



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - May 2011

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

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From the Rector:

Safeguarding Trust: There will be child protection training for everyone involved with parish organizations on Thursday, 28th April in the Parochial Hall. The Rev'd James Mulhall, child protection officer for the diocese, is running this evening for the benefit of our parish, so it hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Easter General Vestry Meetings: the annual general meetings of our three parishes will take place in early May. It is planned that Clonenagh Parish will meet on Thursday, 5th May at 8 pm; the new Ossory Union (Borris in Ossory-Seir Kieran) on Tuesday, 10th May and Offerlane Parish on Thursday, 12th May (the final possible date for the meetings is twenty days from Easter which is Saturday, 14th May). This is a triennial year, so there will be the three yearly elections for parochial nominators as well as for members of the diocesan synod. Please do find time to come along for the meeting in your parish - we shall try to keep them down to not much more than an hour.

Lent services: Thank you to everyone who came along to our Lent services each Wednesday evening during Lent. We had congregations of 34 in Mountrath, 31 in Annatrim, 31 in Borris in Ossory, 34 in Lacca, 36 in Roskelton, and 25 in Seir Kieran. An average congregation of over 30 at a midweek service would be greeted with delight in many much larger parishes, certainly there would be few Dublin parishes with a comparable level of attendance.

Holy Week: At the time of writing we have had congregations of 23 in Seir Kieran, 26 in Roskelton, 30 in Annatrim, 42 in Borris in Ossory and 35 in Mountrath – again an average of over 30. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to come to the services; particularly those who attended every evening.

Accounts: The accounts for Clonenagh show an income of €62,000 in 2010 and those for Offerlane show an income of €51,000 and those for Borris in Ossory, €8,700. These accounts represent an excellent level of giving by parishioners and are a sign of real commitment at

May Services 2011

First Sunday (1st)	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31	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 (8th)	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Third Sunday (15th)	Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday (22nd)	Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday (29th)	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Mountrath 9.00am Holy Communion		Roskelton 11.00am Group Service		

Parish Diary - May

April 28th.....Safeguarding Trust child protection training, Parochial Hall
5th Thursday.....Clonenagh Easter General Vestry (8.00pm)
10th Tuesday.....Ossory Union Easter General Vestry (8.00pm)
12th Thursday...Offerlane Easter General Vestry (8.00pm)
 18th Wednesday...M.U.&Y.W. Diocesan Festival Service, Mountrath (7.30pm)
18th Wednesday...Closing date for June 2011 Newsletter items!
 22nd Sunday.....G.F.S. Diocesan Service & Prizegiving, Kilkenny (3.00pm)
 June 17th.....Parish Social, Mountrath Golf Club

Items for inclusion in the June 2011 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY May 18th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the 4th Sunday, May 22nd.

PLEASE make a reasonable effort to make your item as ready for publication as possible, particularly with regard to punctuation, paragraphs, spelling, and the **NON**-use of contractions and 'text-speak'. Most importantly, please ensure that you spell names correctly.

Ideally, items should be submitted by e-mail to- newsletter@clonenagh.com

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277/087-2522162

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a time of economic crisis when money is far from plentiful. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Ian Jameson: We shall be very pleased to welcome Mr Ian Jameson to the parish for the summer months. Ian will be living at the Rectory from May to September and as well as continuing his studies for ordination in the autumn, will be assisting with the life of the parish. He has no car, so offers of lifts will be especially welcome as he finds his way around the townlands of our parishes.

Rogation Sunday: We hope to have a service for the blessing of the crops on Rogation Sunday as part of our worship marking the farming year. Full details will be announced.

Installation: Ian Poulton's installation as a canon of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin is at 3.15 pm on Sunday, 1st May (the Sunday after Easter). Anyone, who wishes to attend will, of course, be welcome, but the installation is a very brief affair and there are many more exciting things that might be done on a bank holiday Sunday afternoon!

Schools' service: Planning has begun for the National Schools' Festival Service which this year is being hosted by Clonenagh National School at Saint Peter's Church in Mountrath.

Funeral: On Friday, 15th April, David Finnamore was buried in the new graveyard, following his funeral in

Annatrim Church. A native of Mohar East, where his brother Walter continued on the family farm, David farmed at Ballacolla before moving to Co Meath in the 1980s to continue in farming life there. Unwell for some months prior to his death, David had been cared for by his son Des. At the funeral service, the Rector was assisted by Canon Patrick Harvey from Abbeyleix in recognition of David's association with Killermogh, one of the churches in the Abbeyleix group.

~Ian Poulton

Parish Notes

A speedy recovery to those who have been in hospital recently: Annie Lalor, Derek Alcorn, Brian & Elaine Holmes. We hope to see them out and about shortly.

Fundraising: The **Parish Social** will be held in Mountrath Golf Club on June 17th. Music is by Solitaire. Tickets will be available from any committee member, so do come along and enjoy the night.

Table Tennis: Round 1 of a 4 round Starball Junior ability tournament programme got underway in Ballyroan Co. Laois on Saturday 16th April. 56 junior players from around the county participated in the event which is played in Divisions of 8, with 1st and 2nd promoted and 7th and 8 relegated for the next event. Trophies are presented to winners and R/up in each Division on the day. The majority of these players have

come through the ITTA WIS Schools and Club coaching programme. The event is organized and run by Jimmy Hayes.

Results-

- Div 1 W - Amylou Hayes, Mountrath
R/up - Eoghan Whelan, Ballyroan
- Div 2 W - Diarmuid Whelan, Ballyroan
R/up - Scott Jestin, Mountrath
- Div 3 W - Charlie Whelan, Ballyroan
R/up - Tadgh Downey, Carlow
- Div 4 W - Leanne Delaney, Mountrath
R/up - Jack Honnon, Carlow
- Div 5 W - Eoghan McGlinchey, Carlow
R/up - Ned Lavelle, Rathdowney
- Div 6 W - Brian Wheelan, Ballyroan
R/up - Sophie Kenny, Carlow
- Div 7 W - Jack Thompson, Rathdowney
R/up - Peter Roe, Rathdowney

Next event in May, date to be announced.

Community Games. Mountrath U16 Girls are this season's Leinster champions, following a comprehensive 6-0 victory over the Co. Wexford champions in Carlow recently. They will represent Leinster in the All-Ireland finals at the end of May in Athlone. The team of Amylou, Katie & Jessie Hayes and Leanne

Delaney have been hitting the high notes all season in this competition and are looking forward to the finals. Jessie has been in superb form in Irish and Leinster singles also where she has reached Number 2 (Irish U10) and 3rd U12 in Leinster. Scott Jestin has also made huge progress in Leinster and Irish ranking events in recent times, and with another year of U12 ahead he will be among the leading groups to challenge for silverware.

Leinster selection. Amylou Hayes U14, Katie Hayes U12, both Mountrath and Kate Whelan U12 Ballyroan have been selected for the Leinster team for the upcoming Inter-provincials which will be held in Killarney on Saturday 30th April. A fantastic achievement for the girls and a major step for Junior table tennis in Co Laois, and their coach (JH) is also over the moon with this news. All this also includes 2 full days of training in Dublin on Saturday and Monday 23 & 25 April. Teams travel to Killarney on the Friday afternoon.

*An invitation to all Parishioners:
Mountrath Mothers' Union & Young Wives
invite you to join them at the*

Mothers' Union

Diocesan Festival Service

*in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath
on Wednesday 18th May
at 7.30pm*