

# The Newsletter

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***Ivan and Avril Austin cutting the wedding cake  
at their Reception in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel***

*(Image kindly provided by Rev'd Victor)*

## Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

# The Rector Writes

## A Harvest Reflection

“You received without payment; give without payment.” (*Matthew 10:8b, NRSV*)

This Harvest, please pray for people who are travelling through this awful wilderness of worry, anxiety, loneliness, fear and stress, and have lost hope of coming out the other side.

Please pray that through the kindnesses we offer them, our patience and forbearance, a gentle word, or food we give them, that they will also taste and experience something of God's great love for them – a God who both sees their immediate need, and who cares passionately about their well-being and future. Pray also that God will help them with health of mind and body, greater confidence, and security for those who are struggling, even when circumstances seem overwhelming.

Pray for wisdom, creativity, and courage as we support people in their journeys towards healing, no matter how long or arduous the route. This Harvest season, let us reflect upon the giving and receiving of Jesus in our lives, and let our hearts be so filled with mercy that we, in turn, can give the gift of Jesus to others.

*Lord, thank you for the gift of your life. Thank you for coming to Earth to enter into my life. Thank you for the joy of knowing you and loving you. May I allow this joy to so transform my life that I may continually seek to give you to others. Jesus, I trust in you. (St Ambrose)*

~Rev. Victor

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## Parish Notes

### Wedding Joy

We send our very best wishes to **Tara O'Neill & David Jackson**, and to **Avril Graham & Ivan Austin** who got married recently.

**Tara & David** tied the knot in the Church of Our lady & St Joseph, Caragh, Co. Kildare on Friday 16th July, where their wedding was celebrated by Father Liam Morgan with the Rector in attendance. Mr & Mrs Jackson were blessed with a gloriously sunny day for the wedding and their reception in Carlingford, Co. Louth.

On Friday 10th September in Holy Trinity Church, Bilboa, Co. Kilkenny, celebrated by The Reverend Edna Wakely with the Rector in attendance, **Avril & Ivan** were married. Thankfully the rain held off for the new Mr & Mrs Austin who then made merry at their reception in Abbeyleix.

We also remember in our prayers **Sinead Franklin & James Harvey** who are at this time preparing for their wedding day at St John the Baptist Church, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick on Saturday 23rd October at 1pm.

We pray God's blessing on the new couples and we wish them all every happiness together!

### Fellowship Service

The fellowship service in Lacca Church takes place on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm. All welcome.

### Lacca Church Sunday School

The Sunday School in Lacca has returned at the 10.30am first Sunday of the month celebration of Holy Communion. All school age children are welcome!

### Confirmation 2021

Our eleven young Candidates look forward to being Confirmed by bishop Michael Burrows on Sunday 17th October in **two ceremonies** to facilitate social distancing, **one at 6pm, the other at 7.30pm**, in St Peter's Church, Mountrath.

Confirmation classes will be held in St Peter's Church on Sunday afternoons at 3pm. Dates for October are: 3rd October and finally Sunday 10th October. The Rector will provide all the handouts, copies, pens, New Testaments and any other materials etc. At least one parent is kindly requested to sit in on each class.

### Harvest 2021

Sunday 3rd October 7pm – Roskelton  
Sunday 17th October 11am – Borris-in-Ossory  
Sunday 17th October **3.30pm** – Lacca  
**(NOTE LACCA TIME CHANGE!)**  
Sunday 24th October 11am – Annatrim  
Sunday 31st October 11am – Mountrath

### Dates For Your Diary 2021

Sunday 21st November 4pm, Gideon Service, Lacca

### Home Communions

Our Home Communions will take place on the second Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month. Please contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list.

### Thursday Bible Club

...restarts on 7 October, 6.30-7.45pm for all those attending National School. A registration and consent form is available at the QR link below. As restrictions continue to ease, we will be able to do crafts, games, quizzes, Bible stories, Bible verses, singing, as well as prizes. For more information contact Mervyn at 0860575462.



## JELALUDDIN RUMI

### *The Guest House*

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whatever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

## Clonenagh National School News

It has been a tremendously busy start to the new school year. We welcomed nine new pupils to Clonenagh NS, eight in Junior Infants and one in Sixth Class. We hope that they all enjoy their time with us. As we continue to teach and learn alongside Covid 19 restrictions, we are also in the throes of a build. The pupils are very intrigued to see what is behind the green hoarding and indeed, so is everyone! Currently, our office and store room are out of bounds so we are looking forward to getting them back! As you can see, our outdoor space is limited for the time being. We will be working with the Parents Association this year regarding ideas of how to update our playground after the build is completed.



### ***Our Junior Infants!***

*(Image kindly provided by Clonenagh N.S.)*

I am amazed at how resilient our pupils are. Between pods, constant handwashing, sanitising hands, reduced playground area and building noise, the children just "get on with it" and are as cheerful as ever! Well done boys and girls!

~Melissa Burnell

# Services & Readings

<b>October</b>						
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>	<b>Roskelton</b> 7.00pm <small>Harvest Holy Communion</small>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22: 1-15 Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 10: 17-31</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>		<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am <small>Holy Communion</small>	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Job 38: 1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104: 1-10, 26, 37c Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45</i>	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am <small>Harvest Holy Communion</small>	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	<b>Lacca</b> 3.30pm <small>Harvest Service of the Word</small>
		<b>Mountrath</b> 6.00pm & 7.30pm <small>Confirmation Ceremonies</small>				
<b>Saturday/ Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22) Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 10: 46-52</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Saturday 7.00pm <small>Holy Communion</small>	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 10.30am <small>Family Service</small>	<b>Annatrim</b> Sunday 11.00am <small>Harvest Morning Prayer</small>		<b>Mountrath</b> Sunday 11.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Saint Simon &amp; Saint Jude</i>	<i>Isaiah 28:14-16 Psalm 119:89-96 Ephesians 2:19-22 John 15:17-27</i>	<b>Mountrath</b> 8.00pm <small>Holy Communion</small>				
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b> <i>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>	<b>Harvest Readings</b> <i>Isaiah 55:6-11 Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9:6-14 Matthew 6:25-34</i>	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.00am <small>Christian Aid Harvest Holy Communion</small>				

## Parish Diary

### October

- 3rd Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (page 2)  
**6th Wednesday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**  
 7th Thursday.....Bible Club (page 3)  
 14th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service (page 2)  
 17th Sunday.....Confirmation Services (page 2)  
**20th Wednesday.....Closing date for November 2021 Newsletter**

Items for the November 2021 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday October 20th **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, October 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](mailto:newsletter@clonenagh.com)

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