

Services in December 2008

28 th 1 st Sunday of Christmas White	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	11a.m. Mountrath Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 31 st New Year's Eve White	Job 23:10-14 Psalm 65 Revelation 22:13-14 Luke 4:18-19	11p.m. Borris-in-Ossory New Year's Eve Eucharist

Services in January 2009

Thursday 1 st January 2009 New Years Day Naming and Circumcision of Jesus White	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21	10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist
3 rd /4 th 2 nd Sunday of Christmas White	Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12 Wisdom 10:15-21 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-18	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist
Tuesday 6 th The Epiphany White	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7 & 10-15 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	10.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	
10 th /11 th 1 st Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of Christ White	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer
17 th /18 th 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany White	1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139: 1-5 & 12-18 Revelation 5:1-10 John 1:43-51	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Morning Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist
24 th /25 th 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Conversion of St Paul White	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 67 Acts 9:1-22 Matthew 19:27-30	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist
31 st /1 st February Feast of St Brigid White	Hosea 6:1-4 Psalm 134 1 John 1:1-4 John 10:7-16	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist

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.

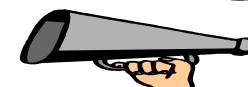
Items for inclusion in the February 2009 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Monday (19th January) before the fourth Sunday (25th January) AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the fourth Sunday.

Ideally, items should be submitted by e-mail to- newsletter@clonenagh.com

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Rector's Notes

Happy New Year to all my parishioners and friends. May you all enjoy a holy, happy and prosperous 2009!

Weekday Readings for January

1 Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
Numbers 6:22-27; P 8; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 2:15-21

2 Proverbs 1:1-7; P 8:5-18;

James 3:13-18;

3 Proverbs 1:20-33; P 111; James 4:1-10

4 Sunday Lectionary

5 Proverbs 22:1-19; P 113; Luke 6:27-31

6 The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6; P 72:1-7, 1-0-15;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

7 Exodus 1:22-2:10; P 99;

Hebrews 11:22-26

8 Exodus 2:11-25; P 97;

Hebrews 11:27-28;

9 Exodus 3:7-15; P 66; John 8:39-59

10 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; P 24;

Acts 9:10-19a

11 Sunday Lectionary

Baptism of Christ

12 Genesis 17:1-13; P 1,2,3;

Romans 4:1-12

13 Exodus 30:22-38; P 7,8; Acts 22:2-16

14 Isaiah 41:14-20; P 10,11;

John 1:29-34

15 Judges 2:6-15; P 15,16,17;

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

16 Judges 2:16-23; P 18:21-50;

Acts 13:16-25

17 1 Samuel 2:21-25; P 19;

Matthew 25:1-13

18 Sunday Lectionary

19 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; P 23 & 24

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

20 1 Samuel 15:10-31; P 26 & 28;

Acts 5:1-11

21 Genesis 16:1-14; P 29 & 30;

Luke 18:15-17

22 Jeremiah 19:1-15; P 32;

Revelation 18: 11-20

23 Jeremiah 20:7-13; P 34;

2 Peter 3:1-7

24 Jeremiah 20:14-18; P 36;

Luke 10:13-16

25 Sunday Lectionary

Conversion of St Paul

26 Genesis 12:1-19; P 37:18-41

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

27 Genesis 45:25-46:7; P 39 & 41;

Acts 5:33-42

28 Proverbs 8:1-21; P 42 & 43;

Mark 3:13-19a

29 Deuteronomy 3:23-29; P 5 & 46;

Romans 9:6-18

30 Deuteronomy 12:28-32; P 49;

Revelations 2:12-17

31 Deuteronomy 13:1-5; P 50;

Matthew 8:28-9:1

Our New Year's Eve Service

will be held in St Mark's Church in **Borris-in-Ossory at 11p.m. on the 31st of December.** After the service we will ring in the New Year with a glass of mulled wine and something nice to eat.

Select Vestry Meeting

Borris-in-Ossory select vestry meeting will be held after the 8p.m. service on Saturday the 31st of January.

Congratulations to:

Joanna Moore and **Roger Shore** who were married in Lacca Church on the feast of St Nicholas, Saturday the 6th of December. We wish them God's blessing throughout their married life.

Our Sympathy and Condolences

to **Sally Maunder Taylor**, grand daughter in law of Major Cecil Harding, whose father Morris Stead died recently. and to the **Doran Family** on the death of **Eoin**, whose funeral took place in Carrross on Sunday the 7th of December. May they rest in peace.

~Rev'd Stella

Congratulations to Joe and Deirdre Shirley on the birth of their third daughter, Leana.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives held a very successful fun auction evening on Monday 1st December. Donations were sent to two local charities as agreed by the members on the night. Many thanks to everyone who gave so generous to the evening. A surprise evening will be held for members in January and invites will be on there way to all shortly. A very happy New Year to all.

Sustentation

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

Table Tennis Round Up

Amylou Hayes continued her amazing run of form on Saturday December 6th at the prestigious Leinster Table Tennis Championships held in the IWA Centre, Clontarf, Dublin.

Carving her way through the U12 field of highly talented young players, the Mountrath girl set her sights early on at repeating a performance that saw her win this event last time around. Since that event however, a number of her opponents have acquired much top level coaching in pursuit of overtaking the Laois player. On this occasion, she set the day rolling with a number of comfortable victories leading to the semi finals. Here she was met with a strong challenge from Cristina O'Neill.

The York Road player went into an early lead and it took the second set for Amylou to get to grips with her, but from there on she remained in control and went on to win 3-1. In the final she met the current Irish number One, Meadbeth Slattery of Ballgriffin. A more difficult opponent could be hard to find as she plays with a strong pimped rubber on the backhand and a fast forehand offensive, combined with consistency technique placement and accuracy of an excellent standard made her an exceptional challenge.

The match got off to a slow pace of push chop and spin with neither player taking great overall risk. Slattery eventually gained control and took set one 11-9, set two saw the game even with Hayes turning the table at 11-9. Set three Slattery won 12-10 and set four Hayes took 11-8. All hung on the last set and a great silence took place for this as the points stood at 10-10. At this stage the Mountrath player dug deep into her tactics and placement ability and held her nerve to win 13-11. A great result, which has brought her to the top of Irish junior table tennis.

At the same event her sister Katie (U10) finished 3rd and another sister Linda (U14) reached the plate final. Keith Thompson (U17) and Jessie Hayes (U10) also of Mountrath TTC continue to make good progress in top level competition.

IMATT ABILITY TT UPDATE

Saturday 29th of November saw the first of the Irish Midland Area ability tournaments (junior) with the staging of the Mountrath Open. A well attended programme, comprising six divisions, each for levels of different standard of play. Results were as follows:

Div 1- Winner. Brendan Menton "Johnswell". RU- Amylou Hayes "Mountrath"

Div 2- Winner, Keith Keogh "Johnswell" RU-Garry Hutchison "Tullamore"

Div 3- Winner, Phillip Thompson "Rathdowney" RU-Katie Hayes "Mountrath"

Div 4- Winner, Amy Thompson "Rathdowney" RU-Alison Bailey "Killermogh"

Div 5- Winner, Alvin Stanley "Killermogh" RU-John Bailey "Killermogh"

Div 6- John Lawlor "Mountrath" RU-Nicole Moynan "Killermogh"

The next tournament in the series will be the Johnswell Open in January and is open to all junior (U18) in the midlands.

Club team progress, Ossory League:

Div 2.- Mountrath 10- Athy 0, Mountrath 7 -Killermogh 3, Mountrath 8- Rathdowney 2, Mountrath 7-Ballyfin 3. Yet to play Kilcooley.

Div 3.- Mountrath 8 -Athy 2, Mountrath 8-Killermogh 2.

Ossory Junior- Mountrath 8.- Rathdowney (A) 2, Mountrath 10 - Rathdowney (B) 0, Mountrath 8-Killermogh (A) 2, Mountrath 9- Killermogh (B) 1.

In Starball League, Mountrath have 3 teams:

Div 1- Mountrath 5-Tullamore 5, Mountrath 3-Moneygall 7.

Div 2- Mountrath 4- Tullamore 6.

Div 3- Mountrath 7-Johnswell 3, Mountrath 5- Killermogh 5, Mountrath 8-CPO (A) 2, Mountrath 8-CPO (B) 2.

Many more 1st leg games coming up in all Divisions.

Club Junior player of the month for November- Callum Flannery.

Our Club held its annual Junior championships on Friday evening last and in a closely contested final Amylou Hayes became junior champion for '08, with a 3 -1 win over Gary McKay.

Also on the evening a number of groups were played for all other players in the club.

Results:

Group 1- Winner: Callum Flannery. RU: Keith Thompson.

Group 2- Winner: Sarah Bennett. RU: Alannah Murray.

Group 3- Winner: Katie Hayes. RU: John Lalor.

Group 4- Winner: Jessie Hayes. RU: Chloe Carter.

Well done to all the many children who took part.

A special word of thanks to Louise Carter whose help on the evening was very much appreciated. Many thanks to all parents and adults who helped me (Jimmy) during the season to date. Thanks also to Newsletter Editor Ivor Clegg for publishing TT news through the season.

From Mountrath Table Tennis Club we wish all a very merry Christmas and much happiness for '09.

Parish Diary - January

19th Wednesday.....Closing date for February 2009 Newsletter items!

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