

April Services 2009					
Day and Date	Readings	Time and Place of Service			
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday Purple	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69 Philippians 2:5-11 The Passion Gospel	Saturday 8p.m. <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> Liturgy of the Palms	Lacca Church Sunday 10.30a.m. Lacca and Mountrath Congregations Combined Liturgy of the Palms & Eucharist		
8 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday Purple	Isaiah 63:1-9 Psalm 88 Revelation 14:18-15:4	<b>Borris-in-Ossory 8p.m.</b> Evening Prayer			
9 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday White	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17 & 31b-35	<b>Mountrath 8p.m.</b> Eucharist and Stripping of the Alter			
10 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday No Colour	Readings to be announced	<b>The Hollow Church to St Matthew's Roskelton</b> Stations of the Cross 10a.m.	<b>Seir Kieran 3p.m.</b> Proclamation of the Cross	<b>Mountrath 8p.m.</b> Proclamation of the Cross	
11 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Saturday White	Acts 10:34-43 The Easter Anthems	<b>Annatrim 7p.m.</b> Eucharist		<b>Roskelton 8.30p.m.</b> Easter Vigil & Service of Light with Eucharist	
12 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday White	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18	<b>Borris-in-Ossory 10a.m.</b> Eucharist	<b>Lacca 10a.m.</b> Eucharist	<b>Mountrath 11.30a.m.</b> Eucharist	<b>Seir Kieran 12 noon</b> Eucharist
19 <sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter White	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:2-2 John 20:19-31	<b>Borris-in-Ossory 10a.m.</b> Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath 11.30a.m.</b> Morning Prayer	
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> April Third Sunday of Easter White	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Saturday <b>Seir Kieran 8p.m.</b> Evening Prayer	Sunday <b>Mountrath 9a.m.</b> Eucharist	Sunday <b>Annatrim 10a.m.</b> Eucharist	Sunday <b>Roskelton 11.30a.m.</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.					

### Parish Diary - April

24th March.....Friends of Clonenagh National School meeting, Clonenagh N.S. (8.00pm)  
 24th March.....Parent & Toddler Group First Aid talk, Parochial Hall (11.00am)  
 25th March.....Lenten Course, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)  
 26th March.....Parents/Childminders Coffee Morning, Portlaoise (11.00am)  
 31st March.....Offerlane Select Vestry Revision meeting (8.30pm)  
 1st Wednesday.....Lenten Course, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)  
 1st Wednesday.....Parents/Childminders Coffee Morning, Rathdowney (10.30am)  
 2nd Thursday.....Senior Citizen's Party, Parochial Hall (12.30pm)  
 3rd Friday.....Clonenagh Select Vestry Revision meeting (8.30pm)  
 4th Saturday.....Borris-in-Ossory Select Vestry Revision meeting (before Evening Prayer)  
 20th Monday.....Clonenagh Easter Vestry meeting (8.30pm)  
 21st Tuesday.....Offerlane Easter Vestry meeting (8.30pm)  
**22nd Wednesday..Closing date for May 2009 Newsletter items!**  
 22nd Wednesday....Diocesan Festival Service, Rathdowney (7.30pm)  
 25th Saturday.....Seir Kieran Select Vestry Revision meeting (after Church)  
 27th Monday.....Mothers' Union Branch Meeting, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)  
 28th Tuesday.....Borris-in-Ossory Easter Vestry meeting (8.30pm)  
 29th Wednesday.....Diocesan Council, Castlecomer (2.30pm)  
 30th Thursday.....Seir Kieran Easter Vestry meeting (8.30pm)  
**Sunday School for Juniors & Seniors**, St. Peter's Church, Mountrath (during Sunday service, except United and Family services).



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - April 2009

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

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### Rector's Notes

#### Episcopal Visit to Clonenagh National School

We had a lovely visit from our Bishop on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> last. The children and teachers had prepared for the day in great detail and it was much appreciated and noted by Bishop Burrows. It was lovely to see that the children were not at all frightened by Bishop Michael. They had a quality conversation with him, that I am sure they will always remember.

#### Lenten Course Celebrating Communion

There are two sessions left in our Lenten Course, which takes place in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath and they are on:

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of March at 8p.m.**

Celebrating at the Lord's Table and

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 8p.m.**

The Going Out as God's People

#### Vintage Tractor Club Sponsored Road Run

The **Camross Vintage Tractor Club** will be doing a sponsored road run on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April next in aid of the Laois Dyslexia Workshop and our own **Clonenagh National School**. Please support this venture as generously as you can, as the gentlemen of the club are very good to take our national school under their wing. Pray for a nice day too, as a tractor run is rather attractive trundling along our country roads.

The tractors will assemble at **12 noon on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April** in Camross Village and will go through the following areas: Marymount Crossroads, Birchgrove Bridge, Derrycarrow, Cappanarrow, Cardtown, past Lacca Church, Roudwood, Paddock, Paddock

Cross roads, Bergin's Cross Roads, Crannagh Cross Roads, Crannagh, Gossbrook, Annatrim Bridge, past Annatrim Church, Shanderry, Windsor, Clonaghil Cross Roads, Marymount Cross Roads and back to Camross.

Sponsorship Cards for the run have been sent out to all parents of the school children, so if you'd like to sponsor the run, please contact any of the parents you know, and buy a line. If you'd like to help fundraise, please contact Sylvia Stotesbury on 087 7425865 and she'll provide you with a sponsorship card. Thank you all in advance.

#### Palm Sunday Services

The Mountrath and Lacca services for Palm Sunday, will be combined this year and will take place in Lacca Church, where the congregations of Mountrath and Lacca will join together for the Liturgy of the Palms and Eucharist. This is to facilitate the attendance of the people of Mountrath at the Vintage Tractor run, which is being held in aid of **Clonenagh National School** in Mountrath and the Laois Dyslexia Workshop. The Tractors will gather in Camross Village at 12 noon. Having the two congregations together will also make for a beautiful celebration of Palm Sunday.

#### Weekday Readings for April

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

1 Haggai 2:1-9 & 20-23; P 55;

John 12:34-50;

2 Deuteronomy 16:1-8;

P 40 & 54; John 10:19-42;

3 Jeremiah 33:1-9; P 69;

Philippians 2:12-18;

John 10:31-42;

4 Jeremiah 33:1-16; P 23 & 88;  
Mark 10:32-34 & 46-52;

**5 Palm Sunday**

See Sunday Lectionary

6 Lamentations 1:1-12a; P 41;  
Luke 22:1-23

7 Lamentations 3:1-18; P 27;  
Luke 22:24-53

**8 Wednesday**

See the Lectionary for Wednesday of Holy Week

**9 Maundy Thursday**

See Maundy Thursday Lectionary

**10 Good Friday**

Readings to be arranged

**11 Easter Eve**

See Easter Lectionary

**12 Easter Sunday**

See Easter Lectionary

13 Genesis 1:1-19; P 2: 110; 149;  
1 Corinthians 15:35-49;  
Matthew 28:8-15;

14 Genesis 1:20-2:4a; P 63 & 146;  
1 Corinthians 15:50-58;  
John 20: 11-18;

15 Song of Solomon 3:1-11; P 57;  
Mark 16:1-8;

16 Daniel 1:1-21; P 30 & 148;  
Acts 2:42-47; Luke 24: 36b-48;

17 Daniel 2:1-23; P 29 & 147:1-12  
Acts 4:23-31; John 21:1-14;

18 Daniel 2:24-49; P 103 & 150;  
John 12:44-50

**19 Second Sunday of Easter**

See Sunday Lectionary

20 Daniel 3:1-30; P 81;  
1 John 2:3-11; John 3:1-8

21 Daniel 6:1-28; P 135;  
1 John 2:12-17; John 3:7-8:15;

22 Isaiah 26:1-15; P 139;  
Mark 12:18-27;

23 Daniel 9:1-19; P 33;  
1 John 2:18-25; John 3:31-36;

24 Daniel 10:2-19; P 30;  
1 John 2:26-28; John 6:1-15;

**25 Feast of St Mark**

Isaiah 62:6-12; P 37:23-41;  
Acts 12:25-13:13; Mark 13:5-13;

**26 Third Sunday of Easter**

See Sunday Lectionary

27 Jeremiah 30:1-11a; P 115;

1 John 3:101-6; John 6:22-29;

28 Hosea 5:15-6:6; P 118;

2 John 1-6; John 6:30-35;

29 Proverbs 9:1-6; P 103;  
Mark 16:9-18

30 Genesis 30:25-43; P 139;  
Acts 3:17-26; John 6:44-51;

**Select Vestry Revision Meetings**

**Offerlane**

8.30 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of March

**Seir Kieran**

After Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of April

**Borris-in-Ossory**

7p.m. Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>

(Before Evening Prayer)

**Clonenagh**

8.30p.m. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Easter General Vestry Meetings**

As the Easter General Vestry must be held no more than 20 days after Easter Sunday, i.e. by latest, Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, the following dates for Easter General Vestries have been arranged:

**Easter General Vestries**

**Clonenagh**

8.30 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Offerlane**

8.30 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Seir Kieran**

8.30p.m. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Borris-in-Ossory**

8.30p.m. Tuesday 28th April

**Farm Safety**

The importance of farm safety cannot be over emphasised with one third of all workplace fatalities taking place on farms. Twenty one people lost their lives on farms last year. Courses will be run by **Teagasc** in April and May of this year to bring awareness to farmers and also to help them meet their legal requirements to complete a Safety Statement / Risk Assessment Document. Participants will also qualify for an FETAC Cert. All are welcome both clients and non clients. Individual attention will be given if necessary. Apply to **Teagasc**, Knockiel, Rathdowney, Co. Laois, or phone 0505 46451 for further details.

~Rev'd Stella

**Congratulations and well done** to Nigel Condell who was the vice-captain on the Senior First Kilkenny team that defeated Wesley on Thursday in the section B School's Cup final.

**Mothers' Union & Young Wives** will hold their Lady's Day Service on Sunday 29th in Annatrim Church at 11 am as part of the fifth Sunday service. All Husbands, families and parishioners are invited to attend.

The next meeting for the branch is on Monday 27th April at 8pm. in the Parochial Hall. We will have a social & knitting evening to promote the knitting that has been done by Marina Clegg as part of the Diocese's knitting project for premature babies in local hospitals. **This meeting will also be the AGM.** Mrs Caroline Clegg, Mrs Susan Jestin and Mrs Tricia Roe will be in charge of the supper.

**Diocesan Festival Service** will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Rathdowney on April 22nd at 7.30pm. The preacher is the Rt. Rev'd W.N.F.E. Empey.

**Diocesan Council** is in Castlecomer on Wednesday 29th April at 2.30pm.

**Senior Citizen's Party** will take place on Thursday April 2nd in the Parochial Hall at 12.30pm. Invitations are on their way but feel free to come along and join us.

**G.F.S. Easter Draw**

G.F.S. members are selling lines for an Easter Draw, cost 2 Euro per line. 1st prize: Easter Bunny; 2nd & 3rd prizes: Easter Basket; 4th, 5th, 6th prizes: Easter Egg. Draw will take place on Easter Saturday, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds to G.F.S World Council funds (World Council will be hosted in Ireland in 2011).

Items for inclusion in the May 2009 Newsletter need to be with the editor by the Wednesday (22nd April) before the fourth Sunday (26th 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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**Friends of Clonenagh National School**

A very big thank you to everyone who has donated or set up Direct Debits to the Bank Account for our worthy cause, and to those of you who intend giving a Donation Big or Small, just a reminder of the Methods of Payment. You can pay directly into the Bank Account Number 90050422, or you can leave into school for my attention

Many Thanks, *Sylvia Stotesbury*  
(Chairperson)

**The Leprosy Mission** collection on Sunday 15th raised €152.05. Thanks to all the children and teachers of Clonenagh school who contributed in the sketch about leprosy.

~Olga Telford

On Shrove Tuesday, **Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group** hosted a Pancake Party in aid of The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght, which raised a sum of €330.00. A special "thank you" to everyone who supported the Pancake Party and gave donations and also to Dorothy McDowell for organizing the event.

Ms. Monica Middleton from the Irish Red Cross will give a talk on "**Basic First Aid Tips**" to the Parent & Toddler Group on Tuesday, 24th March 2009 at 11.00 am at the Parochial Hall, Mountrath. All welcome.

Laois County Childcare Committee who provide training, workshops, and support for families, Childcare Providers and those working as Childminders are providing two Parents/Childminders Coffee Mornings on

- Thursday, 26th March 2009 at 11.00 am at "Roll 'n' Bowl", Portlaoise.
  - Wednesday, 1st April 2009 at 10.30 am at "Tearaways", Rathdowney Retail Outlet.
- Both events are free of charge.