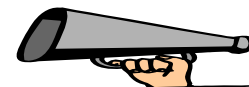


Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - October 2011

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From the Rector:

Harvest Festivals: Our Harvest Festival season continues on the third Sunday of October with the Harvest Festival celebration in Clonenagh Parish. The National School holds its Harvest service in Mountrath church at 7.30 on Friday, 14th October. On Sunday, 16th October we hold the harvest services in Mountrath at 11.30 am and at Roskelton at 4 pm. We had hoped to welcome Senator David Norris as our preacher, but the news headlines will testify, he has been preoccupied with other matters. He has promised to join us on a later date, so we look forward to welcoming him at a future occasion. In Senator Norris' place, at short notice, Canon Aisling Shine from Dublin diocese has agreed to join us.

The harvest festival services conclude on Sunday, 23rd October when Bishop Michael joins us for the thanksgiving in Offerlane Parish. The services will be at Annatrim at 11 am and at Lacca at 4 pm.

Harvest offerings will be for the diocesan Bishops' Appeal project for 2012 in Rwanda and Swaziland.

Funeral: On 30th August, the fourth anniversary of the death of her husband Billy, Annie McDowell died at Portlaoise Hospital after a short illness. A native of Redcastle, Annie spent most of her life in her home townland with the exception of the years living in Church Street in Mountrath. Marrying Billy McDowell from Co Down, the young Annie Caldbeck enjoyed company of friends and the dances they attended. Always a warm hostess, Annie welcomed all who came to her door, whether the bed and breakfast guests in the town, or friends who called at the home in Redcastle. Coming from a close knit family, Annie brought that same closeness to the life of her own family, constantly concerned about those whom she loved and always wishing them to be near to home. Having a lively awareness of the world around, Annie kept up with the news and developments in the community. A woman of great faith, Annie found great reserves of strength to sustain her through deep sadness at the deaths of her daughter in law Shirley, Billy her husband, and last year, her son Ken. Annie valued the celebration of Holy Communion at her home

October Services 2011

First Sunday (2nd)	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Baptism & Holy Communion
Second Sunday (9th)	Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Third Sunday (16th)	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 10.00am Holy Communion	Lacca 10.30am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving	Roskelton 4.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving
Fourth Sunday (23rd)	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving
Fifth Sunday (30th)	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23: 1-12	Mountrath 11.00am Group Service				

Parish Diary - October

7th Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (TBC) (7.15-8.45pm)
10th Monday.....M.U.&Y.W., Mountrath (8.00pm)
14th-15th.....Young Families Conference, City North Hotel
19th Wednesday...Closing date for November 2011 Newsletter items!
21st Friday.....G.F.S., Parochial Hall (7.15-8.45pm)
22nd Saturday.....M.U. Diocesan Council, Kilkenny College (10.00am)
November 8th.....M.U. Ossory Area Meeting, Abbeyleix (8.00pm)

Items for inclusion in the November 2011 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY October 19th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the 4th Sunday, October 23rd.

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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and on 16th September, a date Annie had put into her calendar for Communion, loved ones gathered to remember Annie and to remember that in the Holy Communion we celebrate with the angels, archangels and all the company of heaven.

Wedding: On Saturday, 10th September at Saint Peter's Church, Mountrath, Jayne Telford of Mountrath married Lee Hacker of Bristol.

Dry rot: The kitchen and toilets of our Parochial Hall had to be gutted when dry rot was discovered after a painter's ladder went through a floor. Just when everything seems in good repair, problems appear!

Diocesan Synod: The synod, our diocesan annual general meeting, takes place on Wednesday, 19th October at the Newpark Hotel in Kilkenny. Together with the Rector, our parishes are represented by Joe Peavoy and Emily Jackson from Clonenagh; Jean Treacy from Offerlane; and Ivan Jestin and Joyce Wharton from Borris-in-Ossory/Seir Kieran. Supported by John Thompson of Rath saran Parish, the Rector plans to propose a motion calling for the Church of Ireland to speak in defence of farmers and communities who face bleak prospects if the single farm payment is terminated in 2013 and not replaced with something comparable.

Burundi/Rwanda Visit: Along with Lydia Monds, the Bishops' Appeal

education officer who spoke at our harvest services at Borris-in-Ossory and Seir Kieran, the Rector is going to visit Bishops' Appeal projects in Burundi and Rwanda over the Halloween holiday weekend; he is away from Tuesday, 25th October until Friday 4th November. Please pray for his safety. Details of pastoral cover will be announced. Sunday, 30th October is a fifth Sunday, so there will be a group service at Mountrath at 11 am.

Advance Notice of Remembrance: Our Remembrance of Loved Ones will take place in Mountrath Church on Sunday, 6th November at 7 pm. On Friday, 11th November, we shall hold our Armistice Day Service at Borris-in-Ossory Church at 11am.

~Ian Poulton

Parish Notes

Girls Friendly Society (G.F.S.) will recommence on Friday 7th October at 19.15hrs. All girls aged four years and above are welcome to attend. We meet for an hour and a half once a fortnight. Girls have the opportunity to participate in badge work, crafts, bible study, games and outings throughout the year. Further information can be obtained from Jennifer 086 8185644.

Appeal for help: If anyone can offer any help or assistance with G.F.S. it will be greatly appreciated. If not available on Friday evenings perhaps you could assist with secretarial support or organizing activities. Thanking you in anticipation.

Mothers Union & Young Wives will hold their opening meeting on Monday 10th October at 8pm in Mountrath.

Best wishes to our Rector, Rev'd Ian Poulton, as he takes up the Diocesan Chaplain's role.

Young Families Conference in City North Hotel October 14th - 15th, if anyone is interested in going please let Sandra Condell know.

Diocesan Council on SATURDAY 22nd October at 10am in Kilkenny College. Ruth Mercer will be attending.

Ossory Area Meeting in Abbeyleix on Wednesday November 9th at 8pm. Speaker is Rev'd Jim Wallace.

Athy-Clonenagh Youth Groups Reunion

On August 27th, past members of the Athy and Clonenagh Youth Groups met for dinner and an evening of reunion at the Church of Ireland Centre in Athy, Co. Kildare. The two groups had forged strong links with each other in the past, having spent several years working together leading children's summer holiday clubs in various parishes (including their own). Many thanks to Shirley Lazenby of Athy parish who organised the event, which saw 16 former members of the two Youth Groups come together for what was a very special and enjoyable evening.

~Geoff Wharton



Past members of the Athy and Clonenagh Youth Groups during their reunion at the Church of Ireland Centre in Athy, Co. Kildare.