

The Newsletter

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Lacca Church ready for the Harvest Service

(Image kindly provided by Joyce Lalor)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

November – The Month of Remembrance

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

~Major John McCrae

Welcome To The Rev'd Alison Seymour-Whiteley

We welcome to the Clonagh Group of Parishes on Sunday 3rd November, The Rev'd Alison Seymour-Whiteley as Assistant Priest following her appointment by Bishop Adrian Wilkinson. Alison has had a wide and rich experience of ministry – especially ministry with an emphasis on pastoral work, and chaplaincy in Mental Health, and brings a wealth of knowledge and a great deal of empathy and humanity to her new role with us.

As my Multiple System Atrophy (MSA-P) progresses I am growing increasingly reliant on the help of others and I am delighted to have the support of Alison as Assistant Priest, and I am very grateful to Bishop Adrian for appointing her. I know that you will give Alison a very warm welcome to the Group as she begins her ministry here, and will offer her your full support and encouragement, as you have so graciously done for me as Incumbent of Clonagh. I pray that God continues to grant me the strength to serve you and to minister to you for as long as possible.

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.” (Gal. 6:2, NIV)

Parish Reader

Do you see yourself as a Parish Reader? Parish Readers are people of all ages and from all walks of life who have a calling to assist in leading public worship and provides tremendous assistance to the Rector in his ministry by serving their parishes in this way. The role usually involves the reading of the liturgy (Morning and Evening Prayer, a Service of the Word, or other non-eucharistic service), bible readings, prayers and assisting at Holy Communion. Parish Readers may assist in any or all of the ways which I have outlined here and on a regular or occasional basis depending on how they are needed by the Rector. While the role is normally restricted to involvement in public worship its significance cannot be under-estimated in its support for clergy leading the service. Parish Readers would usually undergo a short training course of several weeks duration, before being approved to exercise this ministry. The prospective candidate must also have the support of their Rector before applying. The approval granted for a Reader will normally last for 3 years and cease on the appointment of a new Rector. If you feel you have a calling to the ministry of Parish Reader, or would simply like to explore things further, please contact me.

~Canon Victor

Clonagh National School News

Clonagh National School Fundraising

The **Clonagh National School Bake Sale** will be held from 12-3pm on Thursday 14th November in the Parochial Hall. This event is in aid of the ICT (Information and Communications Technology) area of the school. All support is greatly appreciated!

Requiescant In Pace

We express our deepest sympathies to **Olga Harvey** (Lacca) and **Melvyn Harvey** (Lacca), and **Arthur Harvey** (Roskelton), on the death of their aunt **Louisa Gowing (née Harvey)**, late of Cromogue, Abbeyleix, who died peacefully at Cloverlodge Nursing Home, Athy.

...and to **Moira Harvey** (Lacca) on the recent death after a short illness of her sister-in-law **Anne Peppard (née Doherty)**, late of Ferns, Co. Wexford.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Mothers' Union News

To cover for our October meeting, we have been kindly invited by Rathdowney MU Branch to their next meeting on Thursday 7th November at 8pm in the Parochial Hall Rathdowney. Nicola Roe (Qualified Podiatrist) will give a talk on Podiatry and her experience volunteering in Tanzania with the Olive Branch for Children Charity.

Camross Active Retirement Community are organising a **Storytelling Event** in Camross Community Hall on Saturday 9th November (4-7pm), and it should be a most pleasant and entertaining occasion. Adults €10 & Children €5.

Refreshments of course will be served and we hope lots of chats and tall stories. Contact Mary Bullock (087-4851112) for more information and ticket bookings.

Camross Active Retirement Community are also organising a **bus trip to Newbridge Whitewater Shopping Centre** on Monday 25th November, €25/person. Contact Mary Bullock for more details.

The Faith Mission Centre, Durrow

...are holding a **Harry Ferguson Night** on Saturday 16th November at 7.30pm. A presentation by George Conn looking at the life and work of Harry Ferguson from a historical, farming, engineering and Christian perspective. All are welcome, and anyone willing to bring a Ferguson or Massey Ferguson tractor over for the evening is particularly welcome.

There is no charge for the evening, but a donation basket will be available for those who want to contribute. Contact Mervyn on 0860575462 for more information.

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 monthly Home Communion list or would simply just like a visit and a chat.



Proud parents James & Sinead Harvey with their daughter Ella who was welcomed by the congregation at Lacca Church recently

(Image kindly provided by Moira Harvey)

Sunday Services & Readings

| November | | | | | | |
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| Sunday 3rd <i>The Fourth Sunday before Advent</i> | <i>Wisdom 3: 1-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44</i> | Roskelton 9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i> | Seir Kieran 9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i> | Lacca 10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i> | Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am <i>Morning Prayer</i> | Mountrath 11.30am <i>Holy Communion</i> |
| Sunday 10th <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> | <i>Ezekiel 37: 1-4 Psalm 4 Revelation 1: 1-7 Matthew 5: 1-12</i> | Seir Kieran 9.30am <i>Holy Communion</i> | | Annatrim 11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i> | Mountrath 11.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i> | |
| Sunday 17th <i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i> | <i>1 Samuel 1: 4-20 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8</i> | Roskelton 9.30am <i>Holy Communion</i> | Seir Kieran 9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i> | Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i> | Mountrath 11.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i> | Lacca 4.00pm <i>Service of the Word</i> |
| Saturday/ Sunday 23rd /24th <i>The Kingship of Christ</i> | <i>2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37</i> | Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm <i>Holy Communion</i> | Lacca Sunday 10.30am <i>Family Service</i> | Annatrim Sunday 11.00am <i>Morning Prayer</i> | | Mountrath Sunday 11.30am <i>Holy Communion</i> |

Parish Diary

November

- 6th Wednesday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**
- 7th Thursday.....Mothers' Union Meeting
- 9th Saturday.....Camross Active Retirement Storytelling Event
- 14th Thursday.....Clononagh N.S. Bake Sale
- 14th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
- 16th Saturday.....Faith Mission Harry Ferguson Presentation
- 20th Wednesday.....Closing date for November 2024 Newsletter**
- 25th Monday.....Camross Active Retirement Newbridge Trip

Refreshments after the Lacca Harvest Service

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Items for the December 2024 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday November 20th **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, November 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@clononagh.com

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