

# The Newsletter

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***Part of the Clonenagh N.S. fundraising Tractor Run***

*(Photo kindly provided by Jayne Telford)*

## Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

# The Rector Writes

## What Is Lent?

The word Lent comes to us from an Old English word meaning "Spring". Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, and this is why it gave its name to the Christian season of renewal and reflection. Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. It is a solemn time of prayer and preparation before the joyful celebration of Christ's triumph over death at Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate our Saviour's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

Ultimately the purpose of Lent is giving the Christian believer time to examine his/her life and prepare themselves for Easter through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, and almsgiving. Lent is observed in the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Reformed and Orthodox Churches.

~Rev'd Victor

### Requiescant In Pace

We remember in our prayers Susan Jestin, Borris-in-Ossory, on the death of her dear dad **Fred Brady**, late of Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath, who died on Wednesday 15th February in his 102nd year..

*May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

## Parish Notes

### Lenten Services

...will take place on **Wednesday evenings** at **8pm** during Lent on these dates:

1st March: (Roskelton)

8th March: (Annatrim)

15th March: (Borris-in-Ossory)

22nd March: (Lacca)

29th March: (Seir Kieran)

...and our Lenten Services for 2023 conclude on 5th April in Mountrath.

### Holy Week And Easter

**Maundy Thursday** (6th April):

8pm, Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, **Mountrath**.

**Good Friday** (7th April):

3pm, Ante-Communion, St Peter's Church, **Mountrath**.

8pm, Prayers and Hymns, **Lacca**.

**Easter Eve** (8th April):

6pm, First Eucharist of Easter, **Seir Kieran**;

**The Easter Vigil** (8th April):

8pm, **Annatrim Church**.

**Easter Day** (9th April):

8am First Eucharist of Easter Morning, St Mark's **Borris-in-Ossory**

9am Holy Communion, St Matthew's Church, **Roskelton**

10.15am Holy Communion, **Lacca Church**

11.30am Holy Communion of Easter Day, St Peter's Church, **Mountrath**

All welcome!

### Easter General Vestries

Our Easter General Vestries for the Clonenagh Group of Parishes will take place on:

8pm Tuesday 18th April **Clonenagh** (Parochial Hall, Mountrath)

8pm Wednesday 19th April **Borris-in-Ossory & Seir Kieran** (St. Mark's Church, Borris)

8pm Thursday 20th April **Offerlane** (Annatrim Church).

Please do try to attend if you are able.

It is important that you remember to send apologies to the relevant Honorary Secretary if you can't be there.

### World Day Of Prayer 2023

The annual World Day of Prayer service takes place on Thursday 2nd March at 8pm in St Peter's Church, Mountrath. All welcome.

This year's theme is: "*I have heard about your faith.*"

### Engagement Joy!

Congratulations to **Tommy and Margaret McKay** as they announce the engagement of their son **Philip**, to **Chiara Hendrix**. Every happiness and God's blessing on the couple!

### **Birthdays Congratulations**

...to **Gladys Danne** who celebrated her **90th birthday** recently.



### **Mothers' Union**

We opened the new year with a meeting on Monday 30th January in the home of Mabel Peavoy. Recipes were exchanged and shared, and we all had a lovely evening. Please note, subscriptions are now due!

### **Fellowship Service**

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

### **Thursday Bible Club**

The Thursday Bible Club continues meeting in the Parochial Hall on March 2nd, 16th & 30th.

### **Girls' Friendly Society**

...continue meeting in Mountrath Parochial Hall, Friday evenings, 7.15-8.45pm. March 3rd, 10th & 24th.

### **Home Communion**

Please contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list or would simply just like a visit and a chat.

### **Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee**

are holding the annual **Golf Classic** on Friday 26th May 2023 in Mountrath Golf Club. Watch this space for more details.

## **Clonenagh National School News**

As you probably already know our new extension is now open and the children are loving their new classroom. The car park was resurfaced during midterm break and is a great improvement and looks wonderful. All in all, we think the school looks fabulous and we're very proud of the progress we have made to date.

We are now in the process of planning for the future and we may have an unmissable opportunity to consider purchasing a 1.3 acre field directly behind the school. It would be an ideal acquisition and would give us unlimited opportunities to develop the school including the possible addition of a play area, sports area and other wonderful outdoor learning opportunities for our children such as nature walks and gardening.

We are in contact with various parties to discuss the viability of this project and any potential funding. Melissa Burnell (Principal) and Debbie Oxley (Chairperson) are leading this and if you have any questions or ideas regarding the project, please contact either of them. We would love to involve the community in this and would be grateful for your help! You can contact Melissa Burnell 057 87 32516 or Debbie Oxley on 086 162 7172

The Clonenagh National School, Mountrath **fundraising event** on Wednesday 28th December 2022 was a great success with proceeds going towards renovation of the playground at the school. Even with the gloomy weather, there was a great turnout for the **6km Family Fun Run/Walk** in the morning in Coolrain village, which was the initial part of the all-day fundraising event for the school. The Run/Walk was followed by great excitement as the convoy of tractors of all sizes and differing vintages left Coolrain village and headed off around the countryside on the **Annual Tractor Run**.

The day finished on a high with the **Monster Auction** in Sheeran's Pub, Coolrain, where many items were auctioned by talented MC Joe Shirley.

Clonenagh National School would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a great success and all of those who donated to the auction and in other ways.

In addition, the organisers would like to thank a number of local businesses who supported the event: CJ Sheeran, Emo Oil, Spar Mountrath, Eddie Phelan's Restaurant, Telfords Mountrath, Glanbia, Workshop Gym Mountrath, E.V. Condell, Joe Moore Buses, Ross Cooper Handyman, Ciara Gyves Signs, Liffey Mills and Earley's Garage Kilkenny.

# Services & Readings

## March

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17</i>	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Holy Communion	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Holy Communion	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Colossians 3: 1-11 John 4: 5-42</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Holy Communion		<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<i>1 Samuel 1: 20-28 Psalm 127: 1-4 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 33-35</i>	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 4.00pm Service of the Word
<b>Saturday/ Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Ezekiel: 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 10.30am Family Service	<b>Annatrim</b> Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath</b> Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion

# Parish Diary

## March

1st Wednesday.....Lenten Service, Roskelton  
 2nd Thursday.....World Day of Prayer Service  
 2nd Thursday.....Bible Club  
 3rd Friday.....GFS  
**6th Monday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**  
 8th Wednesday.....Lenten Service, Annatrim  
 9th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service  
 10th Friday.....GFS  
 15th Wednesday.....Lenten Service, Borris-in-Ossory  
 16th Thursday.....Bible Club  
 22nd Wednesday.....Lenten Service, Lacca  
**22nd Wednesday.....Closing date for March 2023 Newsletter**  
 24th Friday.....GFS  
 29th Wednesday.....Lenten Service, Mountrath  
 30th Thursday.....Bible Club

**Items for the April 2023 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday 22nd March AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, March 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@clonagh.com](mailto:newsletter@clonagh.com)**

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