

# The Newsletter

September 2018

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*Rev'd Victor Fitzpatrick greets worshippers outside St. Peter's Church following his Institution as Rector of the Clonenagh Group of Parishes*

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## **Clonenagh Group of Parishes**

**Annatrim, Borris-in-Ossory, Lacca, Mountrath, Roskelton, Seir Kieran.**

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# The Rector Writes

Plato wrote: "The beginning is most important part of the work."

I look forward very much to beginning my ministry with you, the parishioners of the Clonenagh Group of Parishes, this evening (Friday 24 August).

Having a fondness for crosswords and word puzzles, I tried making as many words as I could from the word ministry. I came up with... minty, misty and miry among others! Nothing as hugely profound as I'd hoped.

So we return to the source, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As Christians our shared ministry is carrying forward Christ's mission in the world; spreading and sharing our faith.

As a pastor, my ministry involves caring for God's people, and walking alongside you in your Christian formation.

I pray God's blessing upon us all as we begin a new journey together here in Clonenagh, and I pray that our shared pilgrimage in faith will be a long, fulfilling and enriching one.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."

1 Peter 1: 3-6 (NIV)

## Parish Notes

### Notices

Saturday September 15, Church Street, Dublin at 12pm, wedding of Alison & Jason.

Saturday September 15, Bishop's House, Kilkenny, **gathering of previously confirmed persons** by Bishop Michael. Organised by Rev'd Nicola Halford, it runs from 2pm - 5pm. RSVP to: bishopmichaelcelebration@gmail.com

Sunday 23 September, **confirmation classes** begin in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, at 3pm. Please contact the Rector if your son or daughter would like to be Confirmed this year

Sunday October 7, Seir Kieran at 2pm, wedding of Tiffany & Benjamin.

Saturday November 24, Mountrath at 3pm, **Confirmation** with Bishop Michael in St. Peter's Church.

### Condolences

To Muriel Fairbrother & family on the death of her mother, Mrs Olive Stanley.

To Mrs Mary McKay, Emily Jackson & family, and Daphne Carry & family on the death of Richie Roe.

To the Cooper Flynn and Gill families on the death of Gwyn Cooper Flynn.

To the Foot family on death of Tom Foot.

### Best Wishes

To Annie Lalor after her short stay in hospital.

To Sidney Harvey who is in hospital in Naas.

Please keep in your **thoughts and prayers** all our fellow parishioners who are unwell at the moment.

### Congratulations

To Sonya and Jonathan Kingsley on the birth of a baby daughter.

Rev'd Victor has previously celebrated **home Holy Communions** with the sick and housebound on the first Wednesday of the month. Please advise the Rector if you wish to receive Holy Communion at home beginning with the first Wednesday in September (5th) and he can arrange suitable times with you.

Since the introduction of the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** on May 25th 2018, **Hospital Chaplains** have been encour-

tering severe difficulties in getting HSE Hospital Administrators to inform them when members of the Church of Ireland are under their care.

It is therefore very important that you inform the Hospital Chaplain when a family member is hospitalised, or ask the Rector to do so. Otherwise, they may receive no pastoral care during their stay in hospital.

Anyone who has notes for the **Diocesan Magazine** should get them to Emily Jackson or Serena Senior by September 6th.

**Rectory Improvements:** Various works have been carried out on the rectory over the summer months, with the space at the end of rectory widened and a wall built all way round to patio area. Dangerous trees were also felled.

The interior has been freshly painted (this work was done by C.E. Scheme workers), and the Aga cooker was replaced with a fully reconditioned one.

The rectory and grounds are now looking very well, thank you to everyone who participated in the work.

**Rectory Lawn:** Volunteers are requested at the Rectory on Saturday September 1st, as early as possible, to do some raking and preparation for lawns. If you have some gardening equipment (rakes, etc) please bring it along with you.

For more information, contact: Robert on 087 8110031 or Emily on 086 4039013.

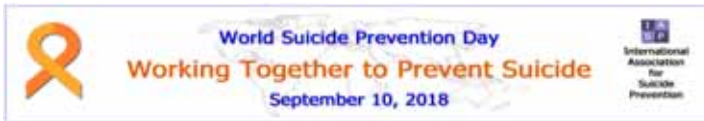
### Girls Friendly Society Notes

A warm welcome to our new Rector, we look forward to meeting him.

GFS will recommence on Friday 14th September at 7.15pm in Mountrath Parochial Hall with registration and games. All girls aged 5 years and over are welcome to join. We meet fortnightly on Fridays.

Girls are given the opportunity to partake in crafts, bible study, badge work and games.

Enquires and further information from Jennifer 086 8185644.



Suicide prevention remains a universal challenge. Every year, suicide is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally for people of all ages. It is responsible for over 800,000 deaths, which equates to one suicide every 40 seconds.

Every life lost represents someone's partner, child, parent, friend or colleague. For each suicide approximately 135 people suffer intense grief or are otherwise affected. This amounts to 108 million people per year who are profoundly impacted by suicidal behaviour. Suicidal behaviour includes suicide, and also encompasses suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. For every suicide, 25 people make a suicide attempt and many more have serious thoughts of suicide.

This year is the first WSPD with the theme "Working Together to Prevent Suicide." This theme will be retained for WSPD in 2019 and 2020.

This theme was chosen as it highlights the most essential ingredient for effective global suicide prevention- collaboration. We all have a role to play and together we can collectively address the challenges presented by

suicidal behaviour in society today.

Preventing suicide is often possible and you are a key player in its prevention! You can make a difference - as a member of society, as a child, as a parent, as a friend, as a colleague or as a neighbour. There are many things that you can do daily, and also on World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), to prevent suicidal behaviour.

You can raise awareness about the issue, educate yourself and others about the causes of suicide and warning signs for suicide, show compassion and care for those who are in distress in your community, question the associated with suicide, suicidal behaviour and mental health problems and share your own experiences.

You can also take part in the Light a Candle event in which you are invited to Light a Candle near a window at 8pm on WSPD as a symbol of support for suicide prevention, and for many it is a means of remembering a loved one.

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# Services & Readings

September						
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9 <i>or</i> Psalm 15 James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Holy Communion	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Holy Communion	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 <i>or</i> Psalm 146 James 2: 1-10, 11-13, 14-17 Mark 7: 24-37	<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer		
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 1: 20-33 Psalm 19 <i>or</i> Psalm 116:1-9 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Holy Communion	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Holy Communion	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Service of the Word	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13 Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 Matthew 9:9-13	<b>Mountrath</b> 8.00pm Holy Communion				
<b>Saturday/Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup></b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 31: 10-31 Psalm 1 <i>or</i> Psalm 54 James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Saturday 8.00pm Evening Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 10.30am Family Service	<b>Annatrim</b> Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> Sunday 11.30am Morning Prayer	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124 <i>or</i> Psalm 19:7-14 James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 11.00am Group Service				

## Parish Diary

### September

- 1st Saturday.....Rectory lawn volunteer day (*page 3*)  
**6th Thursday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes** (*page 3*)  
 14th Friday.....G.F.S. registration & games (*page 3*)  
 15th Saturday.....Gathering of Previously Confirmed Persons (*page 2*)  
 19th Wednesday.....St. Matthew's Day Service  
**19th Wednesday.....Closing date for October 2018 Newsletter**  
 23rd Sunday.....Confirmation classes begin (*page 2*)  
 27th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (*page 3*)

Items for the October 2018 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY September 19th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, September 23rd.

**PLEASE** make your item as ready for publication as possible, and please ensure that names are spelled correctly.

**Ideally, items should be submitted by e-mail** to- [newsletter@clonagh.com](mailto:newsletter@clonagh.com)

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277/087-2522162

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