

# The Newsletter

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***Melvin Harvey, John Handcock, John Lalor and Albert Lalor  
having a good natter at Lacca Church recently***

*(Image kindly provided by Joyce Lalor)*

## Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

# The Rector Writes

## Back to School Prayer

Dear God, at the wondrous moment of creation you spoke and our universe came into being. From mere dust you breathed life into us; your love was poured out into us. Despite our faults and failings you love us as a mother loves her baby, or a woman the child within her womb. Bless and protect our children as they return to school or who are beginning their educational journey,

Father, you have given us your son as a Servant Teacher, as one who has come to serve, not to be served. Lavish your goodness on those who educate a classroom of students. May they know your kindness, mercy and wisdom by a loving and supportive community of parents and parishioners. Comfort and strengthen our Principal, Teachers, the Special Needs Assistants, Classroom Assistants and all support staff, and Secretary.

After your work of Creation, you deemed it good to rest. May we follow you as you lead your children beside still waters. Prompt us to slow down and listen to the guidance and promoting of your Holy Spirit. Draw our eyes toward your eternal wonders both those we can see now and those yet to come. Through Christ your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Holiday Thank-You

The Rector sends a very heartfelt thanks to The Rev'd William Bennett, Mr. Tom Cooke, Mr. James Bennett and Mrs. Mabel Peavoy for very kindly and graciously providing service cover in the Group, and to The Rev'd Janet Finlay who provided pastoral cover, while he was away on holiday in August. A particular thanks to The Rev'd William Bennett who had kindly offered to assist with Sunday services in the Group, as he has so generously done in the past. We ask the Lord to lay his healing hands upon him, and we wish him a very speedy return to health. Thank you all!

*~Rev'd Victor*

## Requiescant In Pace

We extend our sincere condolences to:

The family and friends of the late **Robert Hannan** (Coolrain & Goatstown, Dublin). Robert died on 28th July and was laid to rest in Aghaboe, following his funeral service in Annatrim Church on Monday 31st July.

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

# Parish Notes

## We Welcome In Holy Baptism

We welcome twins **Rupert Desmond Honner** and **Trevor William Honner**, who were baptised into the Christian faith on Saturday 29th July in St Peter's Church, Mountrath. We extend our very best wishes to their mum and dad, Donya & William, and the boys' godparents and family as we pray God's blessings and good health on Rupert & Trevor as they begin their new life in Christ.

## Engagement Joy!

Congratulations to **Tom Hargroves** and **Juliana Tonetti** on their recently announced engagement.

Every happiness and God's blessing on the happy couple!

## Wedding Joy!

We hold in our prayers and extend hearty congratulations to **Dale Cooper** (Annatrim) and his bride **Emma Kelly**, who were married in Annatrim Church on 21st July – a lovely, sunny day. The marriage celebration was led by the groom's aunt, The Rev'd Canon Lesley Robinson, from Clontarf. We wish the couple a long and very happy life together – God bless you both!

## Dates For Your Diaries – Harvest 2023

Sunday 17th Sept 9.30am – **Roskelton**

Saturday 23rd Sept 7pm – **Seir Kieran**

Sunday 24th Sept 11am – **Annatrim**

Sunday 24th Sept 11.30am – **Mountrath**

Sunday 15th Oct 11am – **Borris-in-Ossory**

Sunday 15th Oct 4pm – **Lacca**

## **Congratulations & Welcome to the Parish!**

We extend warm congratulations to **Scott Beard & Emma Thompson** who were married recently in Rosenallis. We're delighted to welcome Scott & Emma to our congregation in Borris-in-Ossory and are thrilled that they've decided to be a part of our church family. New members of a congregation are a gift from God and are an encouragement to us as we hand on the light of faith to a new, younger generation. So please join us as we look forward to praying, celebrating, and worshipping together as a community for many years to come.

### **Annatrim Church Renovations**

Annatrim Church was closed to public worship during June and much of the month of July for essential renovation works. We extend a very sincere thank you to all the parishioners of Offerlane and beyond who gave of their time and energy to pour a huge amount of tender loving care into getting Annatrim Church polished, vacuumed and cleaned for the reopening. We also send a very warm thanks to Michael Elliott without whose perseverance and dedication it might not have been possible to renovate the church so quickly and with such care. Thank you all!

### **Cumann Breandán Naofa**

#### **Go Raibh Maith Agaibh Go Léir**

The Rev'd Máirt Hanley, Rector of Baltinglass and Vicar of the Community of Brendan the Navigator / Cumann Breandán Naofa, extended his sincere thanks to the many parishioners of the Clonagh Group, and organist Mabel Peavoy, who very kindly gave of their time (and voices!) to join with members of the CBN in St Peter's Church, Mountrath, recently. Mountrath was chosen by The Rev'd Máirt as an accessible location for the members of CBN to rehearse their special RTÉ service, which was broadcast on Sunday 30th July.

### **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.

**Clonagh Parish Fundraising Committee** meeting in the Parochial Hall at 8pm Tuesday 5th September, to finalise the **2023 Golf Classic**.

**Thursday Bible Club** restarts on Thursday 7 September in the Parochial Hall. New children of national school age are most welcome. Contact Mervyn Tomb on 0860575462 for more information.

Register your child using the QR code overleaf, or at the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/202526397463359>

### **Mothers' Union News**

The Opening of the Year celebration of Holy Communion will take place on Monday 2nd October at 8pm in St Peter's Church, Mountrath, followed by a meeting in the Parochial Hall. All welcome!

The National Ploughing Championships take place this year from 19th – 21st September at Ratheniska, Co. Laois. Volunteers are needed for the Baby Changing Tent, which always draws many parents from across the country to avail of these much-needed facilities. If you can give a day, or a half-day, please let Cecily know asap at [cfosecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cfosecretary@gmail.com). Members only for insurance purposes.

### **Laois Hospice Run**

The Annual Laois Vintage Hospice Road Run returned to the roads on Saturday 19th August and the enthusiasts and the crowds who gathered to watch were blessed with some dry weather. The Run was, as always, a terrific day out for families, enthusiasts and visitors.

To date Laois Vintage has raised over €1 million for the Laois Hospice.

The Rector extends his sincere gratitude to Laois Vintage for presenting him with a delightful plaque commemorating the Annual Run.

Every good wish and blessing to Laois Vintage and its dedicated members for many more happy years!

**GFS** will recommence on Friday 15th September in Mountrath Parochial Hall, 7.15-8.45pm Looking forward to meeting new members and welcoming back previous members All girls Senior Infants and older are welcome to join. Girls have the opportunity to participate in crafts, cookery, Bible study, games and a few trips during the year. Any queries to Jennifer 086 8185644 after 8 pm / weekends.

**Janes Bakes** open Saturdays outside The Cosy Mountrath 10am-12pm selling baked goods, Insta/Facebook [janes\\_bakes](#)

# Services & Readings

September						
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 3: 1-15 Psalm 115 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28	<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 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Holy Communion		<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 14: 19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am <b>Harvest Service</b> Morning Prayer	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Service of the Word	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday/Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 16: 2-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1: 21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Saturday 7.00pm <b>Harvest Service</b> Holy Communion	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 10.30am Family Service	<b>Annatrim</b> Sunday 11.00am <b>Harvest Service</b> Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath</b> Sunday 11.30am <b>Harvest Service</b> Holy Communion

## Parish Diary

### September

- 5th Tuesday.....Offerlane Select Vestry meeting  
 5th Tuesday.....Fundraising Committee meeting  
**6th Wednesday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**  
 7th Thursday.....Bible Club  
 14th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service  
 15th Friday.....GFS meeting  
**20th Wednesday.....Closing date for October 2023 Newsletter**  
 29th Friday.....GFS meeting



**Baby brothers baptised in Mountrath recently**  
 (Image kindly provided by Donya Honner)



Thursday Bible Club Registration

Items for the October 2023 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday 20th September **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, September 24th. **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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