

July Services 2011						
First Sunday (3rd)	<i>Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67</i> <i>Romans 7: 15-25a</i> <i>Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Second Sunday (10th)	<i>Genesis 25: 19-34</i> <i>Romans 8: 1-11</i> <i>Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Third Sunday (17th)	<i>Genesis 28: 10-19a</i> <i>Romans 8: 12-25</i> <i>Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 3.00pm Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
Fourth Sunday (24th)	<i>Genesis 29: 15-28</i> <i>Romans 8: 26-39</i> <i>Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
Fifth Sunday (31st)	<i>Genesis 32: 22-31</i> <i>Romans 9: 1-5</i> <i>Matthew 14: 13-21</i>	Mountrath 9.00am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion & Holy Baptism		

August Services 2011						
First Sunday (7th)	<i>Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28</i> <i>Romans 10: 5-15</i> <i>Matthew 14: 22-33</i>	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 (14th)	<i>Genesis 45: 1-15</i> <i>Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32</i> <i>Matthew 15: 10-28</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion & Holy Baptism		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Third Sunday (21st)	<i>Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10</i> <i>Romans 12: 1-8</i> <i>Matthew 16: 13-20</i>	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 (28th)	<i>Exodus 3: 1-15</i> <i>Romans 12: 9-21</i> <i>Matthew 16: 21-28</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion

Items for inclusion in the September 2011 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY August 24th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the 4th Sunday, August 28th.

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

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Newsletter

Clonenagh Group of Parishes - July/August 2011

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From the Rector:

Holidays: For twenty odd years, in the North and then in Dublin, taking holidays was a simple matter, a neighbouring cleric would go away for July and we would go away for August, providing pastoral care for each other and drawing upon the plentiful supply of retired and non-stipendiary clergy for Sunday services. While it is possible in the North, or in Dublin, to head off for a month, it is not possible in a rural diocese where clergy are few and far between. Katharine reaches her half century this summer, so we have raided the savings and are off to visit the West Coast of the United States and Canada (where Katharine has family in Vancouver). We will be away from 29th June until 15th July (and will then be away later in the year from 19th-30th September). The Abbeyleix clergy have kindly agreed to provide pastoral cover.

in Annatrim will be at the group service on the fifth Sunday of the month, 31st July, at 11 am instead of the second Sunday; Holy Communion at Seir Kieran will be on the fourth Sunday, 24th July, instead of the second. Roskelton continues unchanged and at Borris-in-Ossory the service on the third Sunday of the month, 17th July, will be Holy Communion and Holy Baptism at 3 pm.

Midweek services: On Saint Peter's Day, Wednesday, 29th June, there will be Holy Communion in Saint Peter's Church, Mountrath at 8 pm. Our Wednesday evening services then continue at Borris-in-Ossory through July and August with our A-Z of hymnwriters providing a focus for our thoughts. The services on 6th and 13th July will be Evening Prayer with Iain Jameson speaking at the first and Jim Wallace at the second. It is encouraging that our weekly congregation continues to reach the mid-teens.

Holy Communion arrangements: There being two parishes in Laois currently vacant and it being a time when many clergy away, while keeping up our regular pattern of Sunday services in July, the Holy Communion services have had to be moved around. Holy Communion in Mountrath in July will be on the third and fourth Sundays of the month, 17th and 24th July, at the usual time, and on the fifth Sunday, 31st July, at 9 am. Holy Communion in Lacca will be on the third Sunday, 17th July at 10.30 instead of the first; Holy Communion

Western Front Visit: We were blessed with smooth arrangements and mostly favourable weather for our parish visit to the Western Front from 6th to 9th June. A group of twelve of us flew from Dublin to Charleroi and visited Flanders and Ypres on the first afternoon. At the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, a wreath in memory of, Second Lieutenant Martin Jestin of Sentry Hill, Borris-in-Ossory (Martin's Uncle Martin) was laid by Martin Jestin and Lionel Gyves (other wreaths at the ceremon-

ny included those laid by the ambassador of Australia, the Commonwealth War Graves' Commissioners, and a local Belgian school). The following morning, the 94th anniversary of the death of Martin Jestin at the Battle of Messines, we went to the Island of Ireland Peace Park at Messines, where we held our own ceremony, including Jean Treacy reading Tom Kettle's poem 'To my daughter Betty, the Gift of God'. About to leave the park, a party led by Hugo Swire, the British Minister of State for the North, and Glenn Barr, one of the founders of the Peace Park, arrived for a wreath laying ceremony; amongst the group Tommy Masterson met his brother in law. That afternoon, we drove down to Vimy to visit the Canadian memorial and tunnels. The final day was spent on the Somme, going to the Ulster Tower and the preserved trenches at Thiepval before going to Regina Trench Cemetery where the 'Ode to the Fallen' was read by Lionel Gyves at the grave of Martin Jestin's Uncle Jack, Private John Jestin of Borris-in-Ossory, who died on 8th October 1916.

Our guide, Major Ian Gumm, was excellent and provided transport for four of the party in his own jeep, while the other eight of us travelled in a nine seater Ford Transit minibus driven by the Rector (and parked by Lionel Gyves). The trip was tiring and had tearful moments, but was also a time of good company and much laughter.

Traditional Day: A cool, damp and windy day could not detract from the success of the Field Day at Clareen on Sunday, 12th June where a huge amount of work by the local community produced an excellent result, the proceeds from the day together with the events held in the preceding months are expected to top €20,000 – a tremendous total given the times in which we live.

Dance: Clonenagh Parish held its dance on Friday, 17th June at Mountrath Golf

Club. The attendance was not large, but the evening was enjoyable and some €1200 or so was raised

Iain Jameson: We are very pleased to have Iain Jameson with us over the summer months as he prepares for ordination in September. A native of Zimbabwe, Iain grew up in Shopshire, but has since lived in Belfast for much of his life. Experienced as a drugs counsellor, as a worker with homeless people, and in prison work, he comes to us with deep experience of pastoral ministry. Iain is conducting services and assisting in the life of the parish.

National Schools' Festival Service: Thank you to everyone who contributed to a very happy National Schools' service in Mountrath on 10th June. Clonenagh School welcomed Cosby, Maryborough, Rathdowney, South, and Wandersford Schools to a lively gathering organized by Canon Patrick Harvey. Special thanks go to those from Clonenagh School who worked so hard in decorating the church, creating a special atmosphere for the 350 strong congregation.

The Revd Anthony Kelly: During August, we shall welcome the Revd Anthony Kelly to our parishes for three weeks. Anthony comes from the Roman Catholic tradition and is coming to spend time with us to have experience of rural ministry – he will also have spent time in a large Belfast parish and with CMS in Kenya before coming to us. Please do give Anthony a very warm welcome during his time among us.

Rogation Sunday: Thank you to those who hosted our Rogationtide Services - to Robert Clegg at Kilbricken, a photograph from which made the front cover of 'The Irish Catholic' - and to Margaret and George Grant at Seirkieran, where the congregation was treated to tea and biscuits in a barn after the service. We pray our prayers will be answered.

~Ian Poulton

Parish Notes

Fundraising: Thank you to everyone who supported the **Parish Social** at Mountrath Golf Club on Friday night last, particularly to those who worked hard to organise the evening and to those who contributed prizes for the raffle.

Would anyone who has outstanding money for tickets please get it to Emily or Florence as soon as possible.

Our next fundraising meeting is July 4th at 9pm in the Parochial Hall to finalise the social.

Mountrath Parent & Toddler Group enjoyed a morning out to "Tearaways" in Rathdowney on Tuesday, 21st June 2010. This trip was a great social outing and was enjoyed by 24 children and 16 Adults.

On Tuesday, 28th June 2010, Attendance Certificates will be presented to those children who are leaving the Toddler Group to go to Primary school or Pre-school in September by Rev. Ian and Jill Hayes.

During the months of July and August there will be no Parent & Toddler Group due to the annual school holidays. The Group will resume on Tuesday, the 6th September 2011 from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. On behalf of the Parent & Toddler Group, we wish everyone an enjoyable summer holiday.

Table Tennis: With the national and provincial ranking tournaments and Starball (Senior) and Schools league completed for 2010/11, attention has focused on the Laois Ability League, with round 3 taking place on Saturday 18th June in Ballyroan.

Parish Diary - July/August

July

4th-8th Monday-Friday.....Laois Table Tennis Summer Camp, Castletown
11th-15th Monday-Friday...Laois Table Tennis Summer Camp, Castletown

August

24th Wednesday...Closing date for September 2011 Newsletter items!

Results: Div 1- W. Luke Dempsey (Carlow); R/U. Kate Whelan (Ballyroan). Div 2- W. Scott Jestin (Mountrath); R/U. Tim Dempsey (Carlow). Div 3- W. Justynne Fabian (Carlow); R/U. Jessie Hayes (Mountrath). Div 4- W. Brian Whelan (Ballyroan); R/U. James Carroll (Ballyroan). Div 5- W. Alvin Stanley (Killermogh); R/U. Robyn Towell (Mountrath). Div 6- W. Paddy Vaughan (Crosspatrick); R/U. John Bailey (Killermogh). Div 7- W. Reuben Harvey (Killermogh); R/U. David Bell (Killermogh). Div 8- W. Claire Handcock (Rathdowney); R/U. Abbie Bailey (Rathdowney). Overall 86 junior players have participated in the league to date with 1 round remaining.

SUMMER CAMP- A Laois Table Tennis Summer Camp will take place shortly. Week 1, July 4th-8th. Week 2, July 11th-15th in Castletown community centre. 12 tables will be in use. Irish National senior champion John Murphy will be among those in attendance during the two weeks. Week 1 will be for U14 Boys and Girls and week 2 will be open to all ages. Enquiries to Jimmy Hayes 0868684693.

Enjoy the summer, from Jimmy Hayes and Mountrath Table Tennis Club.

St. Mark's Borris-in-Ossory wishes to thank all who participated and supported the "Charity Shop" quiz, which realized the sum of €697.00.

The winners were Marie Murphy, Tullow, Co Carlow, Frances Stanley, Rosscarberry, Co. Cork, & W. Stanley, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary.