

# The Newsletter

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**Daffodils** (*Narcissus*) are hardy, perennial spring-flowering bulbs known for their bright yellow or white flowers, signaling the start of spring.

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## Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

# The Rector Writes

## Take Joy In Everything

Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most: whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed.

Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy.

Truly, it can. If the brutal crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of his Resurrection.

This is the meaning of Easter. Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Of course, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the way of the cross, but those sufferings will not win.

The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. Alleluia! Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring.

God wants Easter to begin now in our lives. Christ is risen! – he is risen indeed!

Happy Easter!

~Canon Victor

## Parish Notes

### Evening Prayer for Lent 2026

Evening Prayer with a Lenten reflection returns again this year and will take place on Wednesday evenings at **8.00pm** during the weeks of Lent, beginning at St. Peter's Church in **Mountrath** with **Holy Communion** for Ash Wednesday on **18 February**.

The dates for your diaries are:

25 February (Seir Kieran),  
4 March (Borris-in-Ossory),  
11 March (Lacca),  
18 March (Annatrim),  
25 March (Roskelton),  
and returning to Mountrath for 1 April.

### Engagement Congratulations

...to Gary McKay and Bronwyn Kelly who have recently announced their engagement



### World Day Of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer Service takes place at 7.00pm on Friday 6th March in Bloom Headquarters, Mountrath.

The Service has been prepared by the Nigerian WDP Committee, and the Theme is: "I Will Give You Rest: Come."

All are welcome!



### **Mothers' Union News**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd February at 8pm in the Parochial Hall Mountrath. Our guest speaker will be Shane Reynolds who will give a talk about his work as DCO and as Parish Reader in the Portlaoise group. All are very welcome.

### **Fellowship Service**

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

### **Camross Community News**

Camross Lunch Club Thursday 12th March in Camross Hall R32TX8Y. Arrive from 12 midday with lunch served at 12.30. €12.50 for dinner/ desert and refreshments. Dancing and music until 3.30pm. Booking essential, contact Michelle on 087-2815338 or [michelletuohy@laoispartnership.ie](mailto:michelletuohy@laoispartnership.ie)

Community Coffee Mornings at the Hub in Camross Village, next one Wednesday 1st April from 10am to 12.30 . Everybody welcome. Bring your old photographs to share with the community and enjoy a chat over a cuppa.

Parish Social Dancing- next event on Saturday 7th March in Camross Community Hall. All welcome.

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## **Clonenagh National School News**

### **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!**

**Clonenagh NS Student Council** is looking for **volunteers** to help with sewing, knitting, and crocheting.

We would love to welcome **parents, grandparents, local people and parishioners** into our school to share your skills and creativity with our pupils. Together we can learn, create and enjoy time together ☐

### **Why get involved?**

- Share your talents and hobbies
- Inspire creativity in young people
- Meet our friendly school community
- Enjoy a cuppa and a chat

**Where:** Clonenagh NS

**When:** Flexible times to suit you

**Interested? We'd be delighted to hear from you!**

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or call in to the school.

**Thank you for supporting our pupils.**

*~ Clonenagh NS Student Council*

# Services & Readings

<b>March</b>						
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17</i>	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Holy Communion	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Holy Communion	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Holy Communion		<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Holy Communion		<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<i>1 Samuel 1: 20-28 Psalm 127: 1-4 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 33-35</i>	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 4.00pm Service of the Word
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 32: 1-9 Psalm 145: 1-13 2 Corinthians 4: 1-12 John 4: 31-38</i>	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.00am Holy Communion				
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Ezekiel: 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45</i>	<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Holy Communion		
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)</i>	<i>Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 27: 11-54</i>	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.00am Holy Communion				

## Parish Diary

### February

23rd Monday.....Mothers' Union meeting

### March

**6th Friday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**

6th Friday.....World Day of Prayer Service

12th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

12th Thursday.....Camross Community Lunch Club

**18th Wednesday.....Closing date for April 2026 Newsletter**

**Items for the April 2026 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday March 18th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, March 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](mailto:newsletter@clonenagh.com)

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