

The Newsletter

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***The Clonenagh National School Cottage Market
was hugely successful!***

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Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Harvest Reflection

There is an old expression, and it's a true one: time flies. It's hard to believe that September is slowly fading away, ushering in October. Time does indeed fly. Once again, for another year, we have gathered together as a Christian community in our six churches to thank God for the wonderful, bountiful Harvest, and to give him thanks for our health and well-being; most especially for those who safely laboured and gathered in the Harvest. At Harvest-time we rightly thank and praise God for all his gifts of life-giving food and life-creating weather. His created plants which mature in the autumn and nourish us all year. Harvest is also an opportunity to give thanks and to praise God for all creatures which move in the waters beneath, fly in the heavens above, and live on the land.

Harvest reminds us of the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, where all earth's creatures were created to give glory and praise to God. The natural world, thanks to the power of God, matures in autumn even without human help. Wild creatures enjoy the fruits of the season. With human co-operation, however, nature glorifies God through cultivated fields, including grain and grapes which make bread and wine. Human songs sung and voices lifted in prayer and praise represent the whole earth community, in Christ, to God.

The transformation of the earth at Harvest is a sign, the beginning, of the final transition of all material creation in the resurrection when God does not make a new thing, but rather, makes "all things new". Glory and praise to our Almighty Father!

~Rev'd Victor

An opportunity for parents and children to reflect on who brings us our food:

You will need: a pineapple and an apple, along with a globe or a world map.

- a) With older children ask where they think the different fruits were grown and how far they have travelled. With younger children tell them first where the apple was grown, and then talk about the pineapple.
- b) Show them on the map the different places.
- c) Talk about the farmers who grew the fruit, and the people who picked it. Mention that other people will have driven it to the packing factory, and others will have packed it.
- d) More people will have transported the packed fruit (in the case of the pineapple, remember to think about the dock workers and the sailors), and then people at the distribution centre will have sent it on its way to the shop or supermarket where you bought it.

On a board or sheet of paper, note down all the different people involved in growing the fruit. At the end, keep a few moments of silence to think about all the people who have worked hard to bring us the fruit and then thank God for their hard work.

Finally, cut open both fruits and invite everyone to enjoy some!

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Requiescant In Pace

We extend our sincere condolences to:

Maurice Crooks, Lacca, whose beloved wife **Pam** died peacefully in her home on Tuesday 12th September. Pam's funeral service took place in Lacca Church on Thursday 21st September, where she and Maurice were married twenty years previously.

May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Dates For Your Diaries

Monday 9th October - Wednesday 11th October – **Clergy Conference**, Dungarvan
Sunday 15th October 11am – **Harvest**, Borris-in-Ossory
Sunday 15th October 4pm – **Harvest**, Lacca (Preacher: Mr. Tommy Cooke)
Wednesday 18th October – **Diocesan Synod**, Waterford

Annatrim Church Renovations

The parish of Offerlane are making an appeal to anybody who would like to donate to their fundraising efforts to fund the recent works completed at Annatrim Church. Perhaps you are originally from the area or have a fondness or connection with Annatrim Church or Offerlane Parish? Please contact the parish treasurer Stan Lalor by email at offerlane@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Any contribution, big or small, would be warmly appreciated.

Confirmation 2024

If your son or daughter is interested in being Confirmed in the new year, please do let the Rector know in due course. So far two of our young parishioners have indicated their desire to be Confirmed in 2024. As yet, no date has been set but, depending on numbers, I do hope that the bishop will assign us a Ceremony date following our meeting at the Clergy Conference.

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.

Janes Bakes open Saturdays outside The Cosy Mountrath 10am-12pm selling baked goods, Insta/Facebook janes_bakess

Clonenagh Parish Golf Classic 2023

A most sincere thank you to Mabel Peavoy and all the team who together helped to organise, advertise, and run another successful Golf Classic.

Golf Classic 2023 took place on Friday 26th May in Mountrath Golf Club, and between Sponsorships, Team Entry Fees, Contributions from Parishioners, and the Raffle on the day, a grand total of €8100.00 was raised.

After expenses for Golf Club Fees and purchasing Competition Prizes, €6775.32 was deposited into Parish funds.

A very big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, to the teams, the sponsors, donors and volunteers. Without you all this event would not have been possible.

Thursday Bible Club continues on Thursday evenings, 5th & 19th October, 6.30-7.45pm, in the Parochial Hall. New children of national school age are most welcome. Contact Mervyn Tomb on 0860575462 for more information.

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!

GFS recommenced with Registration and a Pizza night on Friday 15th September. It was great to meet everyone again and we welcome our new members. We meet again on 29th if anyone in Senior Infants or above would like to join us. Further information from Jennifer 0868185644 or any of the leaders.

GFS dates: Friday 29th September, 13th & 27th October, 7.15-8.45pm, Parochial Hall, Mountrath.

Clonenagh National School News

Everyone has settled back well into school life. We are extremely busy and this year, for the very first time, our girls have their very own football team! Both our girls' and boys' teams train after school every Tuesday and we wish them all the very best this season.

On Thursday, 14th September, 5th and 6th class ran a very successful Cottage Market at the school. We sold produce from our school garden and we raised over 300euro! As planned, all proceeds will go back into further developing our garden. The children were over the moon when the amount raised was announced.

Services & Readings

October						
Sunday 1st <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32	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 8th <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 15th <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Harvest Service Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Harvest Service Service of the Word
Saturday/ Sunday 21st/22nd <i>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Exodus 33: 12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22	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
Sunday 29th <i>The Fifth Sunday before Advent</i>	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46	Mountrath 11.00am Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

September

29th Friday.....GFS meeting

October

2nd Monday.....Mothers' Union Service & Meeting

5th Thursday.....Bible Club

6th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes

9th-11th.....Clergy Conference

12th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

13th Friday.....GFS meeting

18th Wednesday.....Diocesan Synod

18th Wednesday.....Closing date for November 2023 Newsletter

19th Thursday.....Bible Club

27th Friday.....GFS meeting

Items for the November 2023 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday 18th October AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, October 22nd.

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

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277/087-2522162

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