

The Newsletter

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Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

Parish Notes

Requiescat In Pace

We extend our sincere sympathy to Evelyn Bennett on the recent death of her dear father, **Harry Brownrigg**, late of Graiguemore, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. Harry's funeral service took place on Friday 15th February and he was laid to rest in St. Brigid's churchyard, Kilrush, following the service in the church there. This is Evelyn's second bereavement in a very short space of time. Her cousin, **Eddie Clare**, late of Ballaghmore, Corbally, died the week previously.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Confirmation 2019: If you have a son or daughter who would like to be confirmed in 2019 please contact the Rector. So far we have around six young people who have expressed an interest in being Confirmed this coming May. Classes begin at 7.15pm on Thursday 14 March in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath. The confirmation service itself will take place in Annatrim Church on Sunday 12 May 2019 at 11am.

Confirmation Classes commence on Thursday 14 March at 7.15pm in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath. The dates for your diaries are: 14 March, 21 March, 28 March, 4 April, 11 April, 2 May and 9 May. The bishop will meet with the Candidates on Saturday 4 May in Portlaoise at 10.30am.

Rector's Course Days: The Rector will be undertaking a Team Leadership course in St. Luke's Pastoral Education Centre, Northridge, Co. Cork, beginning Wednesday 27 February and running for five full Wednesdays before Easter. This will necessitate changes to the Home Communion rota in March, but the Rector will be in touch with those on the list to reschedule. It also means that with the exception of Ash Wednesday, our parish Lenten services will take place on Tuesday evenings for March and April.

First Wednesday/Thursday Holy Communion House Calls: As the Rector will be on a training course on the Wednesdays of March, home Holy Communions will be celebrated on the first Tuesday of March (the 5th) instead. Home Holy Communion calls on the first Thursdays are unaffected.

Thursday Bible Club in St. Peter's Hall in Mountrath continues for 2019. All children of national school age are welcome and admission is free. There are bible stories, games, crafts, action songs, quizzes, and prizes, plus lots more. For more information please contact Mervyn or Rachel on (086) 057 5462. 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Ash Wednesday at Seir Kieran: Our Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday 6 March with a special service for St. Ciarán's Day and Ash Wednesday, which will be combined into one celebration of Holy Communion at Seir Kieran at 8pm. Bishop Michael Burrows will be celebrating the service for us, and all are welcome.

Copies of **Route 66 books** were made available at the Diocesan Synod, with a view to rectors asking churchwardens in each of their churches to sell the books before Christmas, if possible. The book is a good, interesting read and also ideal for personal reflection. It would make an ideal Easter gift! Our books are still available for purchase – at a very reasonable €5 each – if interested they're on sale at St. Peter's Church in Mountrath and at Annatrim Church.

Mountrath Mothers' Union and Women's World Day of Prayer will join together on Thursday 28th February in St Peter's Church Mountrath at 8pm, followed by a cup of tea. All are welcome.

Evening Prayer with a Lenten reflection will take place on Tuesday evenings at 8pm during the weeks of Lent, beginning at St. Peter's Church in Mountrath on 12 March. The dates for your diaries are: 12 March (Mountrath), 19 March (Roskelton), 26 March (Lacca), 2 April (Annatrim) and 10 April (Borris).

Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee will be holding the **2019 Golf Classic** in Mountrath Golf Club on Friday May 10th. More details nearer the time.

Lacca Ladies Annual Dinner is on Friday the 12th of April in Mountrath Golf Club at 7 pm. Please give your name to Moira Harvey 083 4408002 if you would like to attend

Our **Easter General Vestries** for the Clonenagh Group of Parishes will take place on:

8pm Tuesday 30 April Clonenagh (Parochial Hall, Mountrath)

8pm Wednesday 1 May Borris-in-Ossory & Seir Kieran (St. Mark's Church, Borris)

8pm Tuesday 7 May Offerlane (Annatrim Church)

Please do try to attend if you are able. It is important that you remember to

ALL SAINTS' AGHADE
LENT III: SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2019, 7 p.m.



EVANGELISTIC MISSION

A LENTEN SERVICE OF THE WORD IN PREPARATION
FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

FEATURING:
GRAIGUENAMANAGH BRASS BAND
THE ADELAIDES
THE PARISH CHOIR OF ST. PETER & PAUL, BALLON

EVANGELIST: THE REV. WILLIAM BUNNETT
RECTOR OF NEWCASTLE,
AND NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY
WITH CALRY

Clonenagh National School News

At present, Jennifer Galbraith is in Clonenagh National School as a student teacher. She is in her final year of college. Currently, she is teaching in the Senior Room and in a few weeks' time, she will be also teaching in the Middle Room. The pupils are enjoying her enthusiasm and her innovative lessons.

The pupils have just completed their Gymnastics Module. They are really improving and it's amazing to see some of the things that they can now do! The Junior Room have also finished their Tag Rugby Module. The pupils of 4th, 5th and 6th class are busy designing our new School Jerseys. The Parents Association are selling navy woolly beanie hats for €5 each. They have Clonenagh NS embroidered on them in white. This funding will go towards the jerseys. We are delighted to say that they are selling like hotcakes!

Members of the Green Schools Committee are beavering away trying to reach our next goal, which is the Travel Flag. To drum up support and interest amongst the pupils, they have organised an art competition – The Big Travel Challenge. Each pupil is asked to think of a catchy slogan/code and illustrate a poster to accompany it. The Parents Association have very kindly sponsored the prizes, which are vouchers from a sports shop.

This Thursday, the 28th, at 10.30am we are having a World Day of Prayer Service for children at 10.30am in St Peter's Church. The Middle Room are organising this special service and all are most welcome to come and enjoy their efforts.

Items for the April 2019 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY March 20th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, March 24th.

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

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Services & Readings

February						
Thursday 28th	Mountrath 8.00pm Mothers' Union & Women's World Day of Prayer Service					
March						
Sunday 3rd <i>The Sunday before Lent</i>	<i>Exodus 34: 29-35</i> <i>Psalm 99</i> <i>2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2</i> <i>Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43)</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 6th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 58: 1-12</i> <i>Psalm 51</i> <i>2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6:10</i> <i>Matthew 6: 1–6, 16–21</i>	Seir Kieran 8.00pm Holy Communion				
Sunday 10th <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 26: 1–11</i> <i>Psalm 91</i> <i>Romans 10: 8b–13</i> <i>Luke 4: 1–13</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion	Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer		
Tuesday 12th	<i>Zechariah 3: 1-10</i> <i>Psalm 17</i>	Mountrath 8.00pm Evening Prayer				
Sunday 17th <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>	<i>Tobit 13: 1b-7</i> <i>Psalm 145</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4: 1-12</i> <i>John 4: 31-38</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	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
Tuesday 19th	<i>Genesis 50: 22-26</i> <i>Psalm 1</i>	Roskelton 8.00pm Evening Prayer				
Saturday/Sunday 23rd/24th <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Isaiah 55: 1–9</i> <i>Psalm 63</i> <i>1 Corinthians 10: 1–13</i> <i>Luke 13: 1–9</i>	Seir Kieran Saturday 8.00pm Holy Communion	Lacca Sunday 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	
Tuesday 26th	<i>Jeremiah:7: 21-34,8: 4-7</i> <i>Psalm 25</i>	Lacca 8.00pm Evening Prayer				
Sunday 31st <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<i>Exodus 2: 1–10</i> <i>Psalm 34</i> <i>2 Corinthians 1: 3–7</i> <i>Luke 2: 33–35</i>	Mountrath 9.00am Holy Communion	Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion			

Parish Diary

February

28th Thursday.....Mothers' Union & Women's World Day of Prayer Service (page 2)

March

3rd Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School

6th Wednesday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes

14th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

20th Wednesday.....Closing date for March 2019 Newsletter