

The Newsletter

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Confirmation 2024

(Photo kindly provided by Canon Victor)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

The Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

*“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord.” (Isaiah 11:1-2, NIV)*

Recently we welcomed Bishop Adrian Wilkinson to Mountrath for his first Confirmation ceremony in this parish. Six of our young parishioners received the laying on of hands, and an anointing by the bishop. It is a reminder to each one of us that we are the church, the people of God. We make up the body of Christ here on earth. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us at our Confirmation to build up the body of Christ here on earth.

Through Jesus and through the anointing of the bishop, we receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are each bestowed with very special gifts of body, mind and spirit throughout our lives. Through prayer and God's grace, we can use these gifts to bring love, growth and hope to those whom we meet.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

Wisdom – People who draw on the gift of Wisdom recognise that material things or possessions are not as important as spiritual things, such as love, peace and other things that relate to God.

Understanding – The Spirit's gift of Understanding helps Christians to know God better.

Knowledge – The Spirit's gift of Knowledge helps Christians to know and understand God's truth and God's plan for us in a deeper way.

Counsel – Through the gift of Counsel (right judgement) the Holy Spirit inspires and guides Christians to make correct decisions and to do the right thing.

Fortitude – The gift of Fortitude (courage) gives Christians the strength to do God's will and to stand up for what is right.

Piety – The Holy Spirit's gift of Piety (reverence) helps Christians to show their love for God.

Fear of the Lord – The Holy Spirit's gift of Fear of the Lord is wonder and awe in God's presence and helps Christians to know how great God is. This gift helps us to recognise the wonders of God's creation and to know that God alone is perfect.

Spirit of God, our Guide and Teacher,
Inspire us and bring forth your gifts within us.
Help us to use them to serve our Almighty Father
and our brothers and sisters in Christ.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Canon Victor



Mountrath Badminton Club winners at recent tournaments

(Photos kindly provided by Joe Hargroves)

Parish Notes

Baby Joy!

Congratulations to Lacca parishioner **James Harvey** and his wife **Sinead**, who have welcomed their first child into the world. Born on April 10th, **Ella Jane Harvey** is a first grandchild for **Moira and Melvin**. We send our very best wishes to the proud young couple, and we give thanks to God for Baby Ella Jane's safe delivery.

We Welcome In Holy Baptism

We welcome in Holy Baptism Baby **Oisín Thomás McKay** who will be baptised and welcomed into the Christian faith on Saturday 27 April in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath. Baby Oisín is the first child of Mountrath parishioners **Philip & Chiara**, and we pray God's blessing upon the proud family.

Fellowship Service

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

GFS

Dates for your diary:

GFS meeting Friday 3rd May 19.15-20.45

Parochial Hall

GFS Diocesan Day Trip Saturday 18th May

GFS Diocesan Service and Prizegiving St

Canices Cathedral Kilkenny Saturday 25th May 14.00.

Mothers' Union News

Our next meeting is on Monday 29th April at 8pm in the Parochial Hall Mountrath. Mabel and Jean will report on the Spring Council meeting which is on Saturday in the Dolmen Hotel Carlow.

Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee are holding the annual **Golf Classic** in Mountrath Golf Club on Friday 24th May 2024.

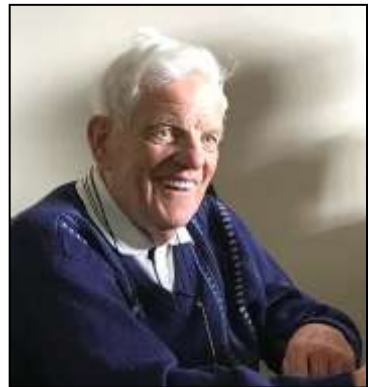
If you are interested in sponsoring a hole at €120 or entering a team at €120 please contact Mrs Mabel Peavoy 086 2033720 or Mrs Evelyn Bennett 086 7950502 .

It would be great to see parishioners entering a team and support would be much appreciated.

There will be a raffle on the night and donations for this would be very much appreciated.

Parishioners are also very welcome on the night for the prizegiving and raffle which will take place around 9pm .

Your support is greatly appreciated!



Derek Alcorn recently celebrated a 'significant' birthday

(Photo kindly provided by Linda Lalor)

Clonenagh National School News

Clonenagh National School Fundraising

Clonenagh National School would like to thank all members of the community who supported their **Cash for Clobber Fundraiser** in April. The fundraiser proved to be a huge success and raised vital funds for the school.

The **Annual School Fete** will take place in the school grounds on Sunday 9th June 2024.

Family Afternoon

Afternoon Tea in Clonenagh National School hosted by **Janes Bakes** on Sunday 12th May Hope you can join us for the 2pm or 4pm sitting, for an enjoyable afternoon. Tickets 20 euro available from Clonenagh National School; Janes Bakes or Jennifer 086 8185644.

If you are joining us for our Special Afternoon Tea, why not bring the kids to our **Magic Show** and meet Waffles the Wonderful? Tickets 10 euro (max 25 euro per family) which will include Magic show and treats. Tickets available from above.

Sunday Services & Readings

May						
Sunday 5th <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)</i>	<i>Acts 10: 44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17</i>	Roskelton 9.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>	Seir Kieran 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Lacca 10.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Mountrath 11.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>
Sunday 12th <i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after the Ascension Day)</i>	<i>Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>		Annatrim 11.00am <small>Holy Communion</small>	Mountrath 11.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	
Sunday 19th <i>The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i>	<i>Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b Romans 8: 22-27 John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15</i>	Roskelton 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Seir Kieran 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Lacca 10.30am <small>Service of the Word</small>	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am <small>Holy Communion</small>	Mountrath 11.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>
Saturday/Sunday 25th/26th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8: 12-17 John 3: 1-17</i>	Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm <small>Evening Prayer</small>	Lacca Sunday 10.30am <small>Family Service</small>	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am <small>Morning Prayer</small>		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>

Parish Diary

April

29th Monday.....Mothers' Union Meeting

May

3rd Friday.....GFS Meeting

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

9th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

18th Saturday.....GFS Diocesan Day Trip

22nd Wednesday....Closing date for May 2024 Newsletter

24th Friday.....Clonenagh Parish Golf Classic

25th Saturday.....GFS Diocesan Service

Items for the June 2024 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday May 22nd AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, May 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@clonenagh.com

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