

Services in March					
Day and Date	Readings	Time and Place of Service			
28 th February 1 st March Feast of St David 1 st Sunday in Lent White	<i>Ecclesiastes 15:1-6</i> <i>Psalms 16</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 2:2-12</i> <i>Matthew 16:24-27</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Morning Prayer	
7 th & 8 th March 2 nd Sunday in Lent Violet In Seir Kieran: White	<i>Genesis 17:1-7</i> <i>Psalms 22:23-31</i> <i>Romans 4:13-25</i> <i>Mark 8:2-9</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Feast of St Kieran Transferred from the 5 th Eucharist Celebrant: The Bishop	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Children's Service World Day of Prayer
14 th & 15 th March 3 rd Sunday in Lent Violet	<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i> <i>Psalms 19</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</i> <i>John 2:13-22</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Evening Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	
17 th March Feast of St Patrick White	<i>Tobit 13:1b-7</i> <i>Psalms 145:1-13</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:1-12</i> <i>John 4:31-38</i>	Tuesday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist		Tuesday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	
19 th March Feast of St Joseph White	<i>Romans 4:13-18</i> <i>Psalms 89:26-36</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	Thursday 10.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist			
21 st & 22 nd March 4 th Sunday in Lent Violet	<i>Exodus 2:1-10</i> <i>Psalms 34:11-20</i> <i>2 Corinthians 1:3-7</i> <i>Luke 2:33-35</i>	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Evening Prayer	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Eucharist
29 th March Fifth Sunday in Lent The Annunciation of Our Lord Transferred from the 25 th White	<i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i> <i>Psalms 40:5-10</i> <i>Hebrews 10:4-10</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	Sunday 11a.m. Annatrim Eucharist and Mother's Union Ladies' Day Service			
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 - March

23rd February.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives branch meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
 26th February.....Golf Classic meeting, Parochial Hall (8.30pm)
 4th Wednesday.....Lenten Course, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
 9th Monday.....Mothers' Union Ossory Area Meeting, Templemore (8.30pm)
 11th Wednesday....Lenten Course, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
 18th Wednesday....Lenten Course, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
18th Wednesday..Closing date for April 2009 Newsletter items!
 25th Wednesday....Lenten Course, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
 24th Tuesday.....Friends of Clonenagh National School meeting, Clonenagh N.S. (8.00pm)
 1st April.....Lenten Course, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)

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

Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - March 2009

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Rector's Notes

FEBRUARY **Golf Classic**

A meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall on Thursday the 26th of February at 8.30p.m. in connection with the upcoming Golf Classic. The meeting is open to all parishioners, and we are looking for new ideas and new names for sponsorship of the Classic. We hope to see as many parishioners as possible present.

In these days of recession, the Church is going to need all the help it can get, so please come and brain storm with us so that together, we can make sure that the buildings we need for worship and fellowship will survive.

MARCH

Lenten Course: **Celebrating Communion**

Our Lenten course "Celebrating Communion" starts on Wednesday the 4th of March. All sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 8p.m. in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath. Those who wish to attend, please ring the rectory and leave a message with your name and phone number, so as we can make sure we have enough copies of the course book. Everybody is welcome, so come and bring a friend!

1. Wednesday the 4th March

The Gathering of God's People.

2. Wednesday the 11th of March

The Proclaiming and Receiving of God's Word

3. Wednesday the 18th of March

The Prayers of the People

4. Wednesday the 25th of March

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

5. Wednesday the 1st of April

The Going Out as God's People

World Day of Prayer

International and Interdenominational

What used to be called the Women's World Day of Prayer has now thanks to modern enlightenment, been changed to the "World Day of Prayer". This means that gender partiality is no longer connected with this service in any way. The theme for this year's service is "In Christ, there are many members, yet one Body". What a suitable theme for the first year in which men and women, members of one Body gather together to pray. The service will take place in **St Peter's Church in Mountrath on the 6th of March at 8p.m.** This service is an interdenominational service, so please invite your friends from other churches to come along!

The service will be led by Mabel Peavoy and the meditation will be given by Fr Pat Hennessy.

Children's World Day of Prayer

11.30a.m. Sunday the 8th of March in St Peter's Church in Mountrath. All children and their parents are welcome!

Our Condolences to Lionel Gyves and his children Reginald, Linda and Alan on the death of Lionel's mother, Rachel (Annie) Gyves, whose funeral took place in Blessington on the 28th of January last.

An Interfaith Prayer for Peace

(to be said at noon every day)

Lead me from death to life,
from falsehood to truth,
lead me from despair to hope,
from fear to trust,
lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart,
our world and our universe. Amen

We were given dominion.....

“Help us O Lord to take that seriously and teach us how to look after your creation.....”

SAC Watch Introduction:

This is a training course that will provide information and conservation training to potential SAC site monitors about Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) in their locale and nationally. It is hoped that this project will foster a sense of understanding, pride and ownership over nature conservation sites amongst the community. This year the course will be focused in the midlands in counties Laois, Offaly, Westmeath and North Tipperary.

The course involves 10 workshops with fieldtrips held on Saturdays or Sundays between April and September every year. The workshops run from 11am – 1pm followed by fieldtrips from 2pm - 4pm. The first workshop is especially important, as it will contain an introduction to Special Areas of Conservation (history, policy and administration) and guidelines on becoming a site monitor. This will be followed by fieldtrips led by experts who will instruct participants at each site developing their skills in ecology & conservation fieldwork, which will assist participants in becoming a site monitor.

So what will you learn by attending this course? Map Reading, Identification of Flora and Fauna, the Typography of different sites and the Interpretation of national policy related to SACs.

All details of the training course will be emailed to registered participants. Reg-

istration fee is €50 or just €10 for members of the Irish Wildlife Trust.

To become a member Irish Wildlife Trust, go to <http://www.iwt.ie> on the Internet and follow the 'Membership' link.

To register for SAC Watch 2009 please send us your name, address, mobile number and email with fees to: enquiries@iwt.ie or by post to:

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Weekday Readings for March

- 1 St David's Day
See Sunday Lectionary
- 2 Job 5:8-27; P 26; Ephesians 2:1-10;
Matthew 25:31-46;
- 3 Job 5:8-27; P 56; 1 Peter 3:8-18a;
Matthew 6:7-15;
- 4 Proverbs 30:1-9; P 3;
Matthew 4:1-11;
- 5 Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18; P 13;
Romans 3:21-31; Matthew 7:7-12;
- 6 Genesis 16:1-6; P 25;
Romans 4:1-12; Matthew 5:20-26
- 7 Genesis 16:7-15; P 39;
Mark 8:27-30
- 8 See Sunday Lectionary
- 9 Genesis 21:1-7; P 38;
Hebrews 1:8-12; Luke 6:36-38;
- 10 Genesis 22:1-19; P 90;
Hebrews 11:1-3 & 13-19;
Matthew 23:1-12
- 11 Jeremiah 30:12-22; P 27;
John 12:36-43
- 12 Exodus 19:1-9a; P 69;
1 Peter 2:4-10; Luke 16:19-31
- 13 Exodus 19:9b-15; P 31;
Acts 7:30-40;
Matthew 21:33-43 & 45-46
- 14 Exodus 19:16-25; P 102;
Mark 9:2-8;
- 15 See Sunday Lectionary

- 16 1 Kings 6:1-4 & 21-22; P 6;
1 Corinthians 3:10-33;
Luke 4:24-30;
- 17 St Patrick
See Lectionary in Service Roster
- 18 Jeremiah 8:8-15; & 18-9:6; P 39;
Ezra 6:1-16; Matthew 5:17-19;
- 19 St Joseph
See Lectionary in Service Roster
- 20 Daniel 12:5-13; P 26;
Ephesians 1:7-14; Mark 12:28-34;
- 21 Numbers 20:22-29; P 56;
John 3:1-13;
- 22 See Sunday Lectionary
- 23 Exodus 15:22-27; P 27;
Hebrew 3:1-16; John 4:43-54;
- 24 Numbers 20:1-13; P 69;
1 Corinthians 10:6-13;
John 5:1-3 & 5-16;
- 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord
See next Sunday's Lectionary
- 26 Isaiah 30:15-18; P 102;
Hebrews 4:1-13;
John 5:31-47;
- 27 Exodus 30:1-10; P 38;
Hebrews 4:14-5:4;
John 7:1-2; 10, 25-30;
- 28 Habakkuk 3:2-13; P 90;
John 12:1-11;
- 29 See Sunday Lectionary
- 30 Isaiah 43:8-13; P 122;
Acts 2:14-24; John 8:21-30;

~Rev'd Stella

Basic first aid classes will take place in Camross over the coming weeks, places are limited so early booking as necessary, please contact Sandra Condell 057 8735067 for more details.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives will meet on Monday 23rd February @ 8pm in Parochial Hall then Mrs Grace Wrest will address the members about 'Fostering'. Mrs Kathleen Bennett, Mrs Annie Clegg, & Mrs Jean Treacy are in charge of supper. Lady Day Service will take place on Sunday 29th March in Annatrim Church @ 11am as part of the fifth Sunday combined service. All members are requested to attend.

Mothers' Union Ossory Area Meeting will be held in Templemore Parochial Hall on Monday 9th March at 8.30 pm. The topic of the night is: "Fraud, protecting yourself and your business." The guest speaker is Mr. Kieran Dunne. All are welcome to attend.



Friends of Clonenagh National School

Following a recent meeting of the Board of Management, Teaching staff and Parents of Clonenagh National School, it was agreed to form the Friends of Clonenagh National School to raise much needed funds.

The next meeting of Friends of Clonenagh National School committee will take place on 24th March at 8pm in the school, everyone is most welcome.

Items for inclusion in the April 2009 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (18th March) before the fourth Sunday (22nd 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

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277 or 087-2522162

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