

May Services 2012						
First Sunday (6th)	Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm 22: 25-31 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8	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 (13th)	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Third Sunday (20th)	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17: 6-19	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Lacca 11.00am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday (27th)	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17: 6-19	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	

Parish Diary - May

April 23rd.....Fundraising Committee meeting, Parochial Hall (8.30pm)
 9th. Wednesday.....Senior Citizen's lunch, Parochial Hall (12.30pm)
 16th Wednesday....MU&YW Diocesan Festival Service, Bunclody (7.30pm)
 20th Sunday.....GFS Diocesan Service, Kilkenny
23rd Wednesday...Closing date for June 2012 Newsletter items!
 27th Sunday.....Parish Barbecue/Fun Day, Rectory grounds (2.00pm)
 June 13th.....MU&YW 125 year celebration walk & evening tea

Items for inclusion in the June 2012 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY May 23rd AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled, printed, and distributed in time for the 4th Sunday, May 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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Clonenagh Group of Parishes - May 2012

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From the Rector:

Rector away: The Rector is away from Tuesday, 24th April until Tuesday, 1st May. Canon Patrick Harvey in Abbeyleix will be taking calls.

Fifth Sunday: Sunday, 29th April is a fifth Sunday of the month. There will be Holy Communion in Mountrath at 9 am and a Family Service in Lacca at 11 am, reflecting on the theme of the Good Shepherd. The Rector hopes there will be a large congregation at the Lacca service, it is embarrassing to have someone to come to take the service, only for there to be a mostly empty church!

Seniors' Lunch: Our Seniors' Lunch, organized by Clonenagh branch of the Mothers' Union, takes place in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath on Wednesday, 9th May at 12.30 pm

General Synod: The Church of Ireland General Synod takes place in Dublin from Thursday, 10th May until Saturday, 12th May. Four members

of our parishes are members of the 660-strong Synod: Joe Peavoy from Clonenagh, Jean Treacy from Offerlane, Ivan Justin from Borris-in-Ossory, and the Rector. The synod business will include an opportunity to discuss the implications for parochial and pastoral life of changes in EU farming policy.

Rogationtide: We shall observe Rogation Sunday as we did last year, with open air services to pray for God's blessing upon the crops. Our service at Seir Kieran will be in the afternoon of Sunday, 13th May, while in Clonenagh Parish, we shall gather on the Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Robert Caldbeck at Cap-pagh South. Both occasions were well attended last year, and we again look forward to welcoming family, friends and neighbours to the community occasions.

Mothers' Union Festival Service: The Mothers' Union diocesan festival service takes place in Bunclody on Wednesday, 16th May at 7.30 pm.

The service includes the commissioning of the Rector as diocesan chaplain.

GFS Service: The Girls' Friendly Society Diocesan Service takes place in Saint Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on the afternoon of Sunday, 20th May.

Parish barbecue: Clonenagh Parish are holding a family barbecue at the Rectory on Sunday, 27th May at 2 pm.

June dates: The visit to the Western Front takes place from Wednesday, 6th until Saturday, 9th June and the Mothers' Union are holding their 'Mums in May' walk and coffee evening on Wednesday, 13th June at 7 pm.

Summer series: Our summer series of Wednesday evening services takes place in Borris-in-Ossory over twelve Wednesday evenings from 20th June until 12th September. The series will be a bird's eye view of the Bible, looking at Scripture in twelve sections, beginning with the books of the Law and ending with Revelation.

Wedding: Louise Cooper of Old Oak, Coolrain and Tim Brady-Boulton of Ascot, England were married at Offerlane Parish Church on Saint Patrick's Day, 17th March 2012.

Funerals

On Wednesday, 21st March 2012 at Lacca Church, **Kathleen (Kitty) Alexander** of Mountainy, Killanure. Dying at Mountainy on Saint Patrick's Day, Kitty completed the days of her earthly pilgrimage in the home where she had begun it. Kitty was educated at Offerlane National School and the Brigidine Convent at Mountrath and was the last of the Verschoyle family to live at the family farm. Determinedly independent, Kitty held firmly to a sense of dignity and optimism, even during illness, never allowing her spirit to be dampened by circumstances. A woman of great faith, Kitty had a great love for Scripture, reading her Bible with enthusiasm, spending many hours pondering its words, and ready to share her thoughts with those whom she met. Reflecting on her great knowledge of the Bible, thoughts at her funeral service focused upon the mountains that appeared in Scripture; places of struggle and effort, reflecting the hard work in Kitty's life, but places also of vision and of meeting with God, reflecting on the faith that had inspired her and our trust that Kitty was now in God's presence. Following the funeral at Lacca, Kitty's mortal remains were taken to Newlands Cross for cremation.

Violet Roy: On Thursday, 5th April at Saint Peter's Church, Mountrath, Violet Roy of Moore Abbey Cottages, Stradbally, and formerly of Shannon Street, Mountrath and Killanure. Growing up and living on the Roy family farm at Killanure, Violet had lived with the Abbott family in Mountrath in more recent years, before going to live at the Moore Abbey Cottages in 2006. Attending Dove House in Abbeyleix since 1995, Violet was a much loved member of the community there, known for her passion for gardening and her love for flowers. Violet had a flamboyant character, expressed in a love for colourful necklaces and numerous handbags. Violet's illness was borne with great courage and her passing brought sadness to her many friends. The funeral service, conducted by the Rev'd Olive Donohoe, was a wonderfully vibrant celebration of Violet's life and an opportunity for the Dove House staff and community to express a sense of what Violet had meant to them. The farewell included an abundance of flowers and a joining of hands for the singing of 'Bind us together'. Violet's funeral in Saint Peter's Church was followed by interment in the Roy family grave in Mountrath churchyard.

~lan Poulton

Parish Notes:

A Barbecue/Fun Day will be held in the Rectory grounds on Sunday May 27th, commencing at 2pm.

Tickets (€10) available from Emily 057 8732980, Mabel 057 8732331, Vicky 086, 8889225 or any committee member. We are looking for some picnic tables and chairs for this event, which can be brought to the rectory on the Saturday evening.

Fundraising Committee Meeting on Monday night April 23rd at 8.30pm.

Mothers' Union & Young Wives met on Monday 26th March when Canon Poulton celebrated Lady's Day with a Holy Communion service followed by a short meeting in the Parochial Hall.

Diocesan Festival Service in St Mary's church, Bunclody on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm, when Canon Poulton will be commissioned as MU Diocesan Chaplain. A cake per car please.

The Mothers' Union is hosting a **Senior Citizen's lunch** in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday 9th May at 12.30pm. Anyone who would like to attend please give names to Margaret Jestin, Mabel Peavoy or Myra Harvey on or before Sunday 6th. ALL WELCOME

Date for Diary: Wednesday 13th June, Mountrath Mothers' Union celebrate 125 years of MU in Ireland with a walk followed by evening tea. More details in next month's newsletter.