

The Newsletter

July/August 2024

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Delicious goodies at the Clonenagh National School Afternoon Tea!

(Photo kindly provided by Canon Victor)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Moonlight, Summer Moonlight

(by Emily Jane Brontë)

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair;
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers
A lovely form is laid;
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers
Wave gently round her head.

Have a wonderful Summer!

~Canon Victor

Requiescant In Pace

We extend our heartfelt condolences to **George Cooper**, Annatrim, on the recent death of his sister **Ann** in Wales.

May she rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

We Welcome In Holy Baptism

We pray God's blessing on baby Ethan Jackson who was welcomed into the Christian faith at his baptism on Saturday 8th June, in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath. Congratulations and good wishes to proud parents Tara and David. God bless you!

(Photo kindly provided by Pamela Jackson)





GFS

GFS leaders and girls attended a Diocesan Day Trip to Jurassic Newpark Kilkenny on 18th May. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On 25th May a few leaders and girls attended the Diocesan Service and Prizegiving in St. Canice's Cathedral Kilkenny.

Our own branches Prizegiving was held on 7th June in Mountrath Parochial Hall. All girls were presented with a Certificate of Attendance for 2023 -24 year; the Cookery and Safety badge and certs for completing Diocesan Craft and Bible Study competitions. Congratulations and well done to all the girls.

We were delighted to receive the following Diocesan and All Ireland Prizes:

Bible Study

Candidate: Cadhla Free, 1st in Diocese, Highly Commended in All Ireland
Emma Lalor, Highly Commended in Diocese

Zehra Burns, Highly Commended in Diocese

Junior Members: Roisin Free, 3rd in Diocese

Emily Armitage, Highly Commended in Diocese

Members: Lucy Cullen, Highly Commended in Diocese

Alison Armitage, Highly Commended in Diocese

Crafts

Candidate: Poppy Harvey, 1st in Diocese, Highly Commended in All Ireland

Junior Members: Laura Treacy, 1st in Diocese, Highly Commended in All Ireland

Rachel Treacy, Highly Commended in Diocese

We hope you all enjoy your Summer Holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September along with a few new members .

Many thanks to leaders Caroline, Emily, Maria, Avril, Jane and Amy for all their help during the year.

The **Parish Fundraising Committee** would like to say a huge "*Thank You!*" to everyone who supported our **Golf Classic** on Friday May 24th, and was a great success. Thank you to all sponsors and all who entered teams, those who donated raffle prizes, anyone who contributed in any way to make it a great success. Thank you to Elizabeth who looked after the prizes and the ladies who checked cards on the night. We have no final figure yet as there are donations still coming. Congratulations to all who won prizes.

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.

Fellowship Service

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

Badminton Club

If anyone is interested in playing Badminton for fun or competitive leagues, you are more than welcome to attend training on Tuesday & Thursday evenings every week in Mountrath Community School Hall. Juvenile 7pm – 8pm, €4 pp fee. Adults 8pm – 10pm, €5 pp fee.

Home Communions

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

The Harvey Brothers

At time of going to press, Lacca parishioners Robert & James Harvey, AKA 'The Harvey Brothers', are set to launch their new album '**The Lads of Laois**' in Bloom HQ, Mountrath, on Friday 28th June at 8.00pm. Recorded at Roundwood House, the album is all Laois tunes spanning the 1800s to the present day collected by Robert and some new compositions by James. Every good wish to the musical duo!
<http://theharveybrothers.ie>

This year's **Abbeyleix Rectory Garden Fete** (their sixty second!) will be held on the Bank Holiday Monday 5th August. It takes place in the Abbeyleix Rectory walled garden. You can buy home made cakes, jams and country produce, eat a hot dog, have a go on the wheel of fortune, browse the book and white elephant stalls and play games (including duck racing and the many in Kids' Korner) and much more, and then have tea! The Fete opens at 2.00 pm. Bring your friends! Thanks to all those far and near who support us every year.

~Canon Patrick

Jane Bakes!

Open Friday and Saturdays 10am-12 pm in July and August outside Serene Beauty Mountrath. Freshly baked bread, scones, brack, brownies, cupcakes, biscuits available. Cakes available to order. Contact Jane on 083 0669208 or Instagram: janes_bakess

UDYC's summer programme is here and we have three very exciting events coming up!

Summer Madness

Fri 28 June – Tues 2 July 2024

Portglenone Monastery Estate,
Portglenone, Ballymena, Co. Antrim
14+ year olds

Final date for bookings: Mon 24 June

Senior Summer Camp

Mon 22 July – Sat 27 July 2024

Gurteen Agricultural College,
Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
Secondary School Upwards (Completed
1st Year)

Final date for bookings: Mon 15 July

Junior Summer Camp

Sun 11 August – Fri 16 August 2024

Muckross Youth Venture Centre,
Muckross, Killarney, Co. Kerry
10-13 year olds

Final date for bookings: Tues 6 August

SPECIAL FAMILY DISCOUNT - €20 discount off every booking, if making more than one booking from the same family during summer 2024.

Financial Assistance Options also available to support families.

Free Return Transport to/from each event from numerous locations

For further information & for details in relation to financial assistance in confidence please contact Valerie 0852832487 or Edward 0872907553.
Email: udyc.info@gmail.com



(Photo kindly provided by Lisa Lalor)

Philip, Lisa Lalor, Margaret Griffith and the Lalor family would like to thank everyone who has supported them in their recent **fundraiser** for the **Oesophageal Cancer Fund (OCF)**.

Philip was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer 9 years ago and his family have participated in the annual Lollipop day collections since which helps raise awareness and funds for the OCF. This year Philip, his daughter Lisa and Sister Margaret did something a little different. They did a skydive on Saturday 15th of June with the Irish parachute club in Clonbullogue.

They set up an iDonate page where donations could be made online, an online raffle and an Auction was carried out that evening in Hogans Pub Coolrain. To date the fundraiser has raised an incredible €18,580 for the charity. The Lalor family would like to thank the vendors who supported the auction and all those who very kindly donated and showed their support throughout.

Clonenagh National School News

Clonenagh National School, Mountrath would like to thank everyone who supported the School Summer Fete on Sunday 9th June 2024. Although the weather was less than ideal, the day proved to be a huge success and great fun was had by all in attendance. The pony rides, hang tough, face-painting, play area and nail art proved very popular with the children; while the adults enjoyed tea and treats in the tearooms, and browsing the stalls.

The school extends a huge thank you to the members of the community and local businesses who supported the event. Special thanks to Mountrath Community Forum for their support and to Floral Visions and Ashbrook Arms, Durrow for their kind donations.

A very big thank-you to Jane & Jennifer and Emma Cooper who organised a magnificent **Afternoon Tea** in the grounds of the school recently. As the photographs show, great effort and care went into making the afternoon such a lovely social event as well as a great fundraiser. We're also extremely grateful to everyone who supported this event and the more recent Summer Fête. More news to follow!



(Photo kindly provided by Canon Victor)



Ivan Jestin and Debbie Oxley, incoming and outgoing Chairperson of Clonenagh National School Board of Management. Ivan assumes his new position on July 1st.

(Photo kindly provided by Melissa Burnell)

Parish Diary

June

28th Friday.....'The Harvey Brothers' album launch

July

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

11th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

August

5th Monday.....Abbeyleix Rectory Garden Fete

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

8th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

21st Wednesday.....Closing date for September 2024 Newsletter

Sunday Services & Readings

| July | | | | | | |
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| Sunday 7th <i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13 | 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 14th <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> | 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29 | Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion | | Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion | Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer | |
| Sunday 21st <i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Psalm 89: 20-37 Ephesians 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 | 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 27nd/28th <i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21 | 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 |

| August | | | | | | |
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| Sunday 4th <i>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a Psalm 51: 1-13 Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6: 24-35 | 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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i> | 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2 John 6: 35, 41-51 | Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion | | Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion | Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer | |
| Sunday 18th <i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 1-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58 | 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6: 10-20 John 6: 56-69 | 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 |

Items for the September 2024 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday August 21st AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, August 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

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

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