

The Newsletter

September 2024

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Harvest Time

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Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Harvest Time

Harvest is a time to reflect on and respond to our creative role within God's creation and our responsibilities, under God, for all God's creatures. The Harvest Festival Service remains one of the most popular church events of the year. At Harvest we thank and praise God for all his gifts of food and weather, especially his plants which mature in 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, fly in the sky and live on the land.

Harvest reminds us that all earth creatures are created to praise and glorify God. Nature 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 hands and voices represent the whole earth community, in Christ, to God.

The transformation of the earth at harvest is a sign, the beginning, of the final transformation of all material creation in the resurrection when God does not make a new thing but is making "...all things new." (Isaiah 43:19).

~Canon Victor (drawn from Green Christians)

Requiescant In Pace

Over the past few weeks several deaths have occurred, leaving parishioners sadly bereaved. We extend our heartfelt condolences to:

Jillian Hayes (Lacca) on the death of her brother **Alan (John) Dempsey**, late of Birr and Roscrea, on 20th June;

George Cooper (Annatrim) on the death of his sister **Ann** in Wales;

Ann Gee (Mountrath) on the death of her brother **Robert Johnson**, late of Kinnitty, on 25th July;

and to **Sheila Oxley (Mountrath)** on the recent death of her sister **Violet Bowers (née Cole)**, late of Piltown & Ballyfin, on 18th August.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Dates For Your Diaries

Harvest Services 2024

Sunday 15th September 9.30am

Roskelton

Sunday 15th September 7pm –

Borris-in-Ossory

Saturday 21st September 7pm –

Seir Kieran

Sunday 22nd September 11am

Annatrim

Sunday 29th September 11am

Mountrath

Sunday 20th October 4pm –

Lacca

We Welcome To

Our Christian Community

– We are delighted to welcome **Baby Ella** into the Christian family in Lacca, the first child of James & Sinead Harvey. The proud parents were married in October 2021, and we are delighted to gather as a Christian community to welcome Baby Ella at a celebration of Holy Communion in Lacca Church on Sunday 1st September.

Fellowship Service

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

We Welcome In Holy Baptism

We pray God's blessing on baby **Alex Beard** who will be welcomed into the Christian faith at his baptism on Saturday 31st August, in St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory.

Congratulations and good wishes to proud parents Emma & Scott. God bless you!

Wedding Joy!

Our warmest congratulations to two new happy couples: **Mr. & Mrs. Alan and Laura Peavoy** were married in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, on Thursday 4th July; and **Mr. & Mrs. Wesley and Jane Lalor** were married in the Most Holy Trinity Church, Errill, on Saturday 20th July.

Both couples were blessed with a break in the summer rain and were able to celebrate their happy days under some July sunshine, which has been a rare joy to behold this summer. We wish both couples every happiness and joy, and pray God's blessing upon them in their lives together.

GFS

Girls Friendly Society will re-commence on Friday 27th September. All girls in Senior Infants or older are welcome to join us. Girls have to opportunity to participate in games, crafts, cookery, Bible study and trips.

Our Registration night will be on 27th September in Mountrath Parochial Hall 7.15-8.45pm.

If you are interested in volunteering as a leader or would like further information contact Jennifer 086 8185644.

Clonagh Parish Golf Classic took place on Friday 24th May in Mountrath Golf Club. Between team sponsorship, team entry fees, parishioners' contributions and the raffle on the night, a Grand Total of £8,540.88 was lodged into the Parish Account. A very big thank you to everyone who helped, by donating Raffle Prizes, to the teams, sponsors and volunteers on the day. Without you this event could not have been possible.

We look forward to your support in 2025.

Seir Kieran Renovation Works

We are delighted to announce the commencement of renovation works on the walls of Seir Kieran Church. This is due in no small part to the dedication, commitment and patient efforts of the parishioners and the Select Vestry. Please God some fine weather will allow the works to proceed apace.

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.

Thursday Bible Club restarts on Thursday 5 September, 6.30-7.45pm. There will be Bible stories, quizzes, songs, games, crafts and prizes. The club is for those who are at National School.

It would be helpful if those planning to come would be pre-registered at the following link or QR code on the back page.

<https://form.jotform.com/202526397463359>

For more information contact Mervyn Tomb at 0860575462.

Wedding Dress Exhibition

St. Paul's Church of Ireland, Mountmellick, Co. Laois, are planning a wonderful trip down memory lane, where they are holding an exhibition of as many wedding dresses as possible from the brides of St. Paul's over the last 100 years. The exhibition will tell the story of each dress, and highlight the changes that have taken place over the 100 years in styles and stories.

The 4-day (5th September to 8th September) event closes with an Ecumenical Service of Praise and Thanksgiving, when the top 6 wedding hymns as voted by parishioners will be sung.

Janes Bakes

As I am no longer opening every weekend in Mountrath, I would like to thank everyone for all their support for the past year. Orders for cakes, cookies, bracks, cupcakes and much more can still be made by contacting Jane on 083 0669208 or on Instagram or Facebook @janes_bakes.

Sunday Services & Readings

September						
Sunday 1st <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9 James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Roskelton 9.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>	Seir Kieran 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Lacca 10.30am <small>Welcome of Baby Ella Holy Communion</small>	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Mountrath 11.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>
Sunday 8th <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2: 1-10, 14-17 Mark 7: 24-37	Seir Kieran 9.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>		Annatrim 11.00am <small>Holy Communion</small>	Mountrath 11.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	
Sunday 15th <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Proverbs 1: 20-33 Canticle: Song of Wisdom James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38	Roskelton 9.30am Harvest Service <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Seir Kieran 9.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Lacca 10.30am <small>Service of the Word</small>	Mountrath 11.30am <small>Morning Prayer</small>	Borris-in-Ossory 7.00pm Harvest Service <small>Holy Communion</small>
Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Proverbs 31: 10-31 Psalm 1 James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37	Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm Harvest Service <small>Holy Communion</small>	Lacca Sunday 10.30am <small>Family Service</small>	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Harvest Service <small>Morning Prayer</small>		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am <small>Holy Communion</small>
Sunday 29th <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22 Psalm 124 James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50	Mountrath 11.00am Harvest Service <small>Holy Communion</small>				

Parish Diary

September

- 5th-8th.....Wedding Dress Exhibition & Service, Mountmellick
- 5th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club
- 6th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**
- 12th Sunday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
- 18th Wednesday.....Closing date for October 2024 Newsletter**
- 27th Friday.....GFS Meeting & Registration

Items for the October 2024 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday September 18th **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, September 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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**Thursday Bible Club
registration link**