

The Newsletter

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Harvest Time
by Henry Hillier

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

The Harvest Moon

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes
And roofs of villages, on woodland crests
And their aerial neighbourhoods of nests
Deserted, on the curtained window-panes
Of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes
And harvest-fields, its mystic splendour rests!
Gone are the birds that were our summer guests,
With the last sheaves return the labouring wains!
All things are symbols: the external shows
Of Nature have their image in the mind,
As flowers and fruits and falling of the leaves;
The song-birds leave us at the summer's close,
Only the empty nests are left behind,
And pipings of the quail among the sheaves.

(The harvest moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox, which was 23rd September this year, making the full moon on 10th September the Harvest Moon. Historically, the word harvest is significant because farmers used the light of the full moon to work into the night and gather ripened crops).

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? (Psalm 8:3-4)

~Rev'd Victor

Parish Notes

Welcome Bishop Adrian!

The Ven. Adrian Wilkinson will be consecrated as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory on Sunday 30th October at 3pm in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Adrian to the Clonenagh Group of Parishes on Sunday 6th November, when he will celebrate Holy Communion in Seir Kieran at 9.30am. This occasion will mark Bishop Adrian's first pastoral visit to one of his many new parishes, and his very first celebration of Holy Communion with his flock. This is a wonderful joy for our parish, especially as Seir Kieran is one of our six parishes and the ancient seat of the bishops of Ossory. Do come along on the morning if you'd like to meet with our new bishop – all welcome!

Dates For Your Diaries: Harvest 2022

Sunday 2nd October 9.30am – Roskelton
Sunday 16th October 4pm – Lacca
Sunday 16th October 7pm – Borris-in-Ossory
Sunday 23rd October 11am – Annatrim
Sunday 30th October 11am – Mountrath

Fellowship Service

The Fellowship Service takes place in Lacca Church on the second Thursday of every month at 8pm. All 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.

Thursday Bible Club

We are looking forward to Thursday Bible Club restarting in the Parochial Hall on Thursdays at 6.30-7.45pm. The dates for your diaries are: 13th & 27th October, 10th & 24th November and 8th December. There will be Bible stories, games, quizzes, crafts and lots of fun. New children are always welcome. Parents should pre-register their children in at the following link
<https://form.iotform.com/202526397463359>

Holy Land of Israel Tour 2023

The Rev'd William Bennett is hosting a tour of the Holy Land of Israel beginning on Saturday 25th March, returning to Ireland on

Monday 3rd April 2023. On this trip you will walk in the footsteps of Jesus, sail on the Sea of Galilee, swim on the Dead Sea and explore amazing archaeological, historical and biblical sites.

The Tour includes such delightful highlights as Herod the Great's Caesarea Maritima, Mount Carmel, Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, the Jordan River, Jerusalem and the Western Wall of the Temple, as well as much else besides. You will be guided by a top-class professional guide to stay in very good hotels and enjoy amazing cuisine to suit all tastes.

All this as we explore and learn more about the Scriptures and develop lasting memories. Further information can be obtained from The Rev'd William Bennett at bennettwilliam1@gmail.com or 087 948 0317. Booking forms are available from the Rector. Cost €2,300 pps ex-Dublin with Turkish Airlines.

Mothers' Union

We welcome back the Mothers' Union who will be returning to their regular last Monday of the month meetings, the first regular meetings in the parish since the Covid pandemic swept through Ireland two years ago. The first meeting takes place on Monday 26th September, beginning with Holy Communion at 8pm in St Peter's

Church, Mountrath, followed by tea and a brief planning meeting in the Parochial Hall. Phyllis Foot will be bringing along her literature stand so this is an ideal opportunity to purchase Christmas cards. All welcome!

Girls Friendly Society

GFS will recommence on Friday 30th September in Mountrath Parochial Hall. Registration between 7.30-8.45pm. We look forward to welcoming back girls and meeting some new members.

Girls in Senior Infants or older are welcome to join us. Girls have opportunity to participate in badgework; crafts; cookery; Bible study and trips. Membership forms available on the night and need to be completed by a parent at Registration. Annual Membership 25 euro each or 45 euro for two children or 60 euro for three children. This can be paid over a few months if required.

If anyone is willing to help or has any queries about GFS please contact Jennifer on 0868185644 (after 7 pm).

The October meeting is in the Parochial Hall on Friday 14th October, 7.15-8.45pm.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal are holding a Table Quiz in The Deadman's, Ballyfin on Friday 14th October at 8pm Fun night. (Not brain of Laois!) All are welcome.

Clonenagh National School News

We reopened after the summer holidays on the 31st August to a completely transformed school. The new extension is up and running and it is a wonderful addition to our school. We also managed to get the Middle Room, Junior Room and some of the hall painted over the holidays.

Our Junior Infants and new pupils have settled in extremely well into Clonenagh NS and are enjoying school life.

Our football team is off to a flying start and are really enjoying themselves. They train on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm until 4pm with Mrs McCarthy and Mr Noonan. It has created such a buzz around the school.

Cricket Leinster are very kindly facilitating a cricket module for our pupils in 2nd to 6th class. This will run until Halloween. We had a taster day last June and the coach was impressed with the talent in Mountrath, hence the kind offer of coaching!

Author Olive Mooney spoke with the children in 3rd to 6th class on Monday, 19th September. She read extracts from her books, The Chronicles of Cadaver College, and also gave the pupils her expert advice regarding creative writing. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Fifth and Sixth class are currently being taught part of the day by Ms Amy Fletcher, a student teacher from The Church of Ireland Bachelor of Education in DCU Institute of Education. She will be here with us until the 14th of October.

Services & Readings

October

Sunday 2nd <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Lamentations 1: 1-6 Psalm 137: 1-6 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	Roskelton 9.30am Harvest Service Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 9th <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Psalm 66: 1-11 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 16th <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Jeremiah 31: 27-34 Psalm 119: 97-104 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Harvest Service of the Word	Borris-in-Ossory 7.00pm Harvest Service Holy Communion
Tuesday 18th <i>Saint Luke's Day</i>	Acts 16: 6-12a Psalm 147: 1-7 2 Timothy 4: 5-17 Luke 10: 1-9	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				
Saturday/ Sunday 22nd/23rd <i>The Fifth Sunday before Advent</i>	Joel 2: 23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14	Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	Lacca Sunday 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Harvest Service Morning Prayer	Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 30th <i>Bible Sunday</i>	Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4 Psalm 119: 137-144 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12 Luke 19: 1-10	Mountrath 11.00am Harvest Service Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

September

26th Monday.....Mothers' Union Meeting
30th Friday.....GFS Registration

October

6th Thursday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
13th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club
13th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
14th Friday.....GFS Meeting
14th Friday.....Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Table Quiz
19th Wednesday.....Closing date for November 2022 Newsletter
27th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club
30th Sunday.....Consecration of Ven. Adrian Wilkinson

Items for the November 2022 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday October 19th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, October 23rd. 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@clononagh.com

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