

The Newsletter

November 2018

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Harvest Thanksgiving display at Lacca

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

In 1918, the ringing of bells was used to spread news of the end of the conflict that had engulfed the world in four terrible years of warfare. Now for the Great War's centenary they are being used again. On 11 November 2018, 100 years since Armistice, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities across Europe. The bells in our churches will sound to mark 100 years since "the war to end all wars" ended, and to remember our honoured dead. It is poignant too that Germany's church bells also will ring out this day, together with our own, at 11am.

~Rev. Victor

November – The Month Of Remembrance

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

(Major John McCrae)

Parish Notes

Notices

There will be special **Remembrance Services** on **Sunday 11 November** at 9.30am in Seir Kieran, 11.00am in St. Jude's Church, Annatrim and at 11.30am in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War and to pay tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice that we might enjoy our tomorrows.

"When you go Home, tell them of us and say,

For your Tomorrow, we gave our Today." (John Maxwell Edmunds, 1916)

There will be a **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** in **Roskelton Church** at 7pm on Sunday 4 November, all welcome.

Are you aged between 15 and 18 years of age? Are you interested in engaging in dialogue with the wider community? Do wish to speak up, enjoy speaking out, and like sharing your views? If so, then the **Church of Ireland Youth Department's Youth Forum** might be for you. It will take place on Saturday 19 January, 2019, at the City North Hotel,

just off the M1 motorway. Your Friday night's accommodation will be complimentary. If you'd like to participate, please get in touch with Rev. Nicola Halford.

Confirmation 2018: Please continue to remember in your prayers our eight young parishioners preparing to be Confirmed on Saturday 24 November by Bishop Michael, at a special ceremony in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath at 3pm. Bishop Michael will be meeting the Confirmation candidates on Saturday 10 November in St. Peter's Church at 2pm. This meeting will also include a practice and run-through of the confirmation ceremony, so please make sure to attend!

Wedding Joy: On Saturday 3 November at 1pm, Donya Telford will be celebrating her marriage to William Honner in St. Nicholas's Church, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow. The couple will have their reception following the wedding at Rathsallagh House in the Rathsallagh Demesne. Every good wish and happiness to the newlyweds!

Lacca Church Sunday School: We are delighted to announce that on the first Sunday of every month we are starting our Sunday School for all children in Lacca. 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 was successfully launched on 7 October. Looking forward to all your support, Lacca Parishioners!

Dates For Your Diaries

Lacca Fellowship Service: 2nd Thursday of every month

Rector's home communion calls: 1st Wednesday & Thursday of every month

Mountrath Historical Society will be unveiling a **Centenary War Memorial** to all who died from the town of Mountrath, and the surrounding areas, in the Great War 1914-1918, at 2.30pm on the Link Road, Mountrath, on Remembrance Sunday 11 November. All welcome.

Children's Bible Club: In the Parochial Hall, Mountrath, alternates with GFS. From 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Meeting on 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.

Do you have news, church announcements or photos you'd like to share in our **Diocesan Magazine Notes**?

Please email theparishoffice@gmx.com before the sixth of the preceding month (e.g. notices for December need to be submitted by 6 November). Notes submitted after this day may not be on time for inclusion. This email address is for Diocesan Magazine notes only.

There will be a **Select Vestry Meeting** of the Mountrath / Roskelton Select Vestry on Tuesday 13 November at 8pm in the Parochial Hall. This meeting will include the election of a new Honorary Treasurer.

Congratulations to Gavin Gill and Rachel Hauton who recently announced their engagement.

Leprosy Mission boxes should be returned to Olga Telford by December 10th so that the money can reach the charity before Christmas.

Saturday 3rd November at 8:00pm: a **Fun Casino Night** at the Manor Hotel Abbeyleix, for the Restoration Fund of the Parochial Hall Abbeyleix. Subscription €25.

WE REMEMBER THEM
1918 - 2018

You are
Cordially Invited
to our
Official Commemoration
of the
Ending of World War 1

Especially remembering our local 44 heroes

Sunday 11th November 2018
2.30pm
at
The Peace Garden
on the Link Road
Mountrath

Organised by Mountrath Historical Society

Lacca had a good crowd at the **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday last, the church was beautifully decorated with fruit & flowers. After the service we had a lovely cup of tea & cakes in the hall.



TEAM HOPE
Helping vulnerable children overseas

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL with **TODAY fm**
SAT & SUN 1 - 10H
- WEEKEND -
- BREAKFAST -
WITH FALCONER & COOPER

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www.teamhope.ie

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal leaflets are at the back of Lacca church. Boxes have to be back in Lacca by the 4th November (the first Sunday), as they have to be ready for shipping by 9th November.

Well, football fever hit **Clonenagh National School** with a bang this term. Under the excellent coaching of Mrs McCarthy and Mick Boyhan, we reached the **Cuman na mBunscol Plate Final** on Tuesday, 23rd October. That in itself was such an achievement for our school. We played against Castletown NS and we were victorious. The school was enthusiastically supported by pupils and parents, splendid in their blue and white gear! Andrew Cooper captained

our winning team and delivered a beautiful speech, after raising the Plate to an emotional crowd. There is an outstanding article on LaoisToday.ie about the Clonenagh Champions which is well worth the read. We are all so proud of the team, they are such wonderful role models for the younger players as they demonstrated great determination and diligence. They are proof that not all learning takes place in the classroom.



On the same day, the pupils lead a **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** in St. Peter's church. The children had prepared their readings well and spoke eloquently. They also performed "Let It Grow", sung to the tune of "Let It Go" from Frozen. Although they were tired from the day's celebrations, they put on a great performance and the teachers were so proud!



The pupils have been busy **collecting socks** for Rev. Victor to deliver to the Focus Ireland headquarters. They have really enjoyed doing this and love seeing how full the box gets!

After midterm, the Middle and Senior Room will be very busy with swimming lessons and then preparing for their **Christmas Show**.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Believe in yourself! Believe you were made
to do any task without calling for aid.

Believe, without growing too scornfully proud,
that you, as the greatest and least are endowed.
A mind to do thinking, two hands and two eyes
are all the equipment God gives to the wise.

Believe in yourself! You are divinely designed
and perfectly made for the work of mankind.

The truth you must cling to through danger and pain;
the heights others have reached you can also attain.
Believe to the very last hour, for it's true.
That what ever you will, you've been gifted to do.

Believe in yourself and step out unafraid.
By misgivings and doubt be not easily swayed.

You've the right to succeed; the precision of skill
which betokens the great you can earn if you will!
The wisdom of the ages is yours if you'll read.
But you've got to believe in yourself to succeed.

(Edgar A. Guest)

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Items for the December 2018 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY November 21st AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, November 25th.

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@clonenagh.com

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

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Services & Readings

October

Wednesday 31st <i>All Hallow's Eve</i>	<i>Wisdom 3:1-9</i> <i>Psalm 24</i> <i>Revelation 21: 1-6a</i> <i>John 11: 32-44</i>	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion
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November

Sunday 4th <i>4th Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>Ruth 1: 1-18</i> <i>Psalm 146</i> <i>Hebrews 9: 11-14</i> <i>Mark 12: 28-34</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	Roskelton 7.00pm Harvest Service
Sunday 11th <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<i>Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17</i> <i>Psalm 127</i> <i>Hebrews 9: 24-28</i> <i>Mark 12: 38-44</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer With Act of Remembrance
Sunday 18th <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>1 Samuel 1: 4-20</i> <i>Psalm 16</i> <i>Hebrews 10: 11-14, 15-18, 19-25</i> <i>Mark 13: 1-8</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Service of the Word
Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th <i>The Kingship of Christ</i>	<i>2 Samuel 23: 1-7</i> <i>Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18)</i> <i>Revelation 1: 4b-8</i> <i>John 18: 33-37</i>	Seir Kieran Saturday 8.00pm Holy Communion	Lacca 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	
Friday 30th <i>St. Andrew's Day</i>	<i>Isaiah 52: 7-10</i> <i>Psalm 19: 1-6</i> <i>Romans 10: 12-18</i> <i>Matthew 4: 18-22</i>	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

October

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November

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