

Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - January 2010

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Rector's Notes

Happy New Year and Best Wishes!

The time has come to write my "Good Byes", as we near the end of my stay in Clonenagh Group of Parishes and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all God's blessings for the future. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all those who supported me in any way during my time here: our organists, churchwardens, glebe wardens, editor and printer of our newsletter and orders of service, organiser and care taker of our parochial hall, vestry secretaries and treasurers, members of vestry, assistants with outreach, flower arrangers, sextons, MU members, school staff, school board, grounds men and women and those who volunteered to help out with the many different parish occasions over the years. Thank you to each and every one of you!

My last service here shall be when we celebrate Epiphany together on Wednesday the 6th of January in St Peter's Church, Mountrath at 8p.m.

Mother's Union Centenary

On Monday 23rd of November last, the Mountrath branch of the Mother's Union celebrated their centenary. The evening started off with a celebration of the Eucharist at which the Mother's Union chaplain, the Rev'd Ann Wallace preached. After the service, refreshments were served in the parochial hall and presentations were made to the two longest standing members of the Mountrath branch, Marina Clegg and Peg McKay.

Mother's Union helps out

Thank you to Mother's Union and their enrolling member Sandra Condell, for organising and arranging the collecting of household effects to be delivered to those who have

been so badly hit by the recent floods. So far, two loads have been sent off to Athlone, one to Cork and another one to Ennis. The items were distributed by the Simon Community, the Vincent de Paul Association and the Irish Red Cross. Well done Mother's Union! At each of our services up to the 6th of January, with the exception of the Christmas Eve/Day services, there will be a retiring collection for the Irish Red Cross to help flood victims. Please give what you can.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all the hard workers who organised and made the Christmas Bazaar in Mountrath such a success on the day. Thank you also to those who supported the event. The parish is very grateful for the €1395 received during the couple of hours of the Bazaar on December 10th.

Hospitable Young Parishioners

Our grateful thanks to the young people who hosted the statuettes of **Mary and Joseph**, as they made their way to the crib this Christmas.

Jason Lalor of Knocknagad
Ava and Lucy Shore of Lacca
James and Andrew Cooper of Annatrim
Elizabeth Parkinson of Derrylusk
Scott and Amy Jestin of Borris-in-Ossory

Weekday Readings for January

- 1 See New Year's Day Lectionary**
- 2** Proverbs 1:1-7; P 89:5-18;
James 3:13-18; John 1:19-28
- 3 See Sunday Lectionary**
- 4** Isaiah 6:1-5; P 112; Acts 7:44-53;
John 1:35-42;
- 5** Jeremiah 31:7-14; P 113;
John 1: 1-9 & 10-18;

IMPORTANT NOTE - these Services are **PROVISIONAL**, so it would be best to check with the relevant Churchwarden before attending.

Date and Colour		Lectionary		Time and Place of Service	
Service Roster for Clonenagh Group of Parishes January 2010					
New Year's Day White		To be decided		Friday 11a.m. Annatrim United Service Eucharist	
2 nd Sunday of Christmas White	Sunday 3 rd Eucharist	Ecclesiastical 24.1-12 Wisdom 10.15-21 Ephesians 1.3-14 John 1.1-18	Sunday 8.30 a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist
Wednesday 6 th Epiphany White	Sunday 10 th The Baptism of Christ White	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7 & 10-15 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Wednesday 8p.m. Mountrath United Service Epiphany Eucharist		
Wednesday 13 th White	Sunday 16 th /Sunday 17 th 2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany White	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer	Sunday 11.30a.m. Seir Kieran Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20 th White	Sunday 23 rd /Sunday 24 th 3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany White	1 Samuel 3:1-10 & 9-20 Psalm 40:1-10; Mark 1:39-29	Wednesday 8p.m. Mountrath Midweek Eucharist		
Wednesday 27 th White	Sunday 31 st 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-2, 3-1a John 2:1-11	Sunday 8a.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist
Wednesday 27 th White	Sunday 31 st 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37; 44-51 Psalm 144:1-2 & 9-10 Mark 3:1-6	Wednesday 8p.m. Mountrath Midweek Eucharist		
Wednesday 27 th White	Sunday 31 st 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 & 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:1-2, 3-1a Luke 4:14-30	Saturday 8p.m. Lacca Evening Prayer	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer
Wednesday 27 th White	Sunday 31 st 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:19-27 Mark 4:1-20	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist	Sunday 9a.m. Mountrath Eucharist	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer
Wednesday 27 th White	Sunday 31 st 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 48 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Sunday 11a.m. 5 th Sunday United Service Lacca Eucharist		

6 See Epiphany Lectionary

7 Daniel 2:1-19; P 99;

Ephesians 4:17-5:1;

Matthew 4:12-17 & 23-25

8 Daniel 2:24-49; P 97;

Ephesians 5:15-20; Mark 6: 34-44;

9 Numbers 24:15-19; P 66; Luke 1:67-79

10 See Sunday Lectionary

11 Judges 4:1-16; P 1,2, 3;

Ephesians 6:10-17; Mark 1:14-20;

12 Judges 5:12-21; P 7, 8;

1 John 5:13-21; Mark 1:21-28

13 Numbers 27:1-11; P 10, 11;

Luke 11:33-36;

14 Jeremiah 3:1-5; P 15,16, 17;

Acts 8:18-24; Mark 1:40-45;

15 Jeremiah 3:19-25; P 18:21-50;

1 Corinthians 7:1-7; Mark 2:1-12;

16 Jeremiah 4:1-4; P 19; Luke 11:14-23

17 See Sunday Lectionary

18 Isaiah 54:1-8 P 26 & 28;

Romans 12:9-21; Mark 2:18-22;

19 Song of Solomon 4:1-28; P 26 & 28;

1 Corinthians 1:3-17; Mark 2:23-28;

20 Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1; P 29 & 30;

Luke 5:33-39;

21 Isaiah 61:1-7; P 32; Romans 7:1-6;

Mark 3:7-12

22 Nehemiah 2:1-10; P 34;

Romans 12:1-8; Mark 3:13-19;

23 Nehemiah 5:1-13; P 36;

Luke 2:39-52;

24 See Sunday Lectionary

25 Conversion of St Paul

Jeremiah 1:4-10; P 67;

Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-30;

26 Jeremiah 36:11-26; P 39;

2 Corinthians 7:2-12;

Mark 3:31-35

27 Jeremiah 36:27-32; P 42 & 43;

Luke 4:38-44;

28 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; P 45 & 46;

Acts 10:44-48; mark 4:21-25;

29 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; P 49;

Acts 19:1-10;

Mark 4:26-34;

30 2 Chronicles 36:11-2; P 50;

John 1:43-51;

31 See Sunday Lectionary

Our New Year's Day Service will be held in Annatrim Church in Coolrain at 11p.m. on the 1st of January.

Welcome to the Newly Baptised

Ava and Lucy, twin daughters of **Joanna and Roger Shore** will be baptised and welcomed as members of the Church in Lacca on Sunday the 3rd of January at 2p.m. We wish them and their parents God's blessing, as they walk with Christ.

Our Sympathy and Condolences to the family of **Major Cecil Harding**, and especially to his daughter **Virginia Maunder Taylor**, whose daughter **Tanya** died recently in England. May she rest in peace.

~Rev'd Stella

Sustentation

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

Fundraising Committee

Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar in the Parochial Hall and made it a great success. Parish proceeds from this event are €1395.

The Fundraising Committee would like to send good wishes to Rev'd Stella as she takes up duty in her new parish in January.

"Thank you" to all who supported the Irish Poppy Appeal in November; to date, €103.75 has been collected.

Also, thanks to those who purchased Poppy Wreaths.

~Lionel Gyves

Mountrath Table Tennis Club continued its rich vein of form throughout '09. Katie Hayes achieved a milestone winning the Irish U10 girls title in Belfast recently and followed that up by winning Leinster U10 and U12 girls titles in Dublin. In the Dublin event it was a most successful U10 outing given that fellow club players Nadia Krawczun and Jessie Hayes took 2nd and 3rd also. However, one must take into account that they trained 3 evenings a week for this.

Amylou Hayes continues to compete at U12 at national only, and in Belfast she reached the semi-finals before losing by the narrowest of margins to the eventual winner. In Leinster she reached the U14 final where she lost to her Irish team mate Maybeth

Slattery in the final set.

In local competition the senior team of Edgar, Chris, Greg and Amylou remain unbeaten in the top division of the Ossory League, following wins over Ballyfin 10-0, Kilcooley 6-4, Killermogh 1 6-4, Killermogh 2 6-4, and Rathdowney 8-2. Team 2 of Dave, Keith, Gary and Lorraine also remain unbeaten while both junior teams are also on a winning run.

Many juniors joined with children from Ballyroan, Rathdowney, Killermogh and Kyle at a two day ITTA training camp recently.

Merry Christmas to everyone from the Club.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives celebrated their centenary year on November 23rd with a Service of Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath. This was a wonderful evening and many thanks to everyone who attended and helped with preparing for it.

The next meeting of the branch will be held in the Enrolling Member's home on Monday 25th January at 8pm. This will be a reflecting evening on the branch's history and work.

The branch members would like to wish Rev'd Stella all the very best as she prepares to leave Clonenagh for her new parish in Cork.



The current members of Mountrath Mothers' Union, with Rev'd Ann Wallace (M.U. Diocesan Chaplin,) & Rev'd Stella Jones, at the recent Centenary celebration in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath.

Parish Diary - January

20th Wednesday..Closing date for February 2010 Newsletter items!

25th Monday.....MU&YW meeting (8.00pm)

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

Items for inclusion in the February 2010 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY (January 20th) AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for **the 4th Sunday, January 24th**. **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