

able for young children to develop their fundamental motor skills, manipulative skills, coordination and balancing skills.

Christmas Bazaar will take place on December 10th at 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall. Hence the fundraising committee would like some volunteers to work on stalls. Contributions and support for this event would be much appreciated.

Stalls are as follows: Tea's, Bottle stall, sweet stall, cake stall, Christmas floral arrangements, School stall (variety), and more to follow.

Leprosy Mission boxes should be returned to Olga Telford by December 5th.

Girls Friendly Society- Many thanks to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child project by filling a shoe box or making a donation, a total of twenty five boxes were delivered to Rose, the local co-ordinator in Portlaoise.

Our enrolment Service is on 29th November at 11am in Mountrath.

A cookery book (Glorious Food Selection) is now available from G.F.S leaders, cost €10 in aid of World Council Funds if anyone would like to purchase one.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives Note to all members: SUBS are due before 31st November this year and the treasurer Susan Jestin would be grateful if you would return them to her as soon as possible.

**Mountrath
Mothers' Union & Young Wives
celebrate their
Centenary Year
and
they wish to invite the parishioners
to join them
in
St. Peter's Church
on
Monday 23rd November
at 8pm
Followed by refreshments
in the Parochial Hall.**

We hope that all Former Members,
and the families of Past Members
sadly no longer with us,
will join us in this celebration.

Parish Diary - December

November 23rd....MU&YW Centenary Year Celebration, St. Peter's Church (8.00pm)

November 29th....G.F.S. Enrolment Service, St. Peter's Church (11.00am)

November 31st....Closing date for return of MU&YW subscriptions

5th Saturday.....Closing date for return of Leprosy Mission boxes

10th Thursday.....Christmas Bazaar, Parochial Hall, (7.30pm)

12th Saturday.....Clonenagh N.S. Christmas Fair, school car park

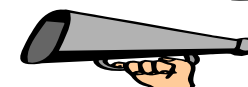
19th Saturday.....Clonenagh N.S. Christmas Fair, school car park

21st MONDAY.....Closing date for January 2010 Newsletter items!

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

Items for inclusion in the January 2010 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **MONDAY (21st December) AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**. **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 This Newsletter and many older editions can be downloaded directly from www.clonenagh.com

Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - December 2009

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Rector's Notes

A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all!

Holy Baptism and Confirmation

Tina Chambers of Killanure was baptised and confirmed and Baby Caoimhe Hyland of Coolrain was baptised, both on Sunday the 15th of November last by Bishop Burrows. The service took place in St Peter's Church in Mountrath.

Congratulations to Roger and Joanna Shore on the birth of their twin daughters Ava and Lucy.

Thank you to the Gray family who kindly funded our new side chapel in St Peter's Church. The Gray family also wish to thank everyone who helped bring the side chapel to completion. The chapel in memory of Archdeacon Hugh and Mrs Isabelle Gray, was dedicated on the 31st of October by Bishop Burrows. Archdeacon Murray preached and Bishop Empey and Dean Knowles also took part in the service. Thanks to all the culinary artistes who provided the sumptuous supper afterwards.

Our Sympathy and Condolences to Margaret Jestin on the death of her cousin Robert Wallace, whose funeral took place in Corbally Church on the 19th of November. Robert Wallace took services many times during vacancies in Clonenagh Group of Parishes. He will always be remembered warmly.

Weekday Readings for December

- 1 2 Samuel 7:18-29; P 50;
Revelation 22:12-16; Luke 10:21-24
- 2 Isaiah 1:24-31; P 28; Luke 11:29-32
- 3 Malachi 3:5-12; P 62;
Philippians 112-18a; Matthew 7:21-27
- 4 Malachi 3:13-18; P 40;
Philippians 1:18b-26; Matthew 9:27-31

5 Malachi 4:1-6; P 9; Luke 9:1-6

6 See Sunday Lectionary

7 Isaiah 40:1-11; P 144;

Romans 8:22-25; Luke 5:17-26;

8 Isaiah 19:18-25; P 44; 2 Peter 1:2-15;

Matthew 18:12-14;

9 Isaiah 35:3-7; P 11 7 12; Luke 7:18-30;

10 Amos 6:1-8; P 42 & 43;

2 Corinthians 8:1-15;

Matthew 11: 7-15;

11 Amos 8:4-12; P 123 & 130;

2 Corinthians 9:1-15;

Matthew 11:16-19;

12 Amos 9:8-15; P 94; Luke 1:57-66;

13 See Sunday Lectionary

14 Numbers 16:1-19; P 114;

Hebrews 13: 7-17; Matthew 21: 23-27;

15 Numbers 16:20-35; P 115;

Acts 28:23-31; Matthew 21:28-32;

16 Micah 4:8-13; P 116:1-8;

Luke 7:31-35;

17 Jeremiah 31:31-34; P 113;

Hebrews 10:10-18; Luke 1:39-45;

18 Isaiah 42:10-18; P 146;

Hebrews 10:32-39; Matthew 1:18-25;

19 Micah 4:6-8; P 148; 2 Peter 1:16-21;

Luke 1:5-25;

20 See Sunday Lectionary

21 Isaiah 40:1-11; P 116:11-17;

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 1:39-45;

22 Micah 4:1-5; P 146;

Ephesians 2:11-22; Luke 1:46-56;

23 Micah 4:6-8; P 148; 2 Peter 2:16-21;

Luke 1:57-66;

24 Micah 66-8; P 45; Hebrews 10:5-10;

Luke 1:67-79

25 See Christmas Lectionary

26 St Stephen's Day

Jeremiah 26:12-15; P 119:161-16;

Matthew 23:34-39

27 See Sunday Lectionary

28 Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 2009 Services				
Day and Date	Lectionary	Time and Place of Service		
Wednesday 2 nd Violet	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 23 Matthew 15:29-39	Wednesday 8p.m. Mountrath Midweek Eucharist		
5 th & 6 th 2 nd Sunday of Advent Violet	Baruch 5:1-9 Canticle Benedictus Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Saturday 8p.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Morning Prayer	Sunday 8p.m. Mountrath Advent Carol Service
9 th Violet	Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-10 Matthew 11:28-30	Wednesday 8p.m. Mountrath Midweek Eucharist		
12 th & 13 th 3 rd Sunday of Advent Violet	Zephaniah 3:14-20 The Canticle The Song of Isaiah Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Saturday 8p.m. Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer	Sunday 11a.m. Seir Kieran Morning Prayer
16 th Violet	Isaiah 45:6-8; 18 & 21-25 Psalm 85:7-13 Luke 7:19-23	Wednesday 8p.m. Mountrath Midweek Eucharist		
19 th & 20 th 4 th Sunday of Advent Violet	Micah 5:2-a The Canticle Magnificat Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 10.30a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer
Thursday 24 th Christmas Eve White	Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-20	Christmas Eve 5p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Christmas Eve 6.30p.m. Annatrim Eucharist	
Friday 25 th Christmas Day White		Christmas Day 8.30a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Christmas Day 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	
27 th 1 st Sunday of Christmas White	Readings for Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	United Service 11a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols		
New Year's Day White	To be decided	Friday 11a.m. United Service Annatrim Eucharist		
3 rd January 2 nd Sunday of Christmas White	Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12 Wisdom 10:15-21 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-18	Sunday 8.30a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m Mountrath Eucharist
6 th Epiphany White	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7 & 10-15 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Wednesday 8p.m. United Service Mountrath Epiphany Eucharist		

Morning/Evening Prayer: All three readings are read by a lector or lectors.

None of the Morning/Evening Prayer 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.

Genesis 37:13-20; P 36 & 146;
Matthew 18:1-10
29 1 Chronicles 28:1-10; P 20;
1 Corinthians 3:10-17; Luke 2:22-35;
30 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; P 45;
Mark 13:32-27;
31 1 Kings 3:5-14; P 132; John 8:12-19;
~Rev'd Stella

Clonenagh National School- A sincere thank you to all for their support in our recent fundraisers and to Camross Vintage Club for €2,500 recently received by the school from the Camross Field Day.

Our upcoming fundraiser is a Christmas Fair in the school carpark on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th December.

We hope to sell the following items: Christmas Trees, Homebakes, Vegetables, Christmas Logs, Wreaths, Pictures, Christmas Cards, Turf and Sticks.

If you can assist with any of the above, please let us know. Many Thanks for your continued support.

Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group has achieved a Certificate of Completion of the Buntús Start Training Programme through the attendance of Charlotte Fairbrother, Joyce Lalor and Vera Caldbeck for training. The training was provided by representatives from The Irish Sports Council. The Group has received a wide range of sports equipment suit-