

The Newsletter

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A beautiful new bookcase with brass plaque was installed in St Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory in memory of Bill & Nance Dann, late of Shanboe

(Photo kindly provided by Rev'd Victor)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Summer Declares The Glory Of God In Jesus Christ Our Lord

During an Irish winter we are all surviving—running with our scarves flapping, and heads covered from one heated place to the next. In the summer, we try to get outside. The days are longer. The temperatures are higher. The grass and trees beckon us with their rich green. It is another world from March. And it is Christ's world, Christ's summer.

"Thou hast established all the boundaries of the earth; Thou hast made summer." (Psalm 74:17)

So we must ask, what is God saying in the summer? What is summer saying about God? Psalm 19:1-2 answers:

"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and the firmament is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge."

The summer is showing the glory of God: the new angle of the rising sun; the new night-time order of summer constellations; the creation of leaves out of hard brown limbs; the pushing up of daffodils and roses; the frost-covered grass turning into soft carpets; the return of robins and the quacking of ducks; the unfrozen lakes mirroring the clouds; even, I dare say, the ants that come into the house. All these things and a thousand more, if we have eyes to see, are telling the glory of God, and declaring the work of his hands.

For God, summer is for showing his glory, whom we know to be Jesus Christ, by whom all things were made, and through whom all things hold together, and for whom all things exist (Colossians 1:16-17). He has not left himself without a witness. And the witness is mercy to a fallen world—morning by morning, mercy in the rain and the sun and the upholding of the world (Acts 14:17).

So our aim is to join God in seeing and showing Christ this summer. And all that we have studied in our Bibles tells us that showing Christ means showing love. "By this will all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." (John 13:35). Love is not the norm in our world. It sticks out. It comes from another world. It shows Christ.

(Redacted from a reflection by John Piper (@JohnPiper), founder and teacher of desiringGod.org and chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary.)

~Rev'd Victor

Requiescant In Pace

We extend our most sincere condolences to:

Avril Austin (Annatrim) on the recent death of her dear dad **Fred Graham**, Bilboa, Carlow, who died peacefully in the comfort of his own home on April 27th, surrounded by his loving children. His Funeral Service took place on Sunday 1st May in Holy Trinity Church, Bilboa, with burial afterwards in the adjoining churchyard.

The family and friends of the late **Eddie Mulhall**, most especially to his sister Noelle and brother Bertie (Roskelton), who died peacefully at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise, on May 2nd. Eddie was predeceased by his parents Arabella & Robert, and his siblings John, George, Richard, Martin, Mabel and Gladys. His Funeral Service was led by Rev. Janet Finlay on Thursday May 5th in St Matthew's Church, Roskelton, followed by burial in St Peter's Churchyard, Mountrath.

Evelyn Whitten (Seir Kieran) on the death of her brother **Peter (Percy) Draper** late of Roscrea, who died peacefully at Milford Hospice, Limerick. Percy died on Wednesday 11th May and was pre-deceased by his parents Percy and May, brother Ben and sister Florence.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Items for the July/August 2022 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday June 22nd **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, June 26th.

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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Parish Notes

Diocesan Review Commission

The Diocesan Review Commission is delighted to be in a position to commence meetings with parishioners across the Diocese. The Commission members are coming primarily to LISTEN to you. We are not coming with a pre-fixed agenda or with ready-made solutions. The meeting has been designed as a workshop, so as to allow the ideas and opinions of each and every person in attendance to be heard.

It will provide an opportunity to consider:

- what are your hopes for your Group; what is working well and how can this be built upon?
- what are your fears for your Group; what are the challenges and how can these start to be addressed?

Mr Eric driver and Ms Linda Rainsberry will be in attendance on behalf of the Commission. The Commission have already engaged with clergy within the Diocese, so these meetings are for parishioners and it is not envisaged that clergy will attend, hence the Rector will not be present. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be in attendance from the parishes. In other words, we do not wish to simply meet representatives, or Vestry members, but everyone who has an interest in the life of the parish. Please, therefore, spread the word!

When & where will it be?

Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 8pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath.

For further information email:

diocesanreviewcommission@gmail.com

Diocesan Youth Oversight Committee

The Diocesan Youth Oversight Committee are running a summer camp this coming July in Gurteen Agricultural College. The Camp is aimed at young people who are post-primary (13-16 years approx.) but is also ideal for young people who have been Confirmed in

the last few years, and who were unable to attend Confirmation Retreats due to lockdown. Application forms are available from the Rector, and further information can be obtained from Rev. Nicola Halford at (053) 9239009 or email:

revnicolahalford@gmail.com.

The cost is substantially subsidised by the Diocesan Youth Grant.

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 continues at the 10.30am first Sunday of the month celebration of Holy Communion. All school age children are welcome!

Home Communions

Our Home Communions take place during the first and second weeks of the month. Please do contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list.

Fund Raising Committee Meeting on Monday June 13th at 8.30pm in the Parochial Hall.

Clonohill Gardens Open Weekend

Saturday/Sunday June 18th and 19th.

Entry €10, afternoon tea included.

All proceeds in aid of Laois Hospice Foundation.

Contact Enda 087 9962864 or 057 87 35091
Encode R32 NF80, roads will be signposted.

Graveyard Flower Bulbs

It has unfortunately come to our attention that flower bulbs have been dug up and removed from at least one graveyard in the Group. Parishioners are asked to watch out for and discourage this activity, and let the Rector or Church Wardens know if they become aware of it.

Clonenagh National School News

The Clonenagh National School **Summer Fete** has been **postponed** from 12th June 2022 and will now take place on Sunday 11th September 2022. The annual event is held in the grounds of the school in Mountrath and promises to be a fun day out for all of the family with the regular attractions such as the tearooms, barbecue, penalty shoot-out, cake stall, bottle stall, bric-a-brac, lucky dip and much more. Further details will be circulated closer to the event.

Services & Readings

June

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Sunday 5th <i>The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i>	Genesis 11: 1-9 Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b Acts 2: 1-21 John 14: 8-17, 25-27	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 12th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans: 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 19th <i>The Sunday between 19 and 25 June</i>	1 Kings 19: 1-15a Psalms 42: 43 Galatians 3: 23-29 Luke 8: 26-39	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 25th/26th <i>The Sunday between 26 June and 2 July</i>	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-62	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
Wednesday 29th <i>Saint Peter's Day</i>	Ezekiel 3: 22-27 Psalm 125 Acts 12: 1-11 Matthew 16: 13-19	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

June

5th Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (page 3)
6th Sunday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 7th Tuesday.....Diocesan Review Commission meeting (page 3)
 9th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service (page 3)
 13th Monday.....Fundraising Committee Meeting (page 3)
 18th/19th Sat/Sun.....Clonohill Gardens Open Weekend (page 3)
22nd Wednesday.....Closing date for July/August 2022 Newsletter



Shore on the occasion of their Confirmation at Lacca Church recently, with their parents Joanna & Roger and Bishop Michael Burrows.

(Photo kindly provided by Joanna Shore)