

The Newsletter

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The Rector Writes

The Gunpowder Plot

Remember, remember!
The fifth of November,
The Gunpowder treason and plot;
I know of no reason
Why the Gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot!

Sadly far too many people focus on the bad behaviour of a minority of Christians to paint a skewed picture of church and religion. Guy Fawkes was a fanatic, a zealot but like the Pharisees of Jesus' day, they have lost sight of the God of truth, mercy and love. See how much good has been done and continues to be done by people of faith across our world. Everywhere the weak are championed, the hungry fed, children protected, vulnerable adults defended, people of faith are to be found at the coal face of these movements. When the Holy Spirit is alive in our hearts, we do good and we do well.

~Rev. Victor

A Prayer In The Time Of The Coronavirus

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19
in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen.

*~Archbishop Michael Jackson
Dublin & Glendalough*

Requiescant In Pace



We extend our most sincere condolences to:

Harry Vanston (Roskelton) and Olive Broomfield (Ballyfin) on the death of their dear aunt, **Alice Martyn**. A native of Boley, Shanhoë, Alice spent much of her life living and working in Dublin and died peacefully there in the dedicated care of Our Lady's Hospice Harold's Cross on 12th October. She was laid to rest in Roskelton on 14th October.

Laura Fairbrother (Annatrim) on the death of her beloved husband **Harry Fairbrother**, who died in her tender care at home on 14th October. Harry, a farmer, was a life-long parishioner of Annatrim Church in his home village of Coolrain, and will be deeply missed especially by his four children and grandchildren. He was laid to rest in Annatrim on 16th October.

Yvonne Carter on the death of her dear dad, **Alva Williams**, on 18th October in St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny. Alva was a native of Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary but moved to Johnstown in Co. Kilkenny when he married his late wife Vera. Alva was laid to rest on 20th October in Johnstown.

Jennifer Knowles on the death of her beloved husband **David Knowles** on 19th October. Brother of the late Dean Philip, David spent his last days in the care of the staff of Tullamore General Hospital but he was overjoyed to return to Clonin to spend his last hours at home with his family. He will be deeply missed by his twelve children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was laid to rest in Annatrim on 21st October.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Online Services

For the time of lockdown, Rev. Victor is recording Sunday and weekday services and they are available to view on his YouTube page www.youtube.com/prayspot and services on the fourth Sunday of the month during lockdown will be broadcast online by Mervyn Tomb. Links to Mervyn's services will be made available via the WhatsApp Group, our Facebook page and via the parish Twitter feed.

Ecumenical Service To Ring Out The Old Year, And Ring In The New

An Ecumenical service based on our traditional Advent service of Seven Lessons and Carols will hopefully take place in St Fintan's Roman Catholic Church in Mountrath on Sunday 20th December at 7pm. If by then churches are open and singing is permitted in churches, the service will be in the exact format of our traditional service with scripture readings and hymns. However, if the restrictions

on singing in church are not lifted as sadly seems likely, then the service will be in the form of scripture readings, reflections and some seasonal music. Rev. Victor, Fr. Joe and Fr. PJ are very keen to end 2020 on a prayerful, hopeful, and joyous high note. With God's help and blessing, 2021 will herald the dawn of a joy-filled, healthy and prosperous new year.

Ecumenical St Fintan's Day Service At Clonagh Monastery

Wednesday 17th February 2021 is St Fintan's feast day and it is also Ash Wednesday. In the spirit of hope and joy that will God willingly mark our planned ecumenical service at the end of 2020, we will gather again to mark this occasion, and so Rev. Victor, Fr. Joe and Fr. PJ will lead an ecumenical pilgrimage to Clonagh Monastery on the Portlaoise Road. Clonagh Monastery is one of the most ancient and important monastic foundations of early Christian Ireland, and was founded by St Fintan. There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service in the monastery on the eve of the Saint's feast day (Tuesday 16th February) at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Fellowship Service

The fellowship service in Lacca Church will not be held in November, it is hoped that it will continue on the second Thursday of the month from December onwards. All welcome.

Lacca Church Sunday School

The Sunday School in Lacca won't be held in November but it's hoped that it will return in its usual spot during the 10.30am first Sunday of the month celebration of Holy Communion from December onwards. All school age children are welcome. A sincere thanks to Anne,

Clive and Joanna for their time, hard work and dedication in running the Sunday School.

Thursday Bible Club

Dear Parents and Friends. Due to the change in restrictions, we are not able to hold Thursday Bible Club for the foreseeable future. I will be sending out links soon to the Bible Verses and Stories which I have prepared, so the children can follow them in their own time. Many thanks, Mervyn.

Laois Orphan Society

The Laois Orphan Society held its AGM online recently and copies of its Annual Report and collector's cards are now available from the Rector. Our Rector, Rev. Victor, was elected as a trustee to replace Canon Peter Tarleton who has retired to Thailand with his wife Nok. Canon Patrick Harvey, the Trustees and the Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation for the generosity of supporters and the dedication of the collectors who have now seen the Society into its 150th year and it continues to provide invaluable assistance to many orphans in the county.

Confirmation 2021

If you have a son or daughter who would like to be Confirmed in 2021, or know of anyone who might be interested, please let the Rector know in due course. So far four young parishioners have expressed their desire to be Confirmed next year.

Home Communions

Socially distanced home communions are now suspended and will hopefully recommence in the first two weeks of December. Please contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list.



Mountrath Girls Friendly Society

If anyone aged 5 or over is interested in becoming a member of Mountrath Girls Friendly Society (GFS) please contact Jennifer 086 8185644 weekdays after 7 pm or at weekend for a membership form for 2020- 2021 . Forms have been distributed to those who attended last year.

Due to covid restrictions and level 5 lockdown we are currently unable to meet in groups but think regularly about our members.

We will be in contact via our Branch What's App group and would love to receive photos of members in their Halloween Costumes .Prizes will be given for entries in each age group . If parents supply us with an email address we are happy to forward craft ideas; cookery ; quizzes and other items to keep girls busy.

As a branch we are pleased to be able to subsidise the annual membership fee for this year once girls return their membership forms .

Keep Safe everyone!



Clonenagh National School News



Our new Junior Infants!
Four new pupils who started
Clonenagh National School in September

(Image kindly provided by Clonenagh National School)

Regina Brett's 45 life lessons

By Regina Brett, The Plain Dealer rbrett@plaind.com, 216-999-6328

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.
17. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.
18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Overprepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
36. Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.
38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
45. The best is yet to come.

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Sunday & Feast Day Readings

November			
Sunday 1 st	All Saints' Day	Page 434 of The Word of the Lord (the blue book)	Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34 Psalm 34 Revelation 7: 9–17 or 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1–12
Sunday 8 th	Remembrance Sunday		Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 4 1 John 1:1-10 Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday 15 th	The Second Sunday before Advent	Page 456	Judges 4: 1–7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11 Matthew 25: 14–30
Sunday 22 nd	The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)	Page 464	Ezekiel 34: 11–16, 20–24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1: 15–23 Matthew 25: 31–46
Sunday 29 th	The First Sunday of Advent	Page 2	Isaiah 64: 1–9 Psalm 80: 1–8, 18–20 1 Corinthians 1: 3–9 Mark 13: 24–37

Parish Diary

November

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

18th Wednesday.....Closing date for December 2020 Newsletter

Items for the December 2020 Newsletter need to be with the editor by **WEDNESDAY November 18th AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, November 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

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