

Newsletter



Clonenagh Group of Parishes - November 2011

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November Services 2011						
First Sunday (6th)	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78: 1-7 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13	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 7.00pm Remembrance of Loved Ones
Second Sunday (13th)	Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Third Sunday (20th)	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 11.00am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday (27th)	Isaiah 64: 1-9 Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-37	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion

Parish Diary - November

10th Thursday.....M.U.&Y.W. Ossory area meeting, Abbeyleix (8.00pm)
15th Tuesday.....Coffee Evening & Bring/Buy Sale, Parochial Hall (7.30-9.30pm)
18th Friday.....G.F.S. Meeting, Parochial Hall (7.15-8.45pm)
23rd Wednesday...Closing date for December 2011 Newsletter items!
27th Sunday.....G.F.S. Enrolment Service, Mountrath (11.30am)
December 2nd.....G.F.S. Meeting, Parochial Hall (7.15-8.45pm)
December 3rd.....Pre-Christmas Market, Parochial Hall (2.00-4.30pm)

Items for inclusion in the December 2011 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY November 23rd AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the 4th Sunday, November 27th.

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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From the Rector:

Fifth Sunday: A reminder that Sunday, 30th October is a fifth Sunday of the month. There will be a group Holy Communion service at Mountrath at 11 am at which the preacher and celebrant will be Dean Katharine Poulton.

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A Remembrance of Loved Ones:

On Sunday 6th November, as part of All Saints' Tide, we shall hold a service of remembrance of our loved ones in Mountrath at 7pm. Around fifty people came along to our service last year which is one of hymns and readings that offer comfort in times of grief. We have a simple ceremony where people come forward to light a candle, reminding them of the light and of the Light of God that shines in the darkness and cannot be overcome. Everyone is welcome at this service.

Armistice Day:

We are holding our second annual Remembrance Day service at Borris in Ossory on Friday 11th November at 11 am. We shall

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Funeral: On Saturday, 1st October 2011 at Mountrath Church, where for years he had worshipped Sunday by Sunday, we bade farewell to William Henry 'Har' Hargroves of Church Street, Mountrath. A man held in affection by all who knew him, Har became known for his gentleness and contentment. Never more happy than when working on the old family farm at Derrynaseera, Har was delighted to still be able to drive the tractor during the summer, the ninetieth summer of his long life. Har was particularly loved by his four nephews, Joe, Henry, John and Tom, for whom Har was not just an uncle, but became a father to them when their father Joe and their mother Madeline died when they were still young. To take on four boys at the age of 73 was a great undertaking and at the funeral Joe Hargroves spoke of how much their uncle had meant to he and his brothers. Har had been delighted at the birth of his grandniece Nicole earlier and he seemed happily set to be with us for years to come, however, it was not to be. Har had a strong faith that brought him to church Sunday by Sunday and which was a comfort to him in times of illness. Har's funeral service was followed by burial in the churchyard.

GFS Enrolment Service: The enrolment service for the Clonenagh Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society takes place in Mountrath Church at 11.30 am on Sunday, 27th November.

Baptism: At Mountrath on Sunday, 2nd October, we welcomed Morgan Richard James Dunne, son of Ed and Jade Dunne, into the fellowship of Christ's Church.

Western Front Visit: Inquiries are coming in about our diocesan visit to Flanders and the Somme from 6th to 9th June next year, a visit that will include a commemoration of the Fallen of the Great War at the Island of Ireland Peace Park on 7th June, the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Messines. If anyone from our parishes would like to join the group, it would be helpful if they would respond sooner rather than later!

Confirmation 2012: We shall be having a joint confirmation service with Rathdowney on 10th June next year (we would not have enough candidates to have a service alone), people who would like to be confirmed should contact the Rector.

Africa visit: Ian Poulton is visiting Burundi and Rwanda to see Bishops' Appeal projects from 25th October until 4th November. Archdeacon John Murray has kindly agreed to take any emergency calls.

~Ian Poulton

Parish Notes

Leprosy Mission boxes should and we will remember her in our be returned to Olga Telford before December 5th. prayers.

Pre-Christmas Market will be held in the Parochial Hall on Saturday December 3rd from 2pm - 4:30pm. Usual stalls and possibly a few new ones.

Ossory Area meeting will be held in Abbeyleix South School on November 10th at 8pm. Speaker is the Rev Jim Wallace.



Mothers' Union & Young Wives met on Tuesday 18th October, St Luke's Day, with an opening service in St Peter's Church.

Mrs. Jean Treacy was elected as the Enrolling Member from January 2012. Best wishes to her

Coffee Evening & Bring/Buy Sale in aid of overseas and literacy fund in Burundi, (following the Rector's visit to this area) on Tuesday November 15th 7.30pm to 9.30 pm, in Parochial Hall, Mountrath. Everyone welcome, please support.