

The Newsletter

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Mick Scully presenting Gladys Danne with the Camross Whist Drive donation to the Lacca Roof Restoration Fund

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

The Rector Writes

A Back To School Poem

By Kenn Nesbitt

“Dear students, the summer has ended.
The school year at last has begun.
But this year is totally different.
I promise we’ll only have fun.

“We won’t study maths,
and break will last all day long.
Instead of any Assemblies,
we’ll belt out a rock-and-roll song.

“We’ll only play games in the classroom.
You’re welcome to bring in your toys.
It’s okay to run in the hallways.
It’s great if you make lots of noise.

“For homework, you’ll play on your Xbox.
You’ll have to watch lots of T.V.
For school trips we’ll go to the movies
and get lots of popcorn for free.

“For lunch there’ll only be chocolate
and triple fudge sundaes supreme.”
Yes, that’s what I heard from my teacher
before I woke up from my dream!

~Rev. Victor

Parish Notes

We Welcome In Holy Baptism:

We welcome to the Christian family baby **Trevor William Shaw**, son of Aisling and Jason, who was baptised on Sunday 30 June at a celebration in the beautiful surroundings of our church in Seir Kieran. We send Trevor and his family every good wish and blessing as he begins his journey in the faith.

Engagement Congratulations!:

Our heartiest congratulations to **James Harvey**, son of Melvyn and Moira, who recently announced his engagement to Sinead Franklin of Pallas Green, Limerick.

Every good wish and God’s blessing to the happy couple!

Confirmation 2020/21:

Do you have a son or daughter who is interested in being Confirmed in 2020? So far just one of our young parishioners has expressed an interest in being Confirmed next year. She is, however, happy to wait until 2021 if there are more children of Confirmation age who wish to be Confirmed in 2021.

Please let the Rector know by the first week in October when he will be meeting with Bishop Michael to discuss Confirmation numbers in the parish for the coming year (or two).

Requiescant In Pace



We extend our most sincere condolences to:

David Knowles, brother of the late **The Very Reverend Dean Dr. Philip Knowles**, a much admired, respected and well-liked priest. He had been priest-in-charge of Narraghmore, Timolin, Castledermot and Kinneagh parishes, he was retired Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick's Rock, Cashel. Late of Kingsgrove, Athy, Co. Kildare. Dean Knowles died peacefully in the care of St. Bridget's Hospice, The Curragh on Tuesday 2nd July, 2019.

Caroline Clegg on the death of her father, **John Alexander Hill**, late of Corravilla House, Corravilla, Shercock, Co Cavan who died peacefully at Cavan General Hospital on Tuesday 23rd July in his 90th year. He was the beloved husband of Eileen, and loving father of Margaret, Patricia, Caroline, Isobel, Alex, Sandra & Sam. His funeral service was held on Thursday 25th July at 2pm in Shercock Parish Church.

On 29th July the late **Richard (Dickie) George William Jackson**, husband of Velma, father of Pamela, Clive and David, and brother of Olive and Frank, and sister-in-law of Emily, died peacefully at Portlaoise General Hospital after a short illness, surrounded by his family. Dickie was one of our longest serving parishioners and he was a dedicated member of the Clonenagh Select Vestry for decades. He was a very familiar face in the community through his involvement in farming and badminton, and his years as a shareholder in Mountrath Mart. Dickie was buried in St Peter's cemetery, adjoining the church in Mountrath.

The parish bade farewell to another long standing and committed parishioner, when **Gertrude (Gertie) Rachel Kavanagh** died on Friday 2nd August. Gertie was widowed in June 1974 when her beloved Harry predeceased her. Gertie had been a resident in Oakdale Nursing Home in Portarlinton for six years, and enjoyed the excellent and dedicated support and care of the staff there, alongside her sister-in-law Mary. Gertie leaves behind her children Florence and Noel, sisters-in-law Peg, Mary and Dorothy, and eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was laid to rest in St Peter's cemetery, Mountrath.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Harvest and Special Services - September/October 2019

Harvest Service Roskelton :	Sunday 1 September, 7pm
Harvest Service Annatrim :	Sunday 8 September, 11am
Harvest Service Mountrath :	Sunday 15 September, 11.30am
Celebration of Holy Communion with Bishop Michael, Lacca :	Sunday 15 September, 4pm
Harvest Service Seir Kieran :	Saturday 21 September, 8pm
Fifth Sunday Holy Communion Mountrath :	Sunday 29 September, 9am
Harvest Service Borris-in-Ossory :	Sunday 29 September 11am
Harvest Service Lacca :	Sunday 20 October, 4pm

Vocations Sunday:

The Church of Ireland is celebrating Vocations Sunday on 15 September. Vocation isn't just about being ordained – ordination is not for everyone. Indeed, many of the Church's ministers are not ordained.

Youth and children's ministers, evangelists, readers and many chaplains are generally not ordained, and are collectively known as lay ministers who serve alongside the ordained.

While the Church is keen to foster vocations to the ordained ministry, there are many ways in which to serve the Church.

If you are wondering what God wants you to do with your life and are keen to explore further the various stages in discerning your call, you will find it helpful to speak with your Rector or local Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

They can encourage you, as you prayerfully discern what area of ministry God is calling you to.

For more information, including details of a retreat for those discerning a vocation in Dromantine, in February next year, please visit: vocations.ireland.anglican.org

Back To School 2019/20:

Welcome back all our scholars to Clonenagh National School who at time of going to print are due to restart school on Thursday 29 August, and a very special welcome to our new Junior Infants and any new students joining the school for the new academic year. May God bless and guide you all in your continuing educational journey.

Borris-In-Ossory Summertime Church Opening:

St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory opened on the Saturdays of the month of July for visitors and townspeople who came in for a moment of prayer or just

for a visit. Many thanks to our volunteers who manned the church and played host to many fascinated visitors.

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.

November Synagogue Visit:

Our planned visit to the Synagogue in Terenure, Co. Dublin, has had to be re-scheduled for Saturday 9 November as sadly September was proving too problematic. So far we have ten interested persons and two of our younger parishioners would also like to come along with their parents. All are welcome to join with us on our visit with the Jewish community. More details will follow shortly.

Culture Night 20 September:

Dance, poetry and a fire show are just some of the performances to expect at the annual Culture Night taking place across Ireland on 20 September. Over 4,000 free events will be taking place on the night, with everything from animation and light projections to readings and open-air concerts. Culture Night has been taking place since 2006 across Ireland and organisers say that over 400,000 people attended events at last year's celebration. It's organised by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht along with arts offices, local authorities and cultural organisations around Ireland. Kilkenny will see the Rhyme Rag Ensemble, a group of teenage writers, hosting a 30 minute performance of their poetry.

Our neighbours in the Church of Ireland in Portarlinton are staging a special screening of Into the West in

celebration of the new Into the West Mural created by Street artists ADW as part of the Creative Ireland Cruinniú na nÓg programme. Situated in the Square, on the façade of the old cinema which was the location used in the much loved family movie, there will be a screening of the film to highlight the artwork and the connection of the film to the town of Portarlington beginning at 5pm. For info phone 057 866 4109. No booking required.

A **Fundraising Committee Meeting** will be held in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday September 3rd at 8:30pm. This meeting is to get final figures on our annual golf classic.

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.

Many thanks to **Camross Whist Drive** for their kind donation of €500 to the Lacca Roof Restoration Fund

Lacca Church Roof Restoration Fund

TRAD CONCERT

Community Hall, Camross

Saturday, 14th September 2019 at 8.30pm

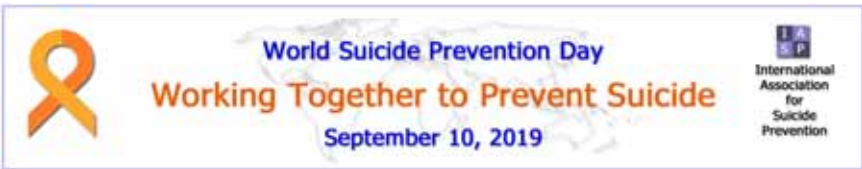
Tickets €10

featuring

C.C.E. Camross
Robert & James Harvey

Special Guest **Emer Dunne**
and many more
All-Ireland Champions

Everyone Welcome - ☎ 083-440 8002
Moira Harvey



It takes work to prevent suicide. Joining together is critical to preventing suicide and preventing suicide requires the efforts of many. It takes family, friends, co-workers, community members, educators, religious leaders, healthcare professionals, political officials and governments.

Every year, suicide is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally for people of all ages. It is responsible for over 800,000 deaths, which equates to one suicide every 40 seconds.

Every life lost represents someone's partner, child, parent, friend or colleague. For each suicide approximately 135 people suffer intense grief or are otherwise affected. This amounts to 108 million people per year who are profoundly impacted by suicidal behaviour. Suicidal behaviour includes suicide, and also encompasses suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. For every suicide, 25 people make a suicide attempt and many more have serious thoughts of suicide. Preventing suicide is often possible and you are a key player in its prevention! You can make a difference - as a member of society, as a child, as a parent, as a friend, as a colleague or as a neighbour.

There are many things that you can do daily, and also on World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), to prevent suicidal behaviour. You can raise awareness about the issue, educate yourself and others about the causes of suicide and warning signs for suicide, show compassion and care for those who are in distress in your community, question the stigma associated with suicide, suicidal behaviour and mental health problems and share your own experiences.

This is the second year that the WSPD theme is "**Working Together to Prevent Suicide.**" This theme will also be used for WSPD 2020. We have chosen this theme as it highlights the most essential ingredient for effective global suicide prevention- collaboration. We all have a role to play and together we can collectively address the challenges presented by suicidal behaviour in society today.



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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Counselling & Psychotherapy
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Jump-Start Your Brain

Rhyme Time: Fly By

GENERAL
KNOWLEDGE

LANGUAGE

Answer each clue below with a pair of rhyming words. The numbers that follow each clue indicate how many letters are in each word. We've done the first one for you.

1. What time sometimes seems to do (3, 2): FLY BY
2. It's near the orchestra (3, 3): _____
3. Thirsty man's request (4, 4): _____
4. Pre-swim leaf remover (4, 4): _____
5. Farmer's lament after too much rain (4, 5): _____
6. Coach's directive to the team (5, 4): _____
7. Where a beast of burden is trained (4, 6): _____
8. Where to learn to make hula skirts (5, 5): _____
9. Sweeping duty (5, 5): _____
10. It's said too softly (7, 4): _____



Passing a Bird's Home

CREATIVE
THINKING

LANGUAGE

Can you "read" the phrase below?

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CUCKOO'S HOME

Items for the October 2019 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY September 18th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the **Fourth Sunday, September 22nd**.

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

September 2019						
Sunday 1st 11th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-1	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 8th 12th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33	Seir Kieran 9.00am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Harvest Service	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 15th 13th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Harvest Service	Lacca 4.00pm Holy Communion with Bishop Michael
Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd Celebration of St. Matthew, Apostle	Proverbs 3:13-18 Psalm 119:65-72 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 Matthew 9:9-13	Seir Kieran Saturday 8.00pm Harvest Service	Lacca Sunday 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 29th 15th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-31	Mountrath 9.00am Holy Communion		Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Harvest Service		

Parish Diary

September

- 1st Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (*page 4*)
 3rd Tuesday.....Fundraising Committee meeting (*page 5*)
6th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 10th Tuesday.....World Suicide Prevention Day (*page 6*)
 14th Saturday.....Lacca Roof Restoration Fund Trad Concert (*page 5*)
18th Wednesday.....Closing date for September 2019 Newsletter
 20th Friday.....Culture Night (*page 4*)

Answers: fly by; low row; pour more; pool too; can't plant; score more;
 mule school; grass class; floor chore; unheard word.
 One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest