



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - April 2010

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

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**Rev'd Ian Poulton**, Killiney, has recently been appointed to become Rector of the Clonenagh Group of Parishes; his Institution will take place on Tuesday 18th May.

The Parishioners of the Clonenagh Group extend a warm welcome to Rev'd Poulton, and hope that he will be very happy among us.



Rev'd Ian Poulton

**Our Sympathy and Condolences** to the Condell family on the death of Eric's brother; and to Mrs. Jane Wheeler Loran on the death of her mother.

The **Baptism** of Isabella Emily Brophy, daughter of Edward and Victoria Brophy took place in Lacca Church on Sunday 21st March 2010. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Brophy family to the Parish.

**Best Wishes** to all who are unwell at home, in hospital, or in nursing home, and especially to Alison Honner who is currently in Beaumont Hospital.

**The Good Friday Walk** this year is from Roskelton Church to The Hollow Church at 10.00am.

The **Easter General Vestries** for Mountrath/Roskelton, Annatrim/Lacca and Borris-in-Ossory will be held in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath at 8.00p.m. on Tuesday 13th April.

The **Easter General Vestry** for Seir Kieran will be held in Seir Kieran Church on Saturday 24th April after the 8.00p.m. Service.

The **World Day of Prayer Service** was held on Friday 5th March at 8.00pm in St. Fintan's Church. The reader was Michelle Stone, Principal of Clonenagh National School.

At 10.00am on the same day, the children, teachers, and parents of Clonenagh National School enjoyed the **Children's Worship Service 2010** from Cameroon: "Let everything that has breath praise God." The readings, singing, and accompaniment on tin whistles and keyboard were delightful. Thank you to the children and Ms. M. Cromer for their excellent preparation. The Service was led by Mabel Peavoy.

**Clonenagh National School** - Congratulations to George Goodson, John Lalor, Katie Hayes, Sarah Bennett, Stephanie Bennett, Rachel Honner and Jessie Hayes who won the Table Tennis Final on Saturday last in Ballyroan. The team won a cup and each member of the winning team received a medal. A big thank you to Jimmy Hayes for all coaching and support for this event.

The Board of Management, Staff

Service Roster for Clonenagh Group of Parishes April 2010		Time and Place of Service	
Date and Colour	Lectionary		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday		Thursday 8p.m. Roskelton Eucharist V. Rev. C.W. Weekes	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Good Friday		Friday 10a.m. Good Friday Walk Roskelton to The Hollow	Friday 8p.m. Annatrim Evening Service Ven. J.G. Murray
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Easter Eve White		Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist Ven. J.G. Murray	Saturday 8p.m. Seir Kieran Eucharist Ven. J.G. Murray (followed by E.G.V.)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter Day White	Acts 10.34-43 Psalm 118.1-2; 14-24 1 Cor. 15.19-26 St. John 20.1-18	Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist V. Rev. C.W. Weekes	Sunday 10a.m. Mountrath Eucharist V. Rev. C.W. Weekes
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter White	Acts 5.27-32 Psalm 118.14-29 Revelation 1.4-8 St. John 20.19-31	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Eucharist V. Rev. C.W. Weekes	Sunday 10a.m. Roskelton Morning Prayer Mrs. M. Peavoy
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter White	Acts 9.1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5.11-14 St. John 21.1-19	Sunday 11.30a.m. Lacca Morning Prayer To be confirmed	Sunday 10a.m. Seir Kieran Morning Prayer To be confirmed
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter White	Acts 9.36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7.9-17 St. John 10.22-30	Sunday 10a.m. Mountrath Eucharist V. Rev. C.W. Weekes	Sunday 10a.m. Annatrim Morning Prayer To be confirmed
		Sunday 10a.m. Borris-in-Ossory Eucharist Rev. D.W. McKenna	Sunday 11.30a.m. Mountrath Eucharist Rev. D.W. McKenna

and pupils wish Stephanie Rothwell every good wish for her wedding on Saturday 27th March.

**Rainbows Programme** continues every Tuesday afternoon in the school. It is open to all children and not just pupils of the school from 1st to 6th class. For more information please contact the school.

**Mountrath Table Tennis Club** continued their rich vein of form by winning Divisions 1, 3, and Junior of the Ossory League recently; they also await an opponent for the Division 2 final.

Turning in a magnificent performance all season in the top division, the team of Amylou Hayes, Edgar Meisners, Chris Karcheski, Greg Przybylski and super-sub Joe Hargroves were always in control and remained unbeaten as they captured the title for the first time. In the final they took on outgoing champions Kilcooley, but on the night the Tipperary outfit while performing well had no answer to the town's sizzling attack and were 0-4 down before Peter Cooke pulled one back. However this was only a temporary set back as Mountrath cruised to a 8-2 victory to take the title.

With the same scoreline of 8-2, the Division 3 final also went the way of Mountrath as they overcame a Killermogh team who had earlier beaten them twice in the league rounds. The team of Terry Carroll, Ray Stepocevka, Ronan Cahill (in for injured Linda Hayes) and Joyce Lalor were much the stronger technically on the night as they secured the title for another season.

In a repeat of last seasons final the Mountrath team of George Goodson, Katie Hayes, Finan Commerford and Callum Flannery retained their Junior crown with a 9-1 victory over Rathdowney.

In the Ossory Tournament which followed the finals, there was success

also for Amylou Hayes (Senior Ladies Champion) while there were also wins for Gary McKay, Terry Carroll, Jessie Hayes and Adina Moise, making it a memorable season for Mountrath Table Tennis Club.

Ossory senior champion for the season is Brendan Cantwell (Kilcooley) while Norman Thompson (Ballyfin), Elaine Carter (Killermogh), John Mansfield, Andrew Mansfield, and Niamh Flanagan (Rathdowney) were also among group winners.

In the first season of the South Midland Schools League, Clonenagh National School (Mountrath) took on a team from Abbeyleix South School in the final. This followed many excellent league games between the 8 teams who participated in the event. Clonenagh, who remained unbeaten during the season, and their opponents who were only beaten once, provided a most entertaining final with Clonenagh coming out the victors on this occasion and taking the SMS Cup in its first season. The winning team was Katie Hayes, George Goodson, John Lalor and Jessie Hayes, while subs Rachel Honnor, Sarah Bennett and Stephanie Bennett also played many fine games during the season. Their opponents from Abbeyleix were Nicole Moynan, Alvin Stanley, John Bailey and Joseph Stanley. They too did their school and club proud with many superb performances along the way.

The past weekend also saw a 2 day Junior Table Tennis Camp in Ballyroan in which Irish International players Conor Nolan, Gavin McGuire, and Sinead Kelly were on hand to coach and pass on some of their skills to the many children who attended the event. The Camp was part of a very successful programme being undertaken by the Irish Table Tennis Association Women In Sport programme with support also from Laois Sports Partnership and Starball Table Tennis.

**Mothers' Union & Young Wives** met on Wednesday 24th March to celebrate Lady Day Service which was conducted by Mabel Peavoy; many thanks to her for her help. The next meeting will be on Monday 19th April in Parochial hall at 8pm with Valeria James. Topic: "A wardrobe full of clothes but nothing to wear?" Mrs Susan Jestin, Mrs Tricia Roe & Mrs Caroline Clegg will be in charge of the supper.

**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**

**Parish supper dance** will be held on Friday June 18th in Mountrath Golf Club. Music by Solitaire. Tickets €15, will be available from any member of the fundraising committee. Raffle prizes would also be appreciated. Looking forward to your support...

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## **An Evening on Style**

*The ladies of the Parish  
are invited to*

*the Parochial Hall, Mountrath  
on Monday 19th April*

*at: 8pm*

*for an evening with Valeria James  
(Fashion Consultant)*

### **Parish Diary - April**

2nd Friday.....Good Friday Walk, Roskelton Church (10.00am)

8th Thursday.....Senior Citizens' Party, Parochial Hall (12.30pm)

13th Tuesday.....**Easter General Vestries:** Mountrath/Roskelton, Annatrim/Lacca, Borris-in-Ossory, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)

19th Monday.....MU&YW meeting (Evening on Style), Parochial Hall (8.00pm)

**21st Wednesday..Closing date for May 2010 Newsletter items!**

23rd Friday.....G.F.S. Meeting (7.00-8.30pm)

24th Saturday.....**Easter General Vestry**, Seir Kieran (after 8.00pm Service)

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

Items for inclusion in the May 2010 Newsletter need to be with the editor by

**WEDNESDAY April 21st AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for **the 4th Sunday, April 25th**.

**Ideally, items should be submitted by e-mail** to- [newsletter@clonenagh.com](mailto:newsletter@clonenagh.com)

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