

July Services 2010						
Sunday	Readings	Time and place of Service				
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Roskelton 9.30am	Seir Kieran 9.30am	Lacca 10.30am	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am	Mountrath 11.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Seir Kieran 9.30am		Annatrim 11.00am		Mountrath 11.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Roskelton 9.30am	Seir Kieran 9.30am	Lacca 10.30am	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am	Mountrath 11.30am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hosea 1:2-10 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13	Seir Kieran 9.30am		Annatrim 11.00am		Mountrath 11.30am

August Services 2010						
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Roskelton 9.30am	Seir Kieran 9.30am	Lacca 10.30am	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am	Mountrath 11.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Seir Kieran 9.30am		Annatrim 11.00am		Mountrath 11.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Roskelton 9.30am	Seir Kieran 9.30am	Lacca 10.30am	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am	Mountrath 11.30am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Seir Kieran 9.30am		Annatrim 11.00am		Mountrath 11.30am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Mountrath 9.00am		Group Service 11.00am		

**Midweek Service:** Wednesdays at 8.00pm at **Borris-in-Ossory**  
**Saints' Days:** see previous page for dates, 10.30am at **Mountrath**



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - July/August 2010

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

**Rector:**  
*The Rev'd Ian Poulton,*  
 Clonenagh Rectory,  
 Portlaoise Road,  
 Mountrath.  
 Phone: 057-8732146

**Diocesan Reader:**  
*Mabel Peavoy,*  
 Shannon Road,  
 Mountrath.  
 Phone: 057-8732331

**Parish Archivist:**  
*Vicky Knowles,*  
 Clonin School,  
 Mountrath.  
 Phone: 057-8732846

### From the Rector:

There is a saying that you can't please all the people all the time; I have known colleagues who have used it to justify doing what they wanted and ignoring anyone who disagreed. From a Christian viewpoint, what is more important is not what sayings we might know, but what the Bible has to say about the way we deal with other people. The Bible never suggests that we should try to please people, no matter what, but neither does it say that you should go your own way ignoring what people might think. Saint Paul believes that what matters more than anything is a person's relationship with God and that no human preferences or ideas should get in the way of pointing people towards God. He writes in the First Letter to the Corinthians, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." Paul's words should be the standard for church life; the church is there to point people towards God, not to do whatever it likes. What is important in parish life is that all that happens speaks of our relationship with God. In our own parishes, we need to always seek that we are living by the standards Saint Paul sets down.

The first month in the parish seemed to zoom by and I am making slower progress at getting around the

parish than I might have hoped. I remember days as a curate when it was expected that the clergy in the parish would complete 25-30 visits every week, 100-120 visits a month; at that speed, our parish would have been covered in a month. Katharine is busy in Kilkenny during July and August, so apart from possibly going home to Somerset for a few days at the end of August, I am not away until we go to France for 10 days in late September and would hope to have been at everyone's door at least once by then, and to have visited those unable to get out three times.

### **Confirmation classes**

The bishop has given us Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November as a date for confirmation. There will be no great appetite for confirmation classes on Saturdays during term time, particularly for anyone who is away at Kilkenny College, so we will try to fit in our confirmation preparation over the summer and Halloween holidays. There will be eight sessions using material from the Youth Emmaus Course and then a rehearsal on the day before the confirmation. Different people will have different commitments and may be away at different times over the summer, so we shall try to be flexible in order to accommodate everyone.

## Harvest Festival

It seems odd to be thinking about harvest services when the first cut of silage is being brought in, but it would be good to have harvest festival services in each church and this needs a bit of planning. Ideas as to when services might best be held would be welcome; obviously, if there is to be chance of attracting from other than just one's own church, services need to be in the afternoon or evening.

## Weekday services

The services in Mountrath at 10.30 am on saints' days resume with a service in Saint Peter's Church on Saint Peter's Day at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June.

It would be good to have the opportunity for more in-depth sermons and looks at the Bible, so I would like to start a **Wednesday evening Communion service** in Borris. The compact size of the church and ease of parking make it a good venue for such a venture.

**Your prayers** are asked for God's guidance and blessing upon the life of our parishes.

*~Ian Poulton*

## Parish Notes

**Our Sympathy and Condolences** to the Foot family, Kilbricken, on the death of Billy Griffith.

## Get well soon

We think of all who have been unwell during June, especially Dickie Jackson and Alison Honner who have been in hospital up in Dublin, and pray for their health to be fully restored.

## Parish Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Social at Mountrath Golf Club on Friday, 18th June, particularly to those who worked hard to organize the evening and to those who contributed prizes for the raffle.

Would anyone who has outstanding money for tickets please get it to Emily or Florence as soon as possible?

Our next fundraising Meeting is July 21st at 9pm.

**Mountrath Table Tennis Club** completed their most successful season ever and it was completed recently when club coach Jimmy Hayes picked up the Stiga Ireland Volunteer of the Year 2010 at ITTA headquarters in Dublin. This annual national award is presented to a coach/club leader who is seen to have contributed most in the season to the sport at local, provincial and national levels with development one the main criteria.

With season tournaments and leagues completed for 09/10 season thoughts now turn to the new season ahead, and apart from a 2 week break during the summer, training will continue for elite juniors at the club as they prepare for the many local, provincial, national and international events which get underway in September. Training times are Wednesday 7-8.30 and Saturday 10-12. Senior table tennis also continues on a number of Friday evenings during the summer.

The club would like to thank all parents and guardians for their support during the past season, thank you also to Emily for her co-operation with the hall, to Ivor for his newsletter articles and to Rev Ian for his interest and support to the club.

**Car treasure hunt** in aid of Aghancon community hall, on the 4th of July, starting from Aghancon church to go to Primary school or Pre-car park at 3 pm. €20 per car. Light refreshments served afterwards. Family fun day for all. For more info call Laura on 087-9663994.

**Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group** enjoyed a morning out to "Tearaways" in Rathdowney on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010. This trip was a great social morning out and was enjoyed by 20 children and 15 adults who attended from the Group.

On Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010,

Certificates were presented to those children who are leaving the Group to go to Primary school or Pre-school in September by Rev. Ian and Jill Hayes.

During the months of July and August there will be no Parent & Toddler Group due to the annual school holidays. The Group will resume on **Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 from 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.**

On behalf of the Parent & Toddler Group, we wish everyone an enjoyable summer holiday and let's hope the sun continues to shine!

## Saints' Days - July/August

June 29th, Tuesday: Saint Peter  
July 22nd, Thursday: Saint Mary Magdalene  
August 6th, Friday: The Transfiguration  
August 24th, Tuesday: Saint Bartholomew  
All Services 10.30am at **Mountrath**

## Parish Diary - July/August

### July:

4th Sunday.....Treasure Hunt, Aghancon (3.00pm)  
21st Wednesday...Fundraising Committee Meeting (9.00pm)

### August:

**18th Wednesday..Closing date for September 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 September 2010 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY August 18th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the **4th Sunday, August 22nd**. **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)