

The Newsletter

February 2022

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***Susan Jestin with her father Fred Brady,
who celebrated his 100th birthday on St. Stephen's Day***

(Photo kindly provided by Ivan Jestin)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Transfiguration

We know from scripture that Jesus frequently took time to himself to pray, and on this occasion he took Peter, James and John along with him. While they were praying something wonderful occurred. Jesus was transfigured; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Composing himself after the initial shock, Peter says: 'Master, it is good for us to be here' (Luke 9:33, KJV). However, more importantly than what Peter said, is what they all heard: 'This is my Son, my chosen: hear ye him' (Luke 9:35, KJV). These words are as much meant for us today as they were for those who first heard them.

Today, we are bombarded constantly by information trying to grab our attention, and not all of it good, wholesome or true. We have 24/7 news on our TVs, news from around the world via social media and the internet, and of course we have the more traditional news and information sources of print media and radio.

The words that Jesus speaks to us are true. They are life-giving, life-affirming, and life-changing. The words of Jesus encourage, instruct, and sustain us, if we will only open our minds and hearts to hear it.

The Transfiguration gives us a fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his magnificent glory. It is offered to us to encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear, and experience every day. It is not just a matter of getting through the day.

Following Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The Transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom.

Listen to him.

~Rev'd Victor

Requiescant In Pace

We extend our most sincere condolences to:

The family and friends of the late **Abraham John (Abe) Kavanagh** (Borris-in-Ossory), who died suddenly at his home on Christmas Day, 25th December 2021. Deeply regretted by his loving wife Helen, sons John, Colm and David and his daughters Sarah and Alison, grandsons and the extended Sheeran family, cousins, relatives, and friends.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Engagement Joy!

Congratulations to Stuart Treacy & Michelle Fennel who announced their engagement recently. We wish the couple every happiness and joy!

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." (1 John 4:12 NIV)

Society Of Catholic Priests

Visit To Clonenagh

The Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) is a growing society of women and men serving as priests, deacons, and consecrated religious throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion which draws its membership from Anglicans who con-

sider themselves a part of the Anglo-Catholic tradition of Anglicanism.

Founded by Church of England clergy in 1994, the Society's Chapter Rector for the Irish Province of Dublin is Norman Gamble, the retired Rector of Malahide in north county Dublin. The Provincial Episcopal Visitor is our very own Bishop Michael Burrows.

The Society's visit to Clonenagh on Thursday 3rd March is a wonderful occasion for the parish, and will take the form of a celebration of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Mountrath, with Bishop Michael in attendance as well as clergy from across Ireland.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Holy Communion at 12 noon.

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 will return at the 10.30am first Sunday of the month celebration of Holy Communion in February. All school age children are welcome!

Thursday Bible Club

For more information contact Mervyn at 086 057 5462.

Confirmation 2022

We have seven young Candidates for Confirmation in Lacca Church on Saturday 26th March at 11.30am. Classes commenced in January and run for 10

Wednesdays in Lacca Church Hall. The dates for your diaries are: February 2nd, 9th, 16th and March 2nd, 9th, 16th and ends March 23rd. All classes at 5pm in Lacca Parish Hall.

Home Communion February 2022

Our Home Communion take place on the first Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (and the second Wednesday), of the month. Please do contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list.

CIYD Youth Forum 2022

The Church of Ireland Youth Department is organising a Youth Forum, scheduled to be held on Saturday 9th April 2022. If you're a teenager and require any additional information, or you're a parent or guardian of a teen who might be interested in attending the Forum, please contact Emma Purser directly on: pursere@tcd.ie or call 085 162 3725.

The Old Courthouse, Borris-In-Ossory

Borris-in-Ossory residents have welcomed the confirmation from Minister Heather Humphreys that funding in the sum of €212,332 has been approved for the former Courthouse. The old Courthouse is a landmark building and Laois County Council will now proceed to restore the building which will be used as a remote working centre for the area, and the project will assist greatly in the regeneration of the village.

Clonenagh National School News

We will begin accepting **Applications for Admission** to Junior Infants for the school year 2022-2023 from Friday 21st January until Friday 11th February, 2022.

Application Forms can be found on our website : www.clonenaghns.ie
We can also post these out or email them to you.

Please get touch if you have any questions by phoning 05787 32516 or by emailing us at clonenaghns@gmail.com

Services & Readings

February						
Sunday 6th <i>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	Isaiah 6: 1-13 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	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 13th <i>The Third Sunday before Lent</i>	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 20th <i>The Second Sunday before Lent</i>	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 Psalm 65 Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22-35	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Service of the Word
Saturday/ Sunday 26th/27th <i>The Sunday before Lent</i>	Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2 Luke 9: 28-43	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

Parish Diary

February

3rd Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (page 3)
6th Sunday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 10th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service (page 3)
 11th Friday.....Closing date for Clonenagh NS Admission Applications (page 3)
23rd Wednesday.....Closing date for February 2022 Newsletter

March

2nd Sunday.....SCP Visit To Clonenagh (page 3)
 26th Saturday.....Confirmation Service (page 3)

Items for the March 2022 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday February 23rd AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, February 27th.

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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