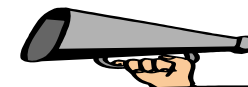


Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - February 2009

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Rector's Notes

Gift Days - St Bridget's Weekend

Due to the ongoing tragedy of war in the Gaza Strip at this moment, Clonenagh Group of Parishes is having two **Gift Services in aid of the Al Ahli Arab (Anglican) Hospital** in the Gaza Strip. This hospital is in desperate need of medical supplies, food and warm clothing. Yes, what we gather may only be a drop in the ocean to what is needed, but as Archbishop Tutu says, the ocean is made up of many drops, so let's get started on that ocean! If you want to help put this hospital and its wonderful staff in a position to perform as a hospital should at this terrible time, please put what you can in a sealed envelope and bring it along to which ever of the two Gift Services is handy for you.

The first Gift Service will be on **Saturday the 31st of January at 8p.m., in St Mark's Church in Borris-in-Ossory.** The second one will be on **Sunday the 1st of February at 11.30a.m. in St Peter's Church in Mountrath.**

Your donations will be channelled to the Al Ahli Arab (Anglican) Hospital through Bishop's Appeal.

The speaker at the two services will be **Dr Susan Hood.** Dr Hood coordinated the visit of the Irish Church leaders on their visit of hope for peace

to Israel/Palestine, 2008, and is involved in several peace programs involving faith communities in the region, including *Youth Connections for Peace* which aims to connect young people in Ireland, Palestine and Israel through dialogue, confidence-building and activities.

Ash Wednesday 25th February

I can't believe that lent is soon upon us and yet it doesn't seem so long after Christmas! This year we have the pleasure of having the Rev'd Andrew Orr, newly appointed rector of Tullow Group of Parishes, coming to preach for us on Ash Wednesday. The service will be in St Peter's Church, Mountrath at 8p.m.

Lenten Course

At our last clergy conference, a new adult education course on "**Celebrating Communion**" was introduced to us and it looks really good, thanks to the ingenuity of the Rev'd Maria Jansson, the Rt Rev'd Harold Miller, Canon Dr Michael Kennedy and the Rev'd Elizabeth Hanna. I'm looking forward to leading this course during Lent. All the meetings will be at **8p.m.** and in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath. This is a five week course and it starts on Wednesday the 4th of March. Everyone is welcome, so do come and bring a friend!

Services in February

Day and Date	Readings	Time and Place of Liturgy			
31 st January 1 st February Presentation of Christ in the Temple & Feast of St Brigid White	Borris-in-Ossory and Mountrath <i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</i> <i>Psalm 4</i> <i>Ephesians 2:13-18</i> <i>St John 14:26b-27</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Gift Service in aid of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza Evening Prayer Speaker: Dr Susan Hood	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Gift Service in aid of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza Eucharist Speaker: Dr Susan Hood	Readings for Lacca <i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i> <i>Psalm 24</i> <i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	Sunday 6p.m. Lacca Evening Prayer and Baptism
7 th & 8 th 3 rd Sunday before Lent Green	<i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i> <i>Psalm 147:1-12, 21c</i> <i>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</i> <i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30 Mountrath Morning Prayer
14 th and 15 th 2 nd Sunday before Lent Green	<i>Hosea 2:14-20</i> <i>Psalm 103:1-13 & 22</i> <i>2 Corinthians 3:1b-6</i> <i>Mark 2:13-22</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Children's Service	
21 st & 22 nd Sunday before Lent Green	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-20</i> <i>Psalm 139:1-5 & 12-18</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:5-12</i> <i>Mark 2:23-3:6</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Eucharist
28 th February Violet	<i>Genesis 9:8-17</i> <i>Psalm 25:1-9</i> <i>1 Peter 3:18-22</i> <i>Mark 1:9-15</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer			
March 1st					
1 st March 1 st Sunday of Lent Violet	<i>Genesis 9:8-17</i> <i>Psalm 25:1-9</i> <i>1 Peter 3:18-22</i> <i>Mark 1:9-15</i>	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist		Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Morning Prayer	
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.					

Parish Diary - February

- 3rd Tuesday.....Clonenagh Select Vestry meeting, Parochial Hall (8.30pm)
- 5th Thursday.....Offerlane Select Vestry meeting, Annatrim Church (8.30pm)
- 7th Saturday.....Mothers' Union Sharing Day, Kilkenny College (10.00am-4.00pm)
- 7th Saturday.....Seir Kieran Select Vestry meeting (after 8.00pm service)
- 12th Thursday.....Borris-in-Ossory Select Vestry meeting, St. Mark's Church (8.30pm)
- 18th Wednesday.....Closing date for March 2009 Newsletter items!**
- 23rd Monday.....Mothers' Union branch meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)

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

Select Vestry Meetings

At these meetings, we will be revising the register of vestry members. If you know of somebody who would like to be on the register, please let one of your vestry members know, so they can put the name forward at the revision meeting. As usual, all meetings are at **8.30p.m.**, unless otherwise specified.

Clonenagh

Parochial Hall
Tuesday 3rd of February

Offerlane

Annatrim Church
Thursday 5th of February

Seir Kieran

After the 8p.m. service
Saturday 7th of February

Borris-in-Ossory -Rescheduled

St Mark's Church
Thursday 12th of February

Congratulations to:

Cíara and Reggie Gyves on the birth of their daughter Holly, born on the 28th December last.

Our Sympathy and Condolences

to Lilly Sythes of Clonincurragh and Linda Wharton of Clareen on the death of Muriel Ryan (Lilly's sister and Linda's aunt) and Florence Percy (Lilly's aunt and Linda's great aunt)

Get well wishes

to all those still under the weather with winter ills.

Weekday Readings for February

2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Haggai 2:1-9; P 48 & 146
John 2:18-22

3 2 Kings 8:1-6; P 78:1-39;
Acts 15:36-41; Mark 7:1-13

4 Job 6:1-13; P 79 & 80;
Mark 3:7-12

5 Leviticus 13:1-17; P 82 & 84;
Hebrew 12:7-13; Mark 7:24-30

6 Leviticus 14:1-20; P 87 & 88;
Acts 19:11-20; Mark 7:31-37

7 Leviticus 14:21-32; P 89:19-52;
Matthew 26:6-13

8 See Sunday Lectionary

9 2 Kings 4:8-17 & 32-37; P 74 & 75;
Acts 14:1-7; Mark 6:53-56

10 2 Kings 8:1-6; P 78:1-39;
Acts 15:36-41; Mark 7:1-13;

11 Job 6:1-13; P 79 & 80;
Mark 3:7-12

12 Leviticus 13:1-17; P 83 & 84;
Hebrew 12:7-13; Mark 7:24-30;

13 Leviticus 14:1-20; P 87 & 88;
Acts 19:11-20; Mark 7:31-37;

14 Leviticus 14:21-32; P 89:19-52;
Matthew 26:6-13

15 See Sunday Lectionary

16 2 Chronicles 26:1-21; P 91 & 92;
Acts 3:1-10; Mark 8:11-13;

17 2 Kings 7:3-10; P 95, 96 & 97;
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1;
Mark 8:14-21;

18 Job 30:16-21; P 101 & 102;
John 4:46-54;

19 2 Chronicles 7:12-22; P 104;
3 John 2-8; Mark 8:27-33;

20 Isaiah 38:1-; P 105:23-45;
Hebrews 12:7-13; Mark 8:34-9:1;

21 Isaiah 39:1-8; P 106:19-48;
Luke 4:38-41;

22 See Sunday Lectionary

23 Exodus 19:7-25; P 119:1-24;
Hebrews 2:1-4; Mark 12:1-12;

24 Job 19:23-27; P 20 & 21;
1 Timothy 3:14-16; Mark 12:13-17;

25 Ash Wednesday

See Service Lectionary

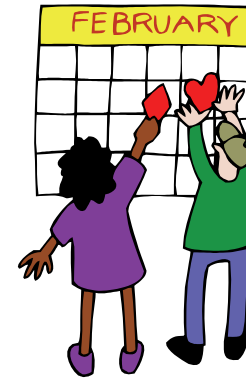
26 Daniel 9:1-14; P 25;
1 John 1:3-10; Luke 9:22-25;

27 Daniel 9:15-25a; P 39;
2 Timothy 4:1-5; Matthew 9:14-15;

28 P 32, 13 & 124; Matthew 9:2-13;

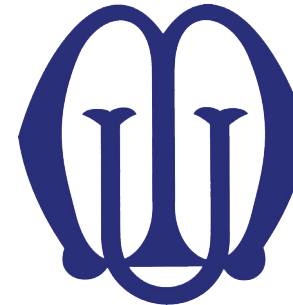
1st March See Sunday Lectionary

~Rev'd Stella



Condolences to George Grant and family on the death of Cherry.

Get well soon wishes to Mrs Margaret Jestin after her recent stay in Portlaoise hospital.



Mothers' Union & Young Wives will meet on Monday 2nd February in the enrolling member's home at 8pm for a planning & social evening.
On Saturday 7th February,

Mothers' Union will host a sharing Day from 10am to 4pm in Kilkenny College for all the branch members in the diocese. This day will consist of workshops on computer, marketing, easy-peasy power point, faith & policy, action & outreach, branch business. Four — six members are requested from each branch to attend. Those interested in going along for what promises be an enjoyable day's sharing, please contact Sandra Condell.

A branch meeting will take place on Monday 23rd February at 8pm in the Parochial Hall, and Grace Wrest will address the members about 'Fostering'. Mrs Annie Clegg, Mrs Kathleen Bennett and Mrs Jean Treacy are in charge of the supper.

The annual subscription is due to be paid by February 7th and the treasurer would be grateful if any outstanding subscriptions could be submitted as soon as possible.

The Leprosy Mission collection from Clonenagh Parish 50 for 2008 was €273, and the mission would like to thank everybody who contributed and wish everybody a happy new year.

Items for inclusion in the March 2009 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (**18th February**) before the **fourth** Sunday (**22nd 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@clonenagh.com

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