

# The Newsletter

April 2019

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*St. Peter's Church Mountrath was beautifully decorated with their colourful artwork by 2nd to 4th Class of Clonenagh National School for the World Day of Prayer Service*

## **Clonenagh Group of Parishes**

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

# The Rector Writes

## Happy Easter!

Take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most: whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy. Truly, it can. If the brutal crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of his Resurrection.

This is the meaning of Easter. Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Of course, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the way of the cross, but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. Alleluia!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives. Christ is risen! – he is risen indeed! Happy Easter!

~Rev. Victor

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## Parish Notes

### Requiescat In Pace

We extend our sincere sympathy to Annette Roe on the recent sudden and tragic death of her sister-in-law **Mary Martin (nee Donnelly)** late of Littleton, Co. Tipperary.

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory*

ion at Lacca Church. We send William & Aimee, and their families, every good wish and blessing as they begin their first steps in the faith.

### Pentecost Eve 8 June 2019:

On Saturday night, June 8th at 8 p.m. in one church in each union/group of parishes, a special service for Pentecost will be held in one church of each group / union in the Diocese. This service will be in the form of a film, which was shot in the Diocese earlier this year.

A screen will be needed in the appointed churches that night and a laptop and cable. The service will be sent to us well ahead of time via usb key. A "techy" parishioner would be useful for this as a Facebook Live broadcast of the Bishop's introduction will be made before the showing of the film.

**Welcome In Holy Baptism:** We welcome to the Christian family baby **William Peavoy**, son of Laura and Alan, who will be baptised on Sunday 28 April at the 11.30am celebration of Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church in Mountrath.

We also welcome baby **Aimee**, daughter of Sonja and Jonathan, who will be baptised on Sunday 5 May at the 10.30am celebration of Holy Communion

It is hoped that a central venue (perhaps the Parochial Hall) that is accessible to as many as possible to view the screening will be utilised in the Clonenagh Group (as WiFi or a WiFi hotspot using a smartphone will be needed to show the bishop on screen before the full service is shown). More details will follow but I would be very grateful for the services of a technology wizard.

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 still on sale at St. Peter's Church in Mountrath.

**Lacca Fellowship Service:** 2nd Thursday of every month.



**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.



**Confirmation Classes 2019** have now commenced and are being held in the Parochial Hall in Mountrath. The dates for your diaries are: 27 March, 5 April, 12 April, 3 May and 10 May. The bishop will meet with the Candidates on Saturday 4 May in Portlaoise at 10.30am. The confirmation service itself will take place in Annatrim Church on Sunday 12 May at 11am.

**Congratulations Dr. Harvey!:** Congratulations to Lacca parishioner Robert Harvey, son of Melvin & Moira, at his Graduation with a PhD in Music from the Technological University Dublin recently. Well done Robert!

**Route 66 Easter Gifts:** Copies of **Route 66 books** were made available at the Diocesan Synod, with a view to rectors asking churchwardens in each of their

**Lacca Church Sunday School:** Taking place on the first Sunday of every month, our Sunday School in Lacca is for all children in the parish. We encourage all children as it will be a great fun way for children to learn their bible through stories, games and crafts.

**Evening Prayer with a Lenten reflection** will take place on Tuesday evenings at 8pm during the weeks of Lent, and the dates for your April diaries are: 2 April (Annatrim) and 9 April (Borris).

**Holy Week 2019:** The Rector will be “swapping pulpits” with the Rector of Abbeyleix, Canon Patrick Harvey, for four days in Holy Week. Canon Harvey will lead Evening Prayer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (15, 16 & 17) at 8pm in St. Matthew’s Church **Roskelton** (Monday), Annatrim Church (Tuesday) and St. Mark’s Church **Borris-in-Ossory** (Wednesday). On Maundy Thursday night Canon Harvey (also at 8pm) will celebrate Holy Communion in St. Peter’s Church **Mountrath**.

### Easter Services 2019

#### **Good Friday:**

10am **The Hollow to Roskelton** Pilgrim Walk

3pm Prayer at the Cross, St. Peter’s Church **Mountrath**

#### **Easter Eve:**

6.30pm First Eucharist of Easter, **Seir Kieran**

8pm Eucharist of Easter Eve, St. Mark’s **Borris-in-Ossory**

9.30pm The Easter Vigil, **Lacca Church**

#### **Easter Day:**

9am Holy Communion I, St. Matthew’s Church, **Roskelton**

10.15am Holy Communion II, **Annatrim Church**

11.30am Holy Communion of Easter Day, St. Peter’s Church, **Mountrath**

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

8pm Tuesday 30 April **Clonagh** (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 send apologies to the relevant Honorary Secretary if you can’t be there.

**Lacca Ladies Dinner** is on Friday the 12th April in Mountrath Golf Club at 7pm. Please contact Moira Harvey if you would like to attend 083-4408002.



Clonagh Parish Fundraising Committee will be holding the **2019 Golf Classic** in Mountrath Golf Club on Friday May 10th.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or entering a team please contact Mrs Mabel Peavoy on 057-8732331.



**Mountrath Historical Society** have a limited number of 2019 Calendars available for sale, at the reduced rate of €5 each.

These calendars are of great historical interest as each month displays a picture of the older generations of Mountrath and surrounding areas.

If you would like one these calendars, please contact Moira 083-4408002 or any committee member.

Mountrath Historical Society meets on the third Thursday of each month at Mountrath Library at 6.15 pm, new members are always welcome.



# **“I am the architect of myself”**

by Carl Rogers

1. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. You are responsible for your own life and everything in it, including your own happiness. Do not blame your parents, your childhood, society, others or life events.
2. BE FLEXIBLE IN YOUR THINKING. Beware of absolutist, “all or nothing”, “black and white”, rigid thinking, with an overemphasis on the words “should”, “must”, “ought” and “can’t”. Loosen up your thinking, look at alternative views, and avoid perfectionism.
3. CONFRONT RATHER THAN AVOID DIFFICULTIES AND FRUSTRATION. Treat problems as challenges, as useful in helping you to build up a tolerance and experience. Expect change and challenges and for life to be unfair at times.
4. LOOK AFTER YOUR OWN NEEDS. Be assertive in identifying and meeting your own needs, whether it be for food, exercise, relaxation, pleasure, work, laughter or love. We all need to have good self-care skills.
5. EXPRESS YOURSELF. Express positive feelings of love, joy and excitement, but also negative feelings of anger, sadness and disappointment. Always be willing to “talk about things”, try not to “bottle things up” or avoid issues.
6. STRIVE FOR BALANCE. Feel in control of your life by making active choices and decisions about how you spend your time. Fill your life with a balance of work and play, time alone and with people, and physical and mental activity.
7. DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS. Value and nurture friendships. Develop a network of social support and confiding relationships as they act as an insulator against stress. Accept others for how they are, rather than trying to change them.

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**Items for the May 2019 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY April 24th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, April 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- [newsletter@clonenagh.com](mailto:newsletter@clonenagh.com)

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

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# Clonenagh National School News

On the 28th February, 2nd to 4th Class in Clonenagh NS led a beautiful World Day of Prayer Service. The church was beautifully decorated with their colourful artwork. We thank them, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Armitage for all their hard work and we also thank Mabel Peavoy for playing the organ.

The Parents Association organised an Internet Safety Talk on the 20th March at the school. It was very informative, well delivered, and gave us a lot of food for thought.

The children of 5th and 6th class visited Donaghmore Museum on Friday 21st March as part of the History Curriculum. It was well worth the trip and brought the topic of the Great Irish Famine to life! This excursion was funded by the Parents Association.

At present, our new sports jerseys are being made. A local business has very kindly donated a sum of money to us but they wish to remain anonymous. We are looking forward to showing you all our new gear!



## Parish Diary

### April

**6th Saturday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**

7th Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School

11th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

12th Friday.....Lacca Ladies Dinner (*page 4*)

**24th Wednesday.....Closing date for May 2019 Newsletter**

# Services & Readings

| <b>March</b>   |  |  |   |   |   |   |
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| <b>Sunday<br/>31<sup>st</sup></b><br><i>Mothering<br/>Sunday</i>     | <i>Exodus 2: 1–10<br/>Psalm 34<br/>2 Corinthians 1: 3–7<br/>Luke 2: 33–35</i>                        | <b>Mountrath</b><br>9.00am<br>Holy Communion                               |   | <b>Annatrim</b><br>11.00am<br>Holy Communion  |   |   |
| <b>April</b>   |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>2<sup>nd</sup></b>                                    | <i>Leviticus 23: 26-41<br/>Psalm 53<br/>John 19: 25-27</i>   | <b>Annatrim</b><br>8.00pm<br>Evening Prayer                                |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>7<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>5th Sunday<br/>in Lent</i>    | <i>Isaiah 43: 16–21<br/>Psalm 126<br/>Philippians 3: 4b–14<br/>John 12: 1–8</i>                      | <b>Roskelton</b><br>9.30am<br>Holy Communion                               | <b>Seir Kieran</b><br>9.30am<br>Morning Prayer      | <b>Lacca</b><br>10.30am<br>Holy Communion     | <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b><br>11.00am<br>Morning Prayer          | <b>Mountrath</b><br>11.30am<br>Holy Communion |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>9<sup>th</sup></b>                                    | <i>Psalm 20<br/>Judges 9: 7-15<br/>John 12: 1-8</i>  | <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b><br>8.00pm<br>Evening Prayer                        |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>14<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>1st Sunday<br/>in Lent</i>   | <i>Deuteronomy 26: 1–11<br/>Psalm 91<br/>Romans 10: 8b–13<br/>Luke 4: 1–13</i>                       | <b>Seir Kieran</b><br>9.30am<br>Holy Communion                             | <b>Annatrim</b><br>11.00am<br>Holy Communion        | <b>Mountrath</b><br>11.30am<br>Morning Prayer |   |   |
| <b>Monday<br/>15<sup>th</sup></b>                                    |  | <b>Roskelton</b><br>8.00pm<br>Evening Prayer                               |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>16<sup>th</sup></b>                                   |  | <b>Annatrim</b><br>8.00pm<br>Evening Prayer                                |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>17<sup>th</sup></b>                                 |  | <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b><br>8.00pm<br>Evening Prayer                        |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Thursday<br/>18<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Maundy<br/>Thursday</i>    | <i>Exodus 12: 1–14<br/>Psalm 116: 1, 10–17<br/>1 Corinthians 11: 23–26<br/>John 13: 1–17, 31b–35</i> | <b>Mountrath</b><br>8.00pm<br>Holy Communion<br><i>'The Lord's Supper'</i> |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Friday<br/>19<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Good Friday</i>              |  | <b>The Hollow<br/>to Roskelton</b><br>10.00am<br>Pilgrim walk              | <b>Mountrath</b><br>3.00pm<br>Ante-Communion        | <b>Lacca</b><br>8.00pm<br>Prayers & Hymns     |   |   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>20<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Easter Eve</i>             |  | <b>Seir Kieran</b><br>6.30pm<br>Holy Communion                             | <b>Borris-in-Ossory</b><br>8.00pm<br>Holy Communion |   | <b>Lacca</b><br>9.30pm<br>The Easter Vigil                    |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>21<sup>st</sup></b><br><i>Easter Day</i>               | <i>Acts 10: 34–43<br/>Easter Anthems<br/>1 Corinthians 15: 19–26<br/>Luke 24: 1-12</i>               | <b>Roskelton</b><br>9.00am<br>Holy Communion                               | <b>Annatrim</b><br>10.15am<br>Holy Communion        |   | <b>Mountrath</b><br>11.30am<br>Holy Communion                 |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>28<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>2nd Sunday<br/>of Easter</i> | <i>Acts 5: 27–32<br/>Psalm 150<br/>Revelation 1: 4–8<br/>John 20: 19–31</i>                          | <b>Lacca</b><br>10.30am<br>Family Service                                  | <b>Annatrim</b><br>11.00am<br>Morning Prayer        |   | <b>Mountrath</b><br>11.30am<br>Holy Communion<br>with Baptism |   |