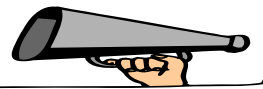


Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - October 2010

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From the Rector:

A late reminder: As the newsletter appears on the fourth Sunday of the month, there is an opportunity to remind parishioners that the bishop will be the celebrant and preacher at the midweek Holy Communion service at Borris-in-Ossory on Wednesday, 29th September. Hopefully, there will be a good turnout for that service.

Harvest Services: Our harvest thanksgiving began on Sunday, 19th September at Seir Kieran when we mustered a congregation of more than 40 to welcome the Revd Lesley Robinson from Roscrea as our preacher. Lesley spoke on the need for both physical and spiritual nutrition.

Our harvest festival season continues through October. On Sunday, 3rd October, we welcome Fr Pat Hennessy, parish priest of Mountrath and Ballyfin as the preacher at the harvest service at Lacca Church at 4 pm. We revive a bygone tradition on Friday, 8th October when we welcome the pupils of our National School and their families to a children's harvest celebration in Mountrath Church at 8 pm. We hope to be able to welcome children from other schools in the town and make it a community occasion (I am

trying to organize the service from a laptop computer in France - not the best way of doing things!). Sunday, 10th October sees the visit of David McWilliams, the writer and broadcaster as our speaker at the morning harvest service in Mountrath at 11.30 am and at Annatrim at 4pm. On Sunday, 17th October, Mr Sam Harper is our preacher at the services at Borris-in-Ossory at 4 pm and at Roskelton at 7 pm. We hope there will be large congregations at each of the harvest services – a gold star for anyone who manages six out of six!

Midweek services: Our Wednesday evening Holy Communion service at Borris-in-Ossory continues each week. Being leisurely in our approach over the summer, and looking at people's favourite hymns, we begin a series of sermons on the Psalms between now and Advent. I have some particular psalms in mind, but if anyone has a psalm they find especially helpful, and would like to take a closer look, do speak to me.

A Remembrance of Loved Ones: Sunday, 31st October is the eve of All Saints' Day and at 7 pm in Mountrath we will hold a service of remembrance of our loved ones. We believe that

October Services 2010						
First Sunday (3rd)	Lamentations 1: 1-6 Psalm 137: 1-6 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	Lacca 4.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving
Second Sunday (10th)	Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Psalm 66: 1-11 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving		Annatrim 4.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving
Third Sunday (17th)	Jeremiah 31: 27-34 Psalm 119: 97-104 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 4.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	Roskelton 7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving
Fourth Sunday (24th)	Joel 2: 23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Fifth Sunday (31st)	Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4 Psalm 119: 137-144 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12 Luke 19: 1-10	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Group Service		Mountrath 7.00pm A Remembrance of Loved Ones		

Parish Diary - October

- 1st Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.00-8.30pm)
 15th Friday.....G.F.S. Coffee Evening
 20th Wednesday....Mothers' Union & Young Wives meeting, following mid-week service
20th Wednesday...Closing date for November 2010 Newsletter items!
 November 2nd.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Ossory Area meeting, Kilkenny

Items for inclusion in the November 2010 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY October 20th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the **4th Sunday, October 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

when we die, we go into the presence of the Lord, so we do not need to pray for the departed, but that does not take away from the sadness and grief felt by those of us who are left behind. The service is one of hymns and readings that offer comfort in times of grief and we shall have a simple ceremony where people come forward to light a candle, reminding them of the light that the person brought into their life and of the Light of God that shines in the darkness and cannot be overcome. Everyone is welcome at this service.

Family communion services: Without a Sunday School, we need to have an occasion where there is an opportunity for teaching young people each week, something to which we can invite all the family. My current plan is to have a 'Family Communion' service each Sunday – at Lacca at 1030 on the first Sunday; Annatrim at 1100 on the second; Roskelton at 0930 on the third; and at Mountrath at 1130 on the fourth. The services would begin in November, after the harvest festival season is complete.

Condolences: After a valiant struggle against illness over the summer months, Gertie Stone went to be with the Lord on Monday, 20th September. We pray for her husband Alec, and for the members of the Hill and the Chambers families in their sadness, confident that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

~Ian Poulton

Parish Notes

Mountrath Table Tennis Club

The new season of table tennis has got off to vibrant start on Wednesday nights with many new children joining with players from past seasons, and all taking to the tables as the community activities start rolling in the local Parochial Hall. A special welcome to new members from Clonagh and five other schools in the community.

While many are getting to grips with the game, many more were competing at national level over the past weekend in Dublin. At this the first of five rounds of the elite national series in which ranking points are at stake in U10, 12, 14 & 17 boys and girls events. At U10 we had 3 players in the top 10: Jessie Hayes (4), Nadia Krawczun (5), and Leanne Delaney (7). In U12, Katie Hayes was a finalist in Div 2 while Amylou Hayes finished 5th at U14 in a very competitive group of 30 girls. Adina Moise, Linda and Amylou also competed at U17 where they put in credible performances.

Next outing is Leinster ranking Round 1 in UCD Oct 9/10th followed by a level 2 National event (top 15 Irish Juniors at all ages are barred from playing) which will be held in Lucan. Players from Ballyroan and Carlow will also compete there.

Most recent winner of Club Player Of The Month is Sebastian Baer and recent previous winners were Robin Towel, Xiomara Baer and Nico Moise.

Junior practice is on Wednesday nights 7-8.30 with Elite training for

our national tournament players on Saturday mornings except when we are away, in which case we train on Monday evenings. Senior training and matches will be on Wednesday and Friday with the League season Senior and Junior soon to be in action, in which the Starball League will be the main event.

If any former players from the Parish wish to be included on a team for the church league (Ossory), perhaps they would make contact in the coming week. Thanks to all in the community who participate, coach and help out with the club. Thank you also to Emily Jackson for her help and understanding with hall training and game times.

Contact: 086 8684693.

Badminton commencing on Tuesday 5th October in the Parochial Hall Mountrath at 8.30pm. New members are welcome, any grade.

Contact: David Quinn (087-2440812), Joyce Lalor (087-6571990)

Mothers' Union & Young Wives will join the mid-week service on Wednesday 20th October at 8pm to start the Winter's programme of events. A short meeting will take place after the service. Subs of €21 are due on or before 31st November.

Ossory Area meeting will be held in Kilkenny College on November 2nd at 8pm and the speaker is the Dean, Very Revd Katherina Poulton. The topic of her address will be 'Ministry in the Inner City'.

Diocesan Council this Autumn will be at 7pm on Tuesday 11th November in Kilkenny College.

Girls Friendly Society 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.

FÁS position vacancy: FÁS are seeking applications to fill a position of General Operative in the Mountrath and Castletown area, to perform the following duties: cleaning and maintenance of Halls and Churches, litter picking, cutting grass, horticulture, environmental work and painting. Contact Colm McNamee (057- 8756862)

Laois Partnership Company are running a Volunteer Management Training Course in St. Fintan's Hall, Mountrath, starting on September 29th.

The Voluntary Management Training Course has been developed by Volunteer Centres of Ireland (VCI) to provide organizations with information and knowledge on volunteerism.

The course includes a range of different exercises for participants, utilising the experience that people already have and learning in an active and engaging way. The course is ideally suited to organisations who wish to improve their volunteer base and it is envisaged that, on completion, participants will have the skills and the templates to implement a Volunteer Management Programme within their own group.

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