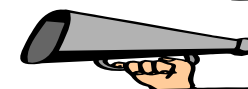


# Newsletter



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - March 2010

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

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**Our Sympathy and Condolences** to Mr. & Mrs. Alfie Oxley on the death of Alfie's sister in England.

**Best Wishes** to Jillian Hayes; to Rosemary Holmes who spent a few days in hospital recently; to Alison Honner who is currently in Beaumont Hospital; to Joe Abbott who is in Portlaoise Hospital at the moment; and to Bertie Holmes who is now convalescing in a nursing home after his stay.

**Congratulations** to William Lalor on his recent engagement to Deirdre O'Hara from Sligo.

A cheque to the total of €550 was sent to the **Irish Red Cross** for the **Flood Victims Appeal Fund** as a result of the collections at the Advent Carol Service and Rev'd Stella Jones' last service with us on January 6th.

**Clonenagh National School** enrolments for September 2010 will take place on Friday 26th March between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the school. Please bring a copy of birth certificate with you. Any queries telephone 0578732516.

**Rainbows Programme** will be run in Clonenagh National School. This is a peer support group for children following a separation, divorce or bereavement in the family. It is for children from 1st class-6th class, and will take place each Tuesday beginning Tuesday 9th March and will run for 12

weeks. This is open to all children and not just pupils of the school. For more information please contact the school.

### Mountrath Table Tennis Club

Amylou, Katie and Jessie Hayes took the IWA table tennis venue in Clontarf, Dublin, by storm over the weekend, where they brushed aside many excellent young players to take silverware in every category.

With Katie already crowned U10 National champion and Amylou collecting U12 Player of the year award, they set about hitting the tables hard and fast. U17 level demands a lot from a player, especially when you are only 12, but rising to the challenge Amylou put a string of excellent results together to reach the latter stages, and following hot on the heels of Sarah Byrne and Maybeth Slattery, she found herself in a tie for 3rd place and here she collected her first silverware of the weekend.

Meanwhile Katie was carving her way to the U12 final where she was up against top Westmeath player Aideen Dolan. They matched each other point for point, set for set, all the way with Hayes taking sets 1 and 3 and Dolan taking 2 and 4, all by very narrowest of margins, while in the final set the Dunshaughlin player took the victory on a 12-10 scoreline.

### Service Roster for Clonenagh Group of Parishes March 2010

Date and Colour	Lectionary	Time and Place of Service			
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	To be decided	Friday 10a.m. Mountrath World Day of Prayer Service Mrs. M. Peavoy			
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Violet	Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-8 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 St. Luke 13.1-9	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Patronal Service <b>The Bishop</b>	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Morning Prayer <b>T.B.A.</b>	Sunday 10a.m. Lacca Eucharist	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Violet	Joshua 5.9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5.16-21 St. Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist <b>T.B.A.</b>	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer Mrs. M. Peavoy	Sunday 11.30a.m. Seir Kieran Morning Prayer <b>T.B.A.</b>	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Morning Prayer Mrs. M. Peavoy
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday Violet	Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.4b-14 St. John 12.1-8 or Readings for Mothering Sunday	Sunday 11a.m. Lacca Holy Baptism & Eucharist <b>Rt. Rev. WNF Empey</b>	Sunday 10a.m. Seir Kieran Morning Prayer <b>T.B.A.</b>	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist <b>T.B.A.</b>	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist <b>T.B.A.</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday Violet	Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5-11 St. Luke 22.14-23.56	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist Ven. J.G. Murray	Sunday 10a.m. Mountrath Eucharist <b>Rt. Rev. WNF Empey</b>	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer <b>T.B.A.</b>	Sunday 11.30a.m. Roskelton Eucharist <b>Rt. Rev. WNF Empey</b>

In Div 2 of U12 Jessie Hayes took Runner-Up spot to collect her first trophy at this age level. The potential of the 8 year old did not go unnoticed as she was to later receive a STIGA sponsorship deal from Tommy Fitzgerald Tennis supplies.

Day two of the event was the turn of U10 and U14 players. In the U10s, Laois was well represented with Katie Hayes, Jessie Hayes and Leanne Delaney (Mountrath TTC) and Eimile McWee (Ballyroan TTC) all in action. The Irish Number 1 was always in control and apart from dropping 2 sets to Aishling Gray, Club Donic TTC, Lucan, she was to cruise to the final where she recorded a 3-0 win over Nga Nguyen of York Rd TTC.

Jessie went on to take 3rd place in the event. For Delaney and McWee this was their first high level ranking tournament and with the talent they possess they will no doubt have feature success in the sport.

Completing the event it was the turn of the U14 Girls. Here a large group of very competitive players took to the tables in which any one of 5 or 6 players could capture the title. For Amylou she would have to be at her best and this she was where she recorded narrow victories over many tough opponents such as Olivia Farrell, Clare Heller and Elaine McClone.

In the Semi-Finals she came up against a superb young player in Kate McClone and this was not a match for the faint hearted. Hayes got off to a flying start and with superb placement she outwitted the blistering speed of her opponent to take a 2 set lead. However, the young Dublin wizard was not for quitting and came back with two winning sets herself; this made for a tense final set which the Laois girl got to grips

with early, using a combination of spin, push and wide driving smashes and nailing down the final set 11-7.

In the final she was up against Balgriffin's Maybeth Slattery who is a master of the dreaded pimple rubber bat, the purpose of which is to slow the game right down. Hayes took the first set 11-8 but was unable to hold back enough on attacking to wear down her opponent for the remainder of the final and Slattery won on a 3-1 score-line. However to reach the final and take silver was a huge achievement for Hayes.

A number of players from Mountrath, Rathdowney and Ballyroan clubs attended an Irish Level 2 tournament in Dunshoughlin recently and among them John Mansfield & Scott Jestin Rathdowney TTC, Eimile McWee Ballyroan TTC and Jessie Hayes Mountrath TTC were successful in claiming awards on the day.

**Mothers' Union & Young Wives** met on Monday 22nd February for an interesting talk on First Aid in the Home. Many thanks to Ann Gee for all her help on the night. The next meeting will be after Lenten service on Wednesday 24th March. Mrs Dorothy McDowell, Mrs Laura Fairbrother and Mrs Ann Gee will be in charge of the supper. Ossory Area meeting will be held in Rathdowney on Tuesday 23rd March at 8pm when the topic is 'Why are we Here' with the speaker Mrs. Margaret Kingston.

**Senior Citizens' party** will be held on Thursday 8th April at 12.30pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath. If you would like to join us for lunch please contact Mrs Mabel Peavoy, Mrs Mgt Jestin or Mrs Myra Harvey on or before Friday 2nd April.

### Fundraising Committee

Fundraising meeting in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday March 10th at 9pm; Home Baking, plants, cards, vegetables it would be great if all members could attend as we have decisions to make.

### Country Market

is held every Friday in the Macra Hall, Mountrath 9am - 12pm.



*Rev'd Stella Jones with the Church Wardens of Clonenagh Group of Parishes during the presentation of a canteen of Newbridge cutlery, following Rev'd Stella's last service in the Group, on Wednesday the 6th of January in St Peter's Church, Mountrath.*

### Parish Diary - March

- 10th Wednesday..Fundraising Committee meeting, Parochial Hall (9.00pm)
- 12th Friday.....G.F.S. Meeting (7.00-8.30pm)
- 22nd Monday.....MU&YW meeting, Parochial Hall
- 23rd Tuesday.....MU&YW Ossory Area meeting, Rathdowney Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
- 24th Wednesday..Closing date for April 2010 Newsletter items!**
- 24th Wednesday...MU&YW meeting, Parochial Hall (after Lenten Service)
- 26th Friday.....Clonenagh N.S. Enrolment Day (10.00-11.00am)
- 26th Friday.....G.F.S. Meeting (7.00-8.30pm)
- April 8th.....Senior Citizens' Party, Parochial Hall (12.30pm)

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

Items for inclusion in the April 2010 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY (March 24th) AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the **4th Sunday, March 28th**. **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 This Newsletter and many older editions can be downloaded directly from [www.clonenagh.com](http://www.clonenagh.com)