

September Services 2010						
First Sunday (5th)	Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Family Service	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Second Sunday (12th)	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Third Sunday (19th)	Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1 Psalm 79: 1-9 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 4.00pm Harvest Festival
Fourth Sunday (26th)	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-31	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Family Service

Parish Diary - September

2nd Thursday.....Exhibition of Community & Voluntary Groups, St. Fintan's Hall (6.30pm)

6th Monday.....Work Party, Lacca Church (7.00pm)

17th Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)

22nd Wednesday..Closing date for October 2010 Newsletter items!

October 1st.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)

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

Items for inclusion in the October 2010 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY September 22nd AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the **4th Sunday, September 26th**. 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



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - September 2010

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From the Rector:

Parish visiting: The summer has flown by and I haven't reached my target of completing a whole visitation of the parish before the autumn; there are still doors not knocked and people not found at home. By Halloween, I would hope to have at least tried knocking every door as well as keeping up with the monthly visitation of those unable to get out.

Baptisms: We welcomed into the fellowship of Christ's Church, Caoimhe Carry, baptized in Lacca Church on Sunday, 4th July and Nathan Carry Sludds, baptized in Annatrim Church on Sunday, 8th August.

Confirmation: Preparation for our confirmation service on Sunday, 21st November began in August with seven younger candidates. If there are older candidates who would like to be confirmed, I would plan to have a separate group; please contact me to discuss it.

Wedding bells: Our hearty congratulations go to those who were married during July and August: Ian Colbourne and Trish O'Connor, married in Eadestown on 17th July; Brendan Birney and Shiree Fraser, married in Athy on 24th July; Carol Roe and Alan Donahue, married in Durrow on 5th August; and Pamela Myler and Maurice Crooks married in Lacca on 14th August.

Memorial Service: A congregation of almost 200 gathered in Mountrath Church for the memorial service for the Rev Robin Roe of Skeirke. Padre Roe's incredible career as a clergyman; as an Irish international rugby player; as a British army chaplain who won the Military Cross for rescuing wounded men; as recipient of the CBE; and as Honorary Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, was outlined by Bishop Roy Warke, preacher at the service. Participants in the service included Caleb Powell, President of the Irish Rugby Football Union, and Bishop Michael Burrows, who led the commemoration and gave the blessing. A retiring collection for the IRFU's Trust for seriously injured players raised €320.

Midweek services: Our Wednesday evening Holy Communion service at Borris in Ossory began on 7th July and has continued each Wednesday. We have been looking at people's favourite hymns over the summer months and the congregation has grown to reach twenty or so, a very encouraging level of attendance. The services are at 8 pm and everyone is welcome.

Bishop's visit: Bishop Michael is coming for a visit to the parish on Thursday, 9th September. The day will include a visit to our national school. The bishop will return for the midweek service at Borris on 29th September when he will

be the celebrant and preacher. We hope there will be a good congregation that evening.

Work party: We need a group of volunteers at Lacca Church at 7 pm on Monday, 6th September to help clear the drain that runs beside the churchyard to help to prevent flooding this winter.

Harvest festivals: Our harvest festival services begin with the service at Seir Kieran on Sunday, 19th September when we shall welcome the Revd Lesley Robinson as our preacher. The October dates will be Lacca on 3rd October at 4 pm; Mountrath on Friday, 8th October at 8 pm (when we shall welcome members of our National School to help in the leading of our worship) and 10th October at 11.30 am; Annatrim on 10th October at 4 pm; Borris-in-Ossory on 17th October at 4 pm; and Roskelton on 17th October at 7pm. Our provisionally arranged speaker, depending on his work commitments, at Mountrath and Annatrim on 10th October is broadcaster and author David McWilliams.

Family services: Not having a regular Sunday School in the parish, it would be good to have regular 'all age services' at which all the family would be present. Currently, these are planned for Lacca on the first Sunday of the month and Mountrath on the fourth Sunday. I need to talk further with the church wardens about what we might plan.

Holidays and days off: The traditional clergy holidays have been a Sunday after Christmas and Easter and four Sundays in the summer. We have rarely taken off a Sunday after Easter, it

being a busy time in the church calendar, but we have usually taken a week in January and four weeks in the summer. They were often the only times when we could spend any time with our children, both of us busy in parishes. This year, with Katharine's work commitments in Kilkenny, the summer holidays were not possible. I am going to England to see my mum and dad from 26th-31st August and Katharine and I are going to France for ten days from 20th-30th September. Katharine will be in Kilkenny when I am in England and Canon Patrick Harvey will take calls when we are in France.

Growing up in a farming community and ministering in a rural parish in the North, time off is something very flexible. I try to visit from Tuesday to Saturday and then take Monday as a day off, but that is not set in stone. If there is a rugby match on Saturday, I might go up to Dublin and work on Monday. Sometimes, if there are things to do, or if I am bored doing nothing, I might work on Monday anyway. Please, do not feel there are times when you cannot phone; a call to the Rectory number will reach me, wherever I am.

-Ian Poulton

Parish Notes

Parish Fundraising

Christmas Market on December 9th in the Parochial Hall, will include all Christmas fare, floral arrangements, Holly wreaths, etc. It is hoped everyone will participate to make this fundraising event a success.

The **Golf Classic** is back on May 27th 2011.

Mountrath Table Tennis Club

We recently held our final club tournament (Junior) of the season in which 17 young people participated.

The results were as follows:

Div 1- Winner Katie Hayes, RU Scott Jestin.

Div 2- Winner Leanne Delaney, RU Xzemara Baer.

Div 3- Winner Sebastian Baer, RU Hailey Hayes.

During the season a total of 41 children were active in the club with an average attendance of 30 on open nights, with the top 8 invited to advanced training sessions on a regular basis.

Planning for the upcoming season is well underway with 12 junior events pencilled in to date. These consist of Leinster and Irish tournaments, and the upcoming Primary Schools League will also be on the cards. Senior teams will be competing in the Starball League Premier div plus div 1 and 2, with many other events and tournament possibly available also.

The TT club have accepted an offer from the HSE to attend an Exhibition of Community Activities on Sept 2nd in St Fintan's Hall.

The new season of table tennis will get underway from Wed Sept 1st, 7-8.30 (Junior) age 9-16. Adults will be on Fri nights as usual with juniors every 2nd fri, alternating with GFS. Last season we had amazing success at all levels and we plan to hit the ground running for the coming season also. The message goes out as usual to all parishioners, we welcome you in our open table tennis club (all ages) Contact: 086 8684693.

Wedding Gift

We would like to thank Maurice and Pamela for presenting four beautiful chairs to Lacca Church on the occasion of their wedding. Their gift is much appreciated.

Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group will recommence on Tuesday, 7th September 2010 from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm and every Tuesday during School Term at The Parochial Hall, Mountrath. The Group welcomes new parents and children aged from birth to pre-school. The Group continues to be a great social outlet for parents and children providing a wide variety of toys for all ages, music, arts/crafts and refreshments.

The Health Service Executive in conjunction with the launch of **Mountrath Area Primary Care Team** are holding an **Exhibition of Community & Voluntary Groups** on Thursday 2nd September 2010 in St. Fintan's Hall, Mountrath from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group as well as **Mountrath Table Tennis and Badminton Clubs** are amongst many of the Groups in our Community who will be participating in the Exhibition, so if you are free on Thursday, 2nd September, please come along.

Girls Friendly Society

G.F.S. recommences on Friday 17th September at 7.00pm in the Parochial Hall, all girls aged four years and over are welcome to attend. Girls are given the opportunity to participate in crafts, games, bible study, badges and outings throughout the year. We plan to host a Coffee Evening on 15th October in aid of G.F.S. World Council which will be held in Ireland next June. Any queries re G.F.S. to Jennifer 086 8185644.