



## Clonenagh Group of Parishes - November 2010

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

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### From the Rector:

**Slowness:** Were I to be employed on the basis of productivity, I fear I should have been sacked by now. I have still to complete a full visitation of the parish. I fear I talk rather too much. I shall keep plodding on.

**Harvest Services:** An excellent harvest from the land has been followed by an excellent harvest festival season in our parishes. At the time of writing, all seven harvest services in the group are complete, with congregations of 41 at Seir Kieran, 130 at Lacca, 146 at the Clonenagh National School harvest service in Mountrath, 106 at Mountrath, 90 at Annatrim, 69 at Borris-in-Ossory and 47 at Roskelton. We are very grateful to our preachers: the Rev'd Lesley Robinson, Fr Pat Hennessy, Mr Sam Harper,

who provided our music, and to those who provided the supper in Mountrath after the school harvest.

**Father Peter Muldowney:** It was with sadness that members of Seir Kieran parish learned of Fr Peter Muldowney's impending move to Mooncoin –at the southern end of Ossory Diocese. Fr Muldowney has been a good friend and neighbour and we pray for him as he makes the move. Fr Muldowney's farewell presentation takes place on Sunday, 31st October.

**Fifth Sunday:** A reminder that Sunday, 31st October is the fifth Sunday of the month. Our group service takes place at Borris-in-Ossory at 11 am and our Remembrance of Loved Ones in Mountrath at 7 pm

**Family communion services:** We plan to have a 'Family Communion' service each Sunday – at Lacca at 10.30am on the first Sunday; Annatrim at 11.00am on the second;

## October Services 2010

Fifth Sunday (31 <sup>st</sup> )	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

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First Sunday (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Haggai 1: 15b - 2: 9 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Second Sunday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	Isaiah 65: 17-25 Canticle: Song of Isaiah 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Third Sunday (21 <sup>st</sup> )	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Canticle: Benedictus Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23: 33-43	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 11.00am Confirmation Service	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday (28 <sup>th</sup> )	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	

## Parish Diary - November

- 2nd Tuesday.....Fundraising meeting, Parochial Hall (9.00pm)
- 2nd Tuesday.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Ossory Area meeting, Kilkenny (8.00pm)
- 9th Tuesday.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Diocesan Meeting, Kilkenny (7.00pm)
- 22nd Monday.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Auction Night, Parochial Hall (8.00pm)
- 24th Wednesday...Closing date for December 2010 Newsletter items!**
- December 1st.....Mothers' Union & Young Wives, Pre-Christmas Lunch, Castlecomer (12.30pm)
- December 5th....Final date for return of Leprosy Mission boxes
- December 9th...Parish Christmas Market, Parochial Hall (7.00pm)

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

**WEDNESDAY November 24th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the **4th Sunday, November 28th**.

**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

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Roskelton at 9.30am on the third; and at Mountrath at 11.30am on the fourth. The services begin on Sunday, 7th November.

**Confirmation:** We welcome the bishop back to the parish for the confirmation service at Lacca Church on Sunday, 21st November at 11 am. With seven candidates, along with their families and friends, and the usual good attendance in Lacca, we would anticipate a large congregation. The usual services in the other churches will take place that morning. Our final confirmation class takes place on Thursday, 28th October, 10.30am-12.30pm, and the rehearsal, led by the bishop, takes place on Saturday, 20th November at 2 pm.

**Midweek services:** Our a series of sermons on the Psalms at the Wednesday evening service in Borris in Ossory runs until 17th November. Then, on the Wednesdays leading up to Christmas, we shall look at people's favourite carols (we couldn't really do this during the summer!)

**Armistice Day:** We are holding a Remembrance Day service at Borris-in-Ossory on Thursday 11th November at 11am. Mrs Queenie

Walsh will place a wreath in memory of her brother John and in memory of Martin Jestin's uncles. Remembrance in Ireland has too often been something that has been divisive. As the years passed perceptions developed that certain sections of history belonged to one or other community.

Most Protestants came to perceive the remembrance of the Easter Rising as something that concerned Catholics and most Catholics perceived commemoration of days like Armistice Day as something that concerned Protestants. So much of Irish history has been about dismembering the past, about selectively reading history. Remembering our own history, understanding our own past, helps us understand our own identity and helps us appreciate the identities and histories of others. To re-member can be about putting things back together; to put the members of our community back together as members of a single community, to put the elements of our history back together as a single history.

**Good wishes:** We extend our good wishes to the Rev'd John Paul Kavanagh from Kells Parish in our diocese as he prepares to move to Dublin to take up duties

as chaplain at DIT. Our good wishes go also to the Rev'd Ruth Jackson, the new Rector of Mountmellick, who was instituted on Tuesday, 19th October.

**Funeral:** On Sunday, 17th October, family and friends of Rachel Stones gathered in Mountrath church to bid her farewell. A native of Belfast, Rachel lived in Newtownards Co. Down and in Nottingham, England in more recent times. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Karen Kavanagh of Cuddagh, Castletown and to all the family circle.

*~Ian Poulton*

### Parish Notes

**Parish Fundraising:** Our Christmas Market will be held in the Parochial Hall on Thursday December 9th at 7pm, which will include Christmas fare, floral arrangements, holly wreaths, etc. It is hoped everyone will participate to make this event a success. Anyone with new ideas or who would like to help in any way is very welcome to attend a meeting in the Parochial Hall on November 2nd at 9pm.

**Leprosy Mission boxes** should be returned to Olga Telford by December 5th.

**Mothers' Union & Young Wives** met on Tuesday night last 19th October for their opening service in St. Mark's Church, Borris in Ossory; many thanks to the rector and Margaret Jestin for arranging the service and refreshments afterwards.

**The next meeting** will be on November 22nd in the Parochial hall at 8pm for the annual auction night, when a donation from the proceeds will be made to a charity.

**Subscriptions** are now due and the treasurer would appreciate them on or before 31st November. Mrs Mabel Peavoy, Mrs Emily Jackson & Mrs Margaret McKay will be in charge of the supper.

**Ossory Area Meeting** will be addressed by the Very Rev'd Katherina Poulton on Tues 2nd November at 8pm in Kilkenny College.

**Go for Life** Pre-Christmas lunch is in Wandesforde Hall Castlecomer on Wednesday 1st December at 12.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME, contact Hazel Sherlock on 056-4441677 for more details.