

The Newsletter

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***Mountrath GFS girls enjoying their ice cream
on the Diocesan Day Trip to Nore Valley Park***

(Image kindly provided by Jennifer Lalor)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Easter General Vestries

Yes, it is that time of year again! Our Easter General Vestries have been held. These parish 'AGMs' are very important meetings in the life of your church and each year I encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend the particular one for the parish they attend, be it Clonenagh, Offerlane or Borris-in-Ossory & Seir Kieran.

The Easter General Vestry meeting is where everyone is invited to take part in sharing ideas, and in discussing issues relating to life and ministry within our parish. It's a time to acknowledge the loyal service of those who have served on the Select Vestry for the past year and all those who have been faithful servants of God and the church in many different ways: our Churchwardens, Sextons, Organists, Glebe Wardens, Vestrypersons, Flower Arrangers, Parish Readers, Diocesan Readers, Lay Readers, Mothers' Union, GFS, Thursday Bible Club and Fellowship Group, and all our loyal Parishioners.

So, on behalf of the Clonenagh Group of Parishes may I extend a very sincere thank to everyone who works so hard and who gives so kindly of their time, talents and energy to making our Group of Parishes such a warm, thriving and welcoming place to encounter and experience the love of God. God bless you all!

~Rev'd Victor

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for all of our Church Workers, Helpers & Volunteers

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul said: "God has given revelation through the Spirit, for the Spirit explores the depths of everything, even the depths of God...The spirit we have received is...God's own Spirit, so that we may understand the lavish gifts God has given us."

Let us reflect for a moment in quiet as we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to us, but especially to our church workers, helpers and volunteers and all who dedicate their life's work to lay and ordained ministry and are faithful to the healing mission of Jesus. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

Requiescant In Pace

We extend our sincere condolences to:

Caroline Clegg (Roskelton), on the recent death of her beloved mother, **Eileen Hill** (née Scott), late of Corravilla House, Shercock, Co. Cavan. Eileen died peacefully at Castleross Nursing Home on 19th May.

Carmel Birney (Mountrath), on the death of her dear sister, **Rachel (Frances) Hayes**, who died peacefully at Droimnin Nursing Home, Stradbally, on 21st May.

The Chambers family, as they prepare to return the earthly remains of their late sister, **Sandra Guedes** (née Chambers), to Ireland, for interral at Annatrim graveyard. Sandra was late of Whitefields, Killanure, and Streatham, London and died on 2nd February last. Her service of interral will take place on Friday, 30th June, at 2pm in Lacca Church.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Parish Notes

Baby Joy!

We extend our heartiest congratulations to proud parents **Tara & David Jackson** on the recent birth of their first child, **Ethan**. Ethan was born on Sunday morning, 21st May, and we wish him every good health and happiness.

We Welcome In Holy Baptism

We welcome Baby **Ayla Sarah Foot** who was baptised into the Christian faith on Saturday 27th May in St Matthew's Church, Roskelton. We extend our very best wishes to Ayla's mum and dad, Órlaith & Robin and her proud grandmother, Phyllis. We pray for God's blessings on Ayla as she begins her new life in Christ.

Fellowship Service

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

Home Communions

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.

The **Clonenagh Parish** annual **Golf Classic** is about to take place in Mountrath Golf Club at time of going to press. Full report next month.

GFS

We extend our sympathy to Caroline Clegg on the loss of her mother who passed away earlier this month.

Leaders and girls attended the Diocesan Day Trip to Nore Valley Park on Saturday 13th May. A great day was had by

all. The trip included a tractor ride, go karting, pet farm and a picnic in the Irish sun! Great to be looking for sun lotion rather than raincoats.

Our final night will be Friday 9th June hopefully in the summer sun outside Mountrath Parochial Hall in Gazebos 7.15-8.30pm. Craft entries for Diocesan competitions will be displayed and certs/prizes distributed

All are welcome to attend - members, families, friends, parishioners. If interested in joining in September this is the ideal opportunity to come along, meet us and see what we do. Finger food, cakes, tea coffee and juice will be available.

Dear Everyone, for those of you with children in National School and/or Secondary School you may be interested in either or both of the **Cashel, Ferns & Ossory Diocesan Summer Camps** planned for July.

The Junior Camp is for those currently in 3rd, 4th & 5th classes in National School and runs from Friday 7th—Sunday 9th July.

The Senior Camp is for those currently in 6th class in National School and those in secondary school and runs from Monday 10th - Friday 14th July.

The camps will be in Gurteen which has a capacity of 70 people. If you've someone interested in going I would advise you to book a place SOON, as these camps will sell out very quickly. Last year's senior camp proved to be very popular.

Kind regards, *Patrick Harvey*

Clonenagh National School News

After a four year absence, the **Clonenagh National School Summer Fête** will return on Sunday 11th June 2023 from 1-5pm. The Fête takes place in the school grounds on the Portlaoise Road in Mountrath, with all funds raised going towards the school. This year, the Tea Rooms will be located in the new extension building of the school and will be run by the school staff. Be sure to drop by for a tea/coffee, a tasty treat and a chat. There will also be a number of exciting stalls and events to enjoy on the day including face-painting, a children's play area, penalty shoot-out, bric-a-brac stall, cake stall, plant stall, bottle stall and guess the sweets. Excitingly, this year there will also be a sponge-throwing stall where you'll have the opportunity to throw a wet sponge at some familiar local faces!

All donations such as bric-a-brac, bottles etc will be gratefully received by the school. Donations can be dropped to the school during school hours. Plants and baked goods would also be appreciated on the day for our plant and cake stalls.

Services & Readings

June						
Sunday 4th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a</i> <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>2 Corinthians 13: 11-13</i> <i>Matthew 28: 16-20</i>	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 11th <i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Genesis 12: 1-9</i> <i>Psalm 33: 1-12</i> <i>Romans 4: 13-25</i> <i>Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 18th <i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Genesis 18: 1-15</i> <i>Psalm 116: 1, 10-17</i> <i>Romans 5: 1-8</i> <i>Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8</i>	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 24th/25th <i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Genesis 21: 8-21</i> <i>Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17</i> <i>Romans 6: 1b-11</i> <i>Matthew 10: 24-39</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
Thursday 29th <i>Saint Peter's Day</i>	<i>Ezekiel 3: 22-27</i> <i>Psalm 125</i> <i>Acts 12: 1-11</i> <i>Matthew 16: 13-19</i>	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

June

6th Tuesday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
8th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
9th Friday.....GFS Meeting & Prizegiving
11th Sunday.....Clonenagh National School Summer Fête
21st Wednesday.....Closing date for July/August 2023 Newsletter

July

7th-14th.....Diocesan Summer Camps

Items for the July/August 2023 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday 21st June **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, June 25th.

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

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