place on Friday 28th March in Deadman's, Ballyfin at 9pm. Tickets available at 086-8684693 or at the door.