



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - June 2011

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| May Services 2011 | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | |
| June Services 2011 | | | | | | |
| First Sunday (5th) | Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12- 5:11 John 17:1-11 | 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 (12th) | Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 26-36 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13 John 20: 19-23 | Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion | | Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion | | Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer |
| Third Sunday (19th) | Genesis 1:1 - 2:4 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20 | 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 (26th) | Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42 | Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer | | Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer | | Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion |

Parish Diary - June

May 22nd.....G.F.S. Diocesan Service & Prizegiving, Kilkenny (3.00pm)
10th Friday.....National Schools' Festival Service (11.00am)
12th Sunday.....Clareen Field Day (12.00pm)
17th Friday.....Parish Social, Mountrath Golf Club
21st Tuesday.....Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group, Roll n' Bowl (10.30am)
22nd Wednesday...Closing date for July 2011 Newsletter items!

Items for inclusion in the July 2011 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY June 22nd AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the 4th Sunday, June 26th.

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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From the Rector:

Fifth Sunday Services: On Sunday, 29th May, there will be Holy Communion in Mountrath at 9 am and a group service in Roskelton at 11 am.

Rogation Services: 29th May is Rogation Sunday, the Sunday when the church traditionally asked for God's blessing on the crops.

We are having two open air services that day. At 4 pm we shall be at Robert Clegg's field at Kilbricken for an ecumenical service of blessing with Fr Mark Townsend and members of his parish. Parking is available at the soccer field on the other side of the road.

At 7 pm, we shall be at Grants' field at Knockarlow when we will be joined by members of the Catholic Parish of Seirkieran. Fr. Eamon O'Gorman cannot be with us, having had his hip replaced on 17th May – we pray for his speedy recovery.

Midweek Services: Our midweek Communion service at Borris will be on 1st, 15th and 22nd June. On 8th June, the Rector and a number of the regular midweek congregation, including the organist, will be in Belgium.

Ascension Day: There will be Holy Communion for Ascension Day at Mountrath at 8pm on Thursday, 2nd June.

Western Front Visit: On Monday, 6th June our parish visit to the Western Front begins. We have a party of twelve and will be visiting Flanders and the Somme, including being at the Menin Gate for the nightly ceremony and at the Island of Ireland Peace Park for the commemoration of the Battle of Messines, in which the Irish Divisions fought shoulder to shoulder, on 7th June. In particular remembrance that June morning will be Second Lieutenant Martin Jestin of Sentry Hill, Borris in Ossory, who died when serving with the 7th Battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Saint Columba's Day: Columba is one of the most important of the Irish evangelists and we remember his life and work with a Holy Communion service in Mountrath at 8 pm on Thursday, 9th June.

National Schools Service:

Clonenagh National School is host for the National Schools' Festival Service on Friday, 10th June at 11 am. Parents will be most welcome to join us for the occasion.

Traditional Day: Clareen holds its annual Field Day on Sunday, 12th June, beginning at Midday. There will be music and entertainment from lunchtime through until the evening, and a thousand sausages and a thousand burgers are being bought, so a big crowd is being anticipated. Bring all the family along for an enjoyable time.

Dance: Clonenagh Parish holds its dance at Mountrath Golf Club on Friday, 17th June.

Rector away: The Rector is away from 29th June until 15th July. Full details of cover will be announced.

Holy Week and Easter services: Thank you to everyone who made Holy Week and Easter such an encouraging time. Our average attendance during Holy Week was

over thirty and our aggregate congregation at Easter Communion was 266 – around 70% of our parish population. The attendance at our vigil service matched the combined attendances at two of our cathedrals – a lesson in the strength of local communities.

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 4th June until the end of August, and as well as continuing his studies for ordination in the autumn, will be assisting with the life of the parish.

Good wishes: We extend our good wishes to fellow Ossory cleric, the new Rector of Kells with Inistioge, the Revd Martin Hilliard. Ian Poulton is particularly pleased at the Revd Martin's timely arrival.

~Ian Poulton

Parish Notes

Fundraising: The **Parish Social** will be held in Mountrath Golf Club on Friday June 17th. Music is by Solitaire. Tickets, €15, will be available from any committee member, so do come along and enjoy the night.

Raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group have organised a trip to Roll 'n Bowl, Portlaoise on Tuesday, 21st June 2011 from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. All parents, babies, toddlers and pre-school children are welcome to attend this morning, which is free of charge. For further details contact Vera on 087-9330695.

Mountrath Mothers' Union & Young Wives hosted the 2011 Diocesan Festival Service on Wednesday 18th May in St. Peter's Church. A congregation of over 200 were present and an uplifting address was heard from the visiting preacher, the Very Rev'd Ken Clarke, Bishop of Kilmore.

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparations for the evening in any way both great or small, especially Rev Ian Poulton, Mabel and the members of the choir, Kathleen, Mabel & Emily for the Floral arrangements, Ivor for his help with the printing and Vera for having the church ready and looking wonderful as always.

Table Tennis: Leinster team mates Amylou Hayes, Mountrath Table Tennis Club and Kate Whelan, Ballyroan Table Tennis Club, took 1st and 2nd in Round 2 of the Star-

ball Junior Ability Tournament in Ballyroan over the weekend. The event which had an entry of 62 players over 8 divisions produced a spectacle of table tennis with players from across the county and further taking part. Both Amylou (U14) and Kate (U12) had represented Leinster 2 weeks ago at the Inter-provincials in Killarney where both had superb performances. They were also joined there by Katie Hayes (U14) and Adina Moise (U17), both also from Mountrath.

Results from Ability event in Ballyroan were:

- Div 1 W: Amylou Hayes, Mountrath
R/U: Kate Whelan, Ballyroan
- Div 2 W: Emile McWey, Ballyroan
R/U: Tadgh Downey, Carlow
- Div 3 W: Nadia Krawczun, Mountrath
R/U: Jach Hannon, Carlow
- Div 4 W: Dillon Grace, Rathdowney
R/U: Ned Lavelle, Rathdowney
- Div 5 W: Brian Whelan, Ballyroan
R/U: Paudi McDonald, Ballyroan
- Div 6 W: Nicole Moynan, Killermogh
R/U: Jack Thompson, Rathdowney
- Div 7 W: Jack Carroll, Ballyroan
R/U: Paddy Vaughan, Galmoy
- Div 8 W: Reuben Harvey, Killermogh
R/U: Amy Moynan, Killermogh

Round 3 of this Ability event "THE LAOIS OPEN" will take place on June 11th in Ballyroan.

Enquiries and Entries to Jimmy Hayes (0868684693). Closing date June 9th.