

The Newsletter

November 2022

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**Spooky goings-on
at the GFS!**

(Photos kindly provided by Caroline Clegg)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

November The Month Of Remembrance

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction... The chain reaction of evil - hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars - must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.”

~Martin Luther King Jr.

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 Clonagh 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!

Harvest Thanksgivings 2022

A very sincere thanks to everyone who pulled out all the stops to ensure that our celebrations of the Harvest services in our churches went ahead. The music, decorations, preaching, singing and tidying, all combined beautifully to lift our hearts and our spirits after these long months of anxiety, loneliness, grief and stress since 2020 due to Covid-19.

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, second and third weeks of the month. Please do contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list.

St Matthew's Church, Roskelton Bicentennial. 1822 — 2022

The Year of Our Lord 2022 marks a magnificent milestone in the history of St. Matthew's Church, Roskelton, as the parish marks two hundred years since its construction.

It is with incredible joy that we are able to celebrate two centuries of Christian worship, tradition and praise at the church, and we give thanks to God for all of those who have gone before us and kept the church open from generation to generation through some very difficult periods in history.

With this in mind, the Parishioners of Roskelton invite all of the Clonagh Group's Parishioners to a **combined Carol Service and Commemoration** of the Bicentennial of the building of St. Matthew's Church, Roskelton, on **Sunday, 18th December 2022, at 3pm.**

The Right Rev. Adrian M. Wilkinson, Bishop of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory, will be joining us at St. Matthew's for this occasion. Refreshments will be served in the Church after the Service. All welcome!

Thursday Bible Club

Thursday Bible Club continues in the Parochial Hall on 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6.30-7.45pm. The dates for your diaries are: 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.jotform.com/202526397463359>

Leprosy Mission boxes should be returned to Olga Telford by December 5th so that the money can reach the charity before Christmas.

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. Cost €2,300 pps ex-Dublin with Turkish Airlines. Book soon, places are filling fast!

Bilboa Parish are holding a **Craft & Food Fair with Flower Demonstrations** on Sunday 20th November at The Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow, 12 noon to 6pm.

Contact Avril Graham Austin for tickets: 086-8713648.

Camross Community Association & Camross Parish Development Association are delighted to announce that the **Camross Community Park and Hub** is now open and everyone is welcome to come and check out the facilities.

Girls Friendly Society

GFS recommenced on Friday 30th September in Mountrath Parochial Hall. We're delighted to be 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 and need to be completed by a parent. Annual Membership is 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 **Mothers' Union** are meeting on Monday 24th October at 8pm in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath, for a flower arranging demonstration by Pam Wallace of Pam's Flowers, Roscrea. All are welcome to attend and new members are especially welcome on the evening.

Poppy Appeal 2022

Lionel has placed poppies and collection baskets in all six of our churches. Please lend a helping hand to military veterans and their dependants by supporting the annual Poppy Appeal. Remembrance Sunday this year will be on 13th November.

Clonenagh National School News

Football Fever

The pupils in Clonenagh NS are extremely busy preparing for their cup final after midterm. The football team won all of their matches in their group. We are so excited! On Friday, 21st of October, the pupils will be visited by some of the Laois Ladies' winning football team. We will be asking them for some tips!

We recently received a very kind donation from the **Siol Foundation**. With this, we installed some active sensory trails in our new extension. Our pupils love them. We have some photos up on our Facebook page.

All our **school committees** have been elected for the year. They are starting to meet and plan activities for the months ahead. Our committees are Green Schools, Active School and the Student Council. We wish them all the best with their endeavours.

Services & Readings

November

Tuesday 1st <i>All Saints' Day</i>	<i>Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18</i> <i>Psalm 149</i> <i>Ephesians 1: 11-23</i> <i>Luke 6: 20-31</i>	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				
Sunday 6th <i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>Haggai 1: 15b - 2: 9</i> <i>Psalm 98</i> <i>2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17</i> <i>Luke 20: 27-38</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion <i>(with Bishop Adrian)</i>	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 13th <i>Remembrance Day</i>	<i>Isaiah 2: 1-5</i> <i>Psalm 47</i> <i>Revelation 1: 1-7</i> <i>Matthew 5: 1-12</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 20th <i>The Kingship of Christ</i>	<i>Jeremiah 23: 1-6</i> <i>Benedictus</i> <i>Colossians 1: 11-20</i> <i>Luke 23: 33-43</i>	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 First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Isaiah 2: 1-5</i> <i>Psalm 112</i> <i>Romans 13: 11-14</i> <i>Matthew 24: 36-44</i>	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

October

24th Monday.....Mothers' Union meeting
 27th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club
 30th Sunday.....Consecration of Ven. Adrian Wilkinson

November

6th Sunday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 10th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club
 10th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
23rd Wednesday.....Closing date for December 2022 Newsletter
 20th Sunday.....Bilboa Parish Craft & Food Fair
 24th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club

December

8th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club
 18th Sunday.....Bicentennial Commemoration, Roskelton

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

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