

The Newsletter

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There was great excitement in Clonenagh National School on Thursday 20th June when we returned from our tours to Lullymore and Baysports. Some of our chicks had hatched! Three more are hatching! Great fun!

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

For those awaiting exam results:

Ease the minds of those of us who are thinking that they didn't study as hard as they ought to have, Lord. Help them to be reminded that whatever the outcome, that all things work together for good to those who love you Lord. Let worry, fear and doubt flee at the sound of your great and holy name. Give our students peace in their hearts, their minds, their souls, as they wait patiently and with confidence for their exam results. Walk beside them Lord, as their exam results are approaching. The work has already been done, they have placed the best foot forward, they studied hard. Help them to release doubt and fear into your tender hands. Amen.

Psalm 37:3-5, 7a: Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him.

~Rev. Victor

Parish Notes

Requiescant In Pace

We extend our most sincere condolences to **Mervyn Tomb** on the recent death of his dear dad **Roland**, RIP. May God console Mervyn and his family in their great grief.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

We Welcome In Holy Baptism:

We welcome Baby **Poppy Monica Harvey** who was baptised in Annatrim Church on Sunday 9 June at a celebration of Holy Communion. Poppy is daughter to Aisling and Richie, and her godparents are Aoife and Anthony. We send every good wish and blessing to Poppy and her family as she begins her journey in faith.

Pentecost Eve Service:

On Saturday night, 8 June at 8 p.m. in St Peter's Church in Mountrath and in churches across the Diocese, a special service for Pentecost was held.

This service was in the form of a film, which was shot in the Diocese earlier this year by Margaret Hawkins, the Diocesan Communications Officer, and featured a Facebook Live broadcast of the Bishop's introduction from Kilkenny Cathedral.

Bishop Michael's Pentecost Eve address was very relevant and timely, touching on the terrible suffering of persecuted Christians worldwide, but especially the Christians of Sri Lanka who were massacred at Easter.

Bishop Michael drew parallels between our voluntary Diocese-wide service on the internet, and the stark

necessity of Christians in Sri Lanka needing to use the internet for their own worship for fear of gathering in public.

Our warmest congratulations to all involved in the service, especially Margaret Hawkins, and in our own parish our most sincere thanks to Ivor Clegg for the time and effort he gave to erecting the big screen and all the AV equipment in St Peter's Church and to ensuring a very successful showing of the live and recorded portions of the broadcast.

Lacca Church Roof:

Our churches are very dear to our hearts but the sad reality is that they are beginning to show their age, and as they do so repairs and maintenance become more frequently necessary in order to safeguard them and ensure that they are available for future generations of parishioners.

In recent weeks it has come to our notice that fairly substantial work will need to be done on Lacca Church's roof to restore it.

With that in mind, a number of fundraising events are being held in the coming weeks to help raise the necessary funds (approximately €18,000), and details of these events will be announced in due course.

One of our fundraising events planned is a Traditional Irish Music Concert held in Camross Hall at 8.30pm on Saturday 14 September, which promises to be a wonderful evening of music for all the family. Further details to follow but please put the date in your diaries.

In the meantime, if any parishioner or family would like to make a donation to the Restoration Fund, envelopes will be made available in Lacca Church, and your support and generosity is as always greatly appreciated.

Borris-in-Ossory Summertime Church Opening:

St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory will be opening on the Saturdays of the month of July for visitors and townspeople who would like to come in for a moment of prayer or for a visit.

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.

September Synagogue Visit:

The Rector is hoping to arrange a visit to a Synagogue in Dublin for a Saturday in late September if there is sufficient interest.

This will be an opportunity for many to visit a synagogue for the first time, and will give us all an opportunity to meet with, pray with, and chat with Ireland's Jewish community at a time of increasing anti-Semitic hatred that has disturbingly reared its ugly head so prominently across many nations in Europe and the world in recent times.

The visit will allow us to join in prayer and show solidarity with our Jewish friends, and to converse socially over tea and coffee afterwards.

Following the visit there will be an opportunity for us to have lunch at a mall and do some shopping before making our return journey home.

Please let the Rector know in due course if you are interested in going along.

Clonenagh National School News

We wish Sixth Class from Clonenagh National School all the best as they head off to Secondary School this September.

We were delighted to find out that Sophie Telford came 1st out of all Senior Infant pupils in the Diocese in the Bishop's Art Competition.

We hosted this year's Choral Festival in St. Peter's Church on June 14th. It was so lovely to see the church so full and the singing was outstanding.

As June is such a busy month, we were delighted to have volunteers from Kilkenny College to help out. A big thank to Sarah Clegg, Hannah Culbert and Andrea Caldbeck.

On Sunday 16th June, the Parents Association ran a very successful Summer Fete. We were very lucky with the weather! It was so lovely to see everyone working together, there were even past parents helping out! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Pupils entered into the Art Competition at the Fete. The theme was Green Schools Travel. Jacob Lalor, Andrew Cooper and Dean Fairbrother were the overall winners with their impressive tractor! Well done to all entrants!





With the summer months stretching out in front of us maybe there will be a little more time to just play.

If I Could Raise My Children Over Again

(by Dianne Loomans)

If I had my children to raise over again....
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd finger paint more, and point my finger less.
I'd do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging, and less tugging.
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd model less about the "Love Of Power",
And more about the "Power Of Love".

Another couple of Brain Games to stretch those brain cells, you will find the answers at the bottom of the back page of this Newsletter.

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Jump-Start Your Brain

Dry Your Eyes

CREATIVE THINKING LANGUAGE

Can you "read" the phrase below?

DON'T CRY
SPLASHED MILK







Three-Letter Anagrams

LANGUAGE

An anagram is a word made up of the rearranged letters of another word (as in *made* and *dame*). Fill in the blanks in each sentence below with 3-letter words that are anagrams of one another.

1. The mother _____ was proud of her _____ baby lamb.
2. Dad was disgusted to find a lump of _____ at the bottom of his coffee _____.
3. _____ needed a _____ to find her friend's house.
4. Although it was very heavy, the bookcase did _____ weigh a _____.
5. It took _____ tugboats to _____ the freighter into port.
6. _____ was so tired that she went right to _____.





“This week’s sermon was going to be about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed.”

Parish Diary

July

Every Saturday.....Borris-in-Ossory Summertime Church opening (*page 3*)

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

7th Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (*page 3*)

August

4th Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (*page 3*)

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

21st Wednesday.....Closing date for September 2019 Newsletter

Items for the September 2019 Newsletter need to be with the editor by WEDNESDAY August 21st AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, August 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

July						
Sunday 7th 3rd Sunday after Trinity	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6: [1-6], 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	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
Sunday 14th 4th Sunday after Trinity	Amos 7: 7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 21st 5th Sunday after Trinity	Amos 8: 1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Service of The Word	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th 6th Sunday after Trinity	Hosea 1: 2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2: 6-15, [16-19] Luke 11: 1-13	Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	Lacca Sunday 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion

August						
Sunday 4th 7th Sunday after Trinity	Hosea 11: 1-11 Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th 8th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer		Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 18th 9th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 1-2, 9-20 Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2 Luke 12: 49-56	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion		Lacca 10.30am Service of The Word	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th 10th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17	Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	Annatrim 10.15am Holy Communion	Lacca Sunday 10.30am Family Service		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Morning Prayer

PLEASE NOTE: In order to provide holiday cover there are a number of necessary changes to the service rota for August. Please pay close attention to the service schedule in the newsletter to avoid any confusion.

Answers: Don't cry over spilled milk. 1. Ewe, wee, 2. Gum, mug. 3. Pam, map. 4. Not, ton. 5. Two, tow. 6. Deb, bed.