

The Newsletter

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New Lambs At Clonenagh National School!

(Image kindly provided by Clonenagh N.S.)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

St. Brigid

Brigid of Kildare; c. AD 451 – AD 525 is the patron saint (or 'mother saint') of Ireland, and one of its three national saints along with Patrick and Columba. According to medieval Irish hagiographies, she was an Abbess who founded the important abbey of Kildare as well as several other monasteries of nuns. There are few documented historical facts about her, and her hagiographies are mainly anecdotes. We are told that Brigid was the daughter of a chieftain and an enslaved Christian woman and was fostered in a druid's household before becoming a consecrated virgin. She is patroness of many things, including poetry, learning, healing, protection, blacksmithing, livestock and dairy production. In her honour, a perpetual fire was kept burning at Kildare for centuries. Her Feast Day is 1 February – happy St. Brigid's Day!

~Canon Victor

(compiled from several online sources)

Parish Notes

Register Of Vestrypersons

It is that time of the year to update the Register of Vestrypersons, so that new parishioners and those 18 years of age and older can register. By registering your name, you are entitled to vote at the Easter Vestry, when select vestry members are elected along with Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens. You also have the possibility of being elected to the select vestry if you so desire – new members are very welcome. Please contact the relevant Honorary Secretary for more information.

Charity Registration Meeting

Incumbents, Honorary Treasurers & Honorary Secretaries are invited to attend a meeting with Joan Jackson, Diocesan CRA on the process of getting ready to register as a Charity. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 January in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath at 7pm with tea / coffee from 6.30pm. To assist Joan in planning, please let her know if you are attending and if any other member of the Select Vestry / parish will also be attending. Phone / text: 086 647 2656.

The rescheduled **Christian Unity Week Ecumenical Service** in Lacca Church is on Sunday 2nd February at 3pm. Please note the change of time!

Fellowship Service

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

The **Mothers' Union dinner** will be in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise on Thursday 30th January, deferred from Thursday 23rd. Spouses, Friends and Parishioners are all very welcome. Please contact Jean Treacy (085) 7074805 or Mabel Peavoy (086) 2033720 by Monday 27th if you would like to attend.

Confirmation 2025

Please remember in your prayers our nine young parishioners have indicated their desire to be Confirmed in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath on Sunday 25 May, 2025. Dates of classes (all Fridays at 7pm – 7.45pm): 28 February; 7, 21 & 28 March; 4 April; 9, 16 & 23 May in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath.

January GFS Meetings:

Girls Friendly Society has now recommenced for 2025. 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. If you are interested in volunteering as a leader or would like further information contact Jennifer on 086 818 5644.

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. We would love to see new faces coming back to Badminton, and it's a great game for your well-being. 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.

Camross Community Association

We would like to invite everyone to come and join us at the **Camross Community Association (CCA) AGM**.

In order for the CCA to be effective and operate efficiently it is important that we get representation from as many local groups, associations and individual members of the community onto the committee.

In general terms the CCA is responsible for operating and maintaining the

facilities of the Fr. John Lalor Complex and for the delivery of various grants that help us to further improve the facilities that are available to all in our community.

Please join us on January 30th at 8pm in the Camross Hub and help us make Camross an even better place for its Community.

We will be hosting a **Coffee Morning** on January 29th from 10.30-12.30, and then monthly on the last Wednesday of the month from 10.30-12.30 in the Hub Camross village. We are aiming to provide a meeting spot for the community where they can arrange to meet with neighbours and friends over a cuppa. Or indeed to just drop in and find some one to chat with.



Harry Hargroves brought some lambs to school. Every class in the school got to play with them and some VERY lucky pupils got to feed them also. We had a ball!

(Images kindly provided by Clonenagh N.S.)

Clonenagh National School News

The boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class are looking forward to starting **Spanish lessons** from the 24th of February for 10 weeks. They cannot wait to try out a new language!

We are currently doing a **computer skills** programme with Ríomhtech and the pupils have built up on their skills so much from last year.

We wish our girls' and boys' **badminton teams** all the very best as they head off to the Leinster Schools Badminton Finals on the 30th of January. These take place in the Baldoyle Badminton Centre, Dublin. We are so very proud of them. A big thank you must go to their coaches for preparing them so well!

We are currently taking **applications for admissions** to Junior Infants until the 3rd of February. Please contact us by emailing clonenaghs@gmail.com or writing to : Clonenagh NS, Mountrath, Co Laois. You can also phone the office on 05787 32516.

Services & Readings

February						
Sunday 2nd <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	<i>Malachi 3: 1-5 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	
		Lacca 3.00pm Ecumenical Christian Unity Week Service				
Sunday 9th <i>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	<i>Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th <i>The Third Sunday before Lent</i>	<i>Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Holy Communion
Saturday 22nd	<i>Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 Psalm 65 Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22-35</i>	Seir Kieran 7.00pm Holy Communion				
Sunday 23rd <i>The Second Sunday before Lent</i>		Lacca 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	

Parish Diary

January

28th Tuesday.....Charity Registration Meeting
 30th Thursday.....Camross Community Association AGM

February

6th Thursday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 13th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
19th Wednesday.....Closing date for March 2025 Newsletter

Items for the March 2025 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday February 19th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, February 23rd.

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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