

The Newsletter

October 2018

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The Harvest

*Vincent van Gogh (1853 - 1890), Arles, June 1888
oil on canvas, 73.4 cm x 91.8 cm*

Credits: Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam (Vincent van Gogh Foundation)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

A number of years ago, charities working with the homeless in London launched "Socktober".

What the charities had begun to notice was that while many people were very generously donating warm winter clothes to homeless charities and groups who work with the homeless in the run up to Christmas, one forgotten item of clothing was socks.

For men and women who spend their lives on the streets, a warm pair of socks, and indeed a change of socks, is vital for them.

A spell of rain or a fall of snow drenches our socks, so imagine if you only have one pair of socks that are thin and summery.

They won't last long.

Charities in Ireland followed London's lead with Socktober in encouraging people who want to help the homeless by donating a new pair of winter socks as the nights begin to lengthen and get colder.

For the month of October a box will be placed in each of our six churches.

If you can support this campaign by donating one pair of socks you'll be making an enormous difference to the lives of so many people who live on the streets of our towns and cities this winter.

Early in November I will deliver the socks to Focus Ireland's centre in Malahide. Thanks for your support!

~Rev. Victor

Parish Notes

Notices

Clergy Conference: The annual clergy conference takes place this year in Dungarvan from Monday 1 October to Wednesday 3 October at the Gold Coast Resort Hotel. As the rector will be away at this conference, First Wednesday Holy Communion house calls will take place on Wednesday 10 October instead.

Lacca Bible Study: Second Thursday of the month at 8pm in the church. All welcome.

Thursday Bible Study: In the Parochial Hall, Mountrath, alternates with GFS. From 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Meeting on 4 & 18 October, 15 & 29 November, and 13 December. Bible stories, games, crafts, quizzes, prizes and action songs. Free admission. All children of national school age welcome. For more details contact Mervyn & Rachel 057-8740770, 086-0575462.

Harvest Services: Seir Kieran 7 October at 7.30pm; Annatrim 14 October at 11am; Mountrath 21 October at 11.30am and Lacca at 4pm; Borris-in-Ossory 28 October at 7pm and Roskelton 4 November at 7pm.

Congratulations

Our very best wishes to Tiffany and Benjamin who will be celebrating their marriage in Seir Kieran on Sunday 7 October at 2pm. Tiffany and Benjamin, along with their 39 guests, will be flying in from Los Angeles for the wedding. We wish the couple every happiness.

Lacca: Congratulations to Mark and Edel on the birth of their baby girl, Layla Grace.

Congratulations to Jonathan Roe and Emma Hackett who were married in Lacca Church on the 24th of August.

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

Lacca Church Sunday School: We are delighted to announce that on the 1st Sunday (10:30 am Communion Service) of every month we are starting our Sunday School for all children. We encourage all children as it will be a great fun way for children to learn their bible through stories, games and crafts.

Our first Sunday School will be in October 7th and every other first Sunday in the month from then on.

Looking forward to all your support, Lacca Parishioners.

Mothers Union: Opening service of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church Mountrath at 8pm on Monday 24th September, followed by a short meeting and cup of tea in the Parochial Hall.

Clonenagh National School has a new email address: clonenaghns@gmail.com
Please update your information.

Girls Friendly Society Notes

Girls Friendly Society recommenced on Friday 14th September with Registration and games. Girls will have the opportunity to partake in games; crafts; bible study; badge work and trips during the year.

Caroline Clegg and Jennifer Lalor attended the GFS leaders training day in Bagenalstown on Saturday 15th September.

Diary Dates: Friday 12th and Friday 26th October, in the Parochial Hall, 7:15-8:45pm.

Enquires and further information from Jennifer 086 8185644.



The ladies of **Castletown ICA Guild** are delighted to welcome Reverend Victor Fitzpatrick as Vicar of the Clonenagh Group of Parishes.

We wish him every success and blessing in his new ministry, and we look forward to meeting with him in the near future.

Castletown ICA and your parish have always had a close relationship, indeed many of our past members have been members of your congregation. We as a group are very proud of this link and look forward to continued mutual support and friendship in the future.

We hope that Reverend Victor will be very happy in Mountrath, and we look forward to giving him a warm welcome when he visits Castletown ICA Guild in the not too distant future

Kind Regards,
Josie Jones, Secretary, Castletown ICA Guild

Camross Parish Development Association are hosting an evening with Catherine Fulvio in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel on Thursday 25th October.

Funds raised will be used to develop a Park in the village that will comprise of enhanced sports and recreation facilities, a looped walkway and to complete a new community building.

The facilities will be shared by the school and the community at large.

Tickets are available at the Poets Cottage Camross, from Breda 087-6485034 and Johanna 086-6012153, and at the reception of Abbeyleix Manor Hotel.

There is great interest in the event, so we advise that you purchase the tickets quickly.

We are running an Artisan Food and Craft Market alongside, starting at 6.30pm with the cookery demo starting at 8pm.

Tickets cost €20, wonderful raffle prizes including dinner at Roundwood House.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLUB

**In the Parochial Hall,
Mountrath**

Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm

Will meet on the following dates:

**20 September, 4 & 18 October
15 & 29 November, 13 December**

Bible Stories, Games, Crafts, Prizes,
Quizzes, Action Songs
and lots more!

Free Admission!

For children of national school age

Parents and guardians will be required to fill in a consent form on the first day that their child attends the club



For more information contact:

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Faith Mission & Missionary Training Home (known as The Faith Mission) is a charity registered in Ireland file: CH96632 and in Scotland No SC005119

Services & Readings

September

Sunday 30th <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124 <u>or</u> Psalm 19:7-14 James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50	Mountrath Sunday 11.00am Group Service
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October

Sunday 7th <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 7.30pm Harvest Service
Sunday 14th <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22: 1-15 Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 10: 17-31	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Harvest Service		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Thursday 18th <i>St. Luke's Day</i>	Acts 16: 6-12a Psalm 147: 1-7 2 Timothy 4: 5-17 Luke 10: 1-9	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				
Sunday 21st <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	Job 38: 1-7, [34-41] Psalm 104: 1-10, 26, 37c Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Harvest Service	Lacca 4.00pm Harvest Service
Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th <i>5th Sunday before Advent</i>	Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34: 1-8, 19-22 Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 10: 46-52	Seir Kieran Saturday 8.00pm Holy Communion	Lacca 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 7.00pm Harvest Service
Wednesday 31st <i>All Hallow's Eve</i>	Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

September

24th Monday.....Mothers' Union Opening Service & meeting (page 3)
27th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting

October

4th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Study (page 2)
6th Saturday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes (page 3)
7th Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (page 2)
10th Wednesday.....Holy Communion house calls (page 2)
11th Thursday.....Lacca Bible Study (page 2)
12th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (page 3)
18th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Study (page 2)
18th Thursday.....St. Luke's Day Service
24th Wednesday.....Closing date for November 2018 Newsletter
25th Thursday.....Camross Development Association evening (page 3)
26th Friday.....G.F.S. meeting (page 3)
31st Wednesday.....All Hallow's Eve Service

Items for the November 2018 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY October 24th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the **Fourth Sunday, October 28th**.
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 newslet-ter@clonemagh.com
Otherwise to: Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-862127/087-2522162
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