

Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - November 2008

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Rector's Notes

Growth, Unity and Service

The following is a **mission statement** issued by the **Church of Ireland House of Bishops: Worship and Spiritual Growth**
Through stillness, through celebrating, through drinking deeply of the wells of salvation, we are called to explore God's beauty and love, to renew the face of the earth and to recover the divine image that is within us.

Hence we must:

Acknowledge that worship is humanity's primary purpose
Offer worship that articulates truth and evokes holy beauty
Ensure that our worship is rooted in the faith once delivered, but is never static
Pray that it may be magnetically attractive, energising and informing the building of the kingdom
Rejoice that through it countless individuals form one body in Christ

Unity and Dialogue

The Church is called to be an agent of God's purpose to bring all things together in Christ; to be the sign, instrument and first fruits of that oneness in Christ that is God's gift and God's will.

Hence we must:

Strive to live in unity and peace among ourselves and with the whole family of God
Model respectful relations with humanity and the whole created order
Develop common life and action with other Christian Churches
Work for greater mutual understanding with those of other faiths and none

Living God's Kingdom and serving the World

Aligning ourselves daily with God's own prayer and example, the calling of the Church is to pray for, discern and realize the presence of God's kingdom among us.

Hence we must:

Engage compassionately with the world and society in all its rich variety of need and opportunity
Be both disciples and discipling; perpetual learners in the school of Christ as we ourselves strive to teach and serve others
Daily and energetically embody and proclaim the values of the kingdom for whose coming we long

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus! Amen

The Church of Ireland is an authentic part of the universal church of God. It is called to develop growing communities of faith, in and through which the kingdom of God is made known, and in which the whole people serve together as followers of Jesus Christ for the good of the world to the Glory of God.

Growth – Unity – Service

In the power of the Spirit, our mission requires us to order our contemporary worship and life in a manner that nurtures **growth**, promotes **unity** and liberates us for the **service** in the world that is God's.

Harvest Collections

Thank you to those who so generously gave to the Bishop's Appeal during our Harvest services. It is a very important part of our Christian ministry, to give to those from whom we can expect no return.

Congratulations to **Vicky** (daughter of Valerie and Sydney Harvey) and **Anthony Coffee** on the birth of their son Darragh, born the 23rd of September last. A brother for Shane and Killian.

Parochial Hall

We are looking for male volunteers to come and help move furniture in the parochial hall before and after functions. The ladies of the parish often find themselves having to move

Services for November 2008

1 st / 2 nd 4th Sunday before Advent All Saints White	Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a St John 11:32-44	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Eucharist	
9 th 3rd Sunday before Advent Green	Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 St Matthew 25:1-13	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 a.m. Mountrath Morning Prayer
17 th / 18 th 2nd Sunday before Advent Disability Awareness Sunday Green	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 St Matthew 25:14-30	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Morning Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Children's Service	
24 th / 25 th Sunday before Advent Kingship of Christ White	Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7 Ephesians 1:15-23 St Matthew 25:31-46	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30 Roskelton Eucharist
30 th Advent Sunday Violet	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-8 & 18-20 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 St Mark 13:24-37	Fifth Sunday United Service 11.a.m. Annatrim Eucharist Start of the Advent Journey for Mary and Joseph			
<p>Morning/Evening Prayer: 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." Eucharist: The Old Testament and Epistle are read by a lector or lectors.</p>					

Parish Diary - November

3rd Monday.....MU Diocesan Area meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)

15th Saturday.....Young Families conference

19th Wednesday....Closing date for December 2008 Newsletter items!

29th Saturday.....Building Blocks Conference, Dublin

December 1st.....MU Annual Auction

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

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

Otherwise to-

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tables in and out of the shed for various functions, quite apart from the preparing, hosting and cleaning up afterwards. It would be lovely if there were some gentlemen around, who would offer to help carry the tables at times like this. Please ring the rectory and leave your name and phone number, if you are willing and able to help out in this way. Thank you

Posada is Spanish for "inn". During Advent, would you give room in your house to two small sturdy wooden nativity figures of Mary and Joseph for one night? From Advent Sunday on, the nativity figures of Mary and Joseph will travel from home to home, arriving back in St Peter's Church, Mountrath for the midnight service on Christmas Eve, in time for the arrival of our Lord. **If you would like to make room in your home for the figures of Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please ring the rector and give her your name and address, phone number and the date on which you would like to host Mary and Joseph. We will need 25 inns for Mary and Joseph to stay in, otherwise, the poor things may find themselves homeless during this cold winter season!** The household on the list before you, will ring you to arrange a convenient time to bring the crib figures to your house. As host, you may like to prepare a place for the figures and put a candle near by, which can be lit when the figures arrive. You may wish to use a prayer and a reading from the Bible. If your neighbours are not on the Posada rota, you might like to invite them to come along for the arrival of Mary and Joseph. You will need to contact the people on the rota after you to arrange to bring the figures to them. You will be given the name of the family and their address and phone number. **Neighbours and friends, and families from other churches are welcome to have Mary and Joseph to stay for a night during Advent. Just ring 057 8732146 and get your house on the list of Advent Inns. !**

Opening of the School Extension 50th Anniversary of Clonenagh NS

A great celebration was had by everyone who attended the opening of the school extension and the 50th anniversary celebrations. To begin with we had a service in St Peter's Church in Mountrath with Bishop Michael presiding. We then went over to the school, where Minister John Maloney cut the ribbon and opened the extension. Our grateful thanks to all those who prepared for the day and who cleaned up afterwards. Thank you to all those who prepared and brought food with them.

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 29th of November 2008. 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. You can download the booking form on www.buildingblocks.ie.

Weekday Readings for November

- 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

Mothers' Union & Young Wives will host the Diocesan Area Meeting on Monday 3rd Nov at 8pm in Parochial Hall, Mountrath. The guest speaker is Rev Ian Cruickshank and he will talk about passing on the message of the Gospel to our young people. Everyone is asked to make a contribution towards the supper, please.

Diocesan Young Families conference will be held in Leighlinbridge on Saturday 15th Nov. and the theme this year is WHO? ME! This is always a fun day and you do not have to be a MU member to attend.

The annual fun Auction Evening will be on Dec 1st @ 8pm.

Senior Citizen's Lunch, held on Thursday 16th Oct was a very enjoyable afternoon when 58 people were provided with food for the body, mind and soul. We had visitors from Rathdowney, Abbeyleix, Castlecomer, Ballyfin and Tullow. Many thanks to ALL who helped in various ways to make it a success.

Best Wishes to Susan Jestin who will take part in the Great Ethiopian Run over 10km in Addis Abba on 23rd November in aid of ORBIS Ireland. This charity helps with the fight against blindness worldwide and your support towards this cause would be appreciated.

Congratulations & Well Done to Ian Condell who was selected to start for Watsonians 1st XV and scored the winning try in his debut match against Edinburgh's Accies. Ian was awarded Man of the Match title for his performance

against Greece in the World Cup Student Rugby League tournament early this year in Brisbane, Australia.

Mountrath Table Tennis Club

Blazing a trail through Irish Junior table tennis Laois girl Amylou Hayes followed on her recent all Ireland exploits by taking awards in UIO,12 & 14 at the recent Leinster Championships in Dublin.

Starting the event by picking up Player of The Year award at U10 for overall performance in 07/08 she followed that by carving her way through a quality field of U12 to set up a fantastic final against a very formidable opponent in Maynooth's Kate Connerty. This epic match was loaded with blistering attack, sizzling chops and devilish spins, with the Mountrath girl winning the first and third sets while Connerty captured sets two and four. Set five became a real ding dong battle of wits where anything was possible and at 9-9 you could hear a pin drop. Here Hayes held her nerve to score a powerful wide forehand and then forced an error from her opponent to claim a 11-9 win and 3-2 in sets.

With this out of the way she set her sights on U14 where the standard was even greater and here she found a level which will take much to crack. However she qualified for level 2 and went all the way to capture the winning trophy. Coming away with these three awards on the day certainly put the Midlands back on the map in table tennis and will be a hard act for any player to follow.

Meanwhile, her sister Katie came second in the U10 Division where a flock of new and ambitious young kids are coming through.

The 08/09 Starball and Ossory table tennis leagues are about to start. Mountrath have six teams lining out this season with entries in Starball div 1, 2 & 3 and Ossory group B, C & Jun.

However our two teams who reached the Junior final last year will not be competing this season as they are way too strong for this group. Instead there will be IMATT (Irish Midland Area Table Tennis) ability tournaments in which they can compete for trophies. It will be by divisions of 6 players. After each event the top two move up a div and the bottom two move down for the next event. This will be open to Junior players in the midland area and trophies will be presented on the day of each event to 1st & 2nd in each div. There should be 4 events in total, enquiries to 086 86 84 693.