

# The Newsletter

June 2026

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*The Baptism of Baby Pippa Eileen in St. Jude's Church, Annatrim recently*

*Image kindly provided by Jean Treacy*

## Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

# The Rector Writes

## Pentecost – The Power Of The Holy Spirit

As we begin the month of June; as Summer examinations gather apace; as finer weather arrives; our spirits are at long last beginning to lift, but we need something even greater still to help us: the power of the Holy Spirit.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the frightened and wavering Apostles, giving them hope and courage to proclaim the Risen Lord to all the nations. The Virgin Mary witnessed too first-hand the power of the Holy Spirit. Each and every one of us has been, and continues to be, living through an extremely stressful time because of the uncertainty in our world today, and what kind of world are we leaving to our children and grandchildren.

Let us invite the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and lift from our shoulders: financial worry; work stress; health fears; family trauma; despair. No matter what the anxiety is, we can call on God through the power of His Holy Spirit, to assist us in our time of need.

As St Paul wrote: "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." (*Romans 15:13, NLT*). Amen.

~Canon Victor

### Requiescant In Pace

Please remember in your prayers **Elizabeth Cooper, Linda Lalor**, and their families on the recent death of their Aunt and Cousin.

*May they rest in peace, and rise in glory*

## Parish Notes

### Baptism

On Sunday 10th May, Baby **Pippa Eileen** was baptised in St Judes Church, Annatrim, by Archdeacon John Murray, daughter of Stuart & Michelle Treacy, and granddaughter of Willie & Jean Treacy.

### Confirmation 2026

If you have a son or daughter who is interested in being Confirmed in 2026, please note that there will be a ceremony with Bishop Adrian in St. Peter's, Mountrath in October of this year. Canon Victor will finalise the details (date, time etc) with Bishop Adrian in early June.

### Golf Classic

Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our Golf Classic and raffle on Friday 22nd May. Full details of results next month.

### Fellowship Service

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



A collection in aid of **Laois Hospice** was carried out in Mountrath recently at which €9008 was raised. Whether you were in the town from the surrounding area, or living in the town or just passing through, thank you so much for your generous donations. Also, a Big Thank You to the Volunteers who gave of their time to carry out the Collection. Well done, and all your support is greatly appreciated.

You may have noticed the brochures in the back of the Churches for the **Maynooth Certificate in Christian Studies**. This course is open to all interested adults, and the next intake of students will be in September of this year.

If you would like more details about the Course, please contact Rev'd Janet Finlay on 087-7598384 or email [janetpfinlay@gmail.com](mailto:janetpfinlay@gmail.com)

~Rev'd Janet

# Clonenagh National School News

## Clonenagh National School Bake Sale Fundraiser

We are very excited to share that on **Friday 5th June** (12pm-3pm), our school will be hosting a special Bake Sale Fundraiser in aid of the MSA Trust: a wonderful charity supporting people affected by Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), a rare neurological condition.

This fundraiser is particularly close to our hearts. Many of you will know that our much-loved clergyman, Canon Victor Fitzpatrick, has been very open in sharing his diagnosis with MSA. Canon Victor is a hugely valued member of our school community, and one of the things he treasures most is his time spent with the children and staff of Clonenagh National School.

Recently, with the support of the MSA Trust, we held a school assembly to help the children better understand MSA. Inspired by Canon Victor and wanting to show their support, the boys and girls came up with the idea of organising a fundraiser to raise both awareness and much-needed funds.

So, we are coming together as a school community to give something back. Our bake sales have always been wonderfully supported by our school, parish, and the town of Mountrath, and we are hoping that once again, everyone will get behind us for this very meaningful cause.

We are asking you to:

- Come along and support the bake sale
- Spread the word
- Donate what you can

Every contribution will help the MSA Trust continue their vital work supporting individuals and families, as well as raising awareness of this condition.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support.

## Win a Family Pass to Kaleidoscope Festival 2026!

Please support our Clonenagh National School Parents Association as we launch our online fundraiser in support of our wonderful school community.

The prize is an incredible family pass to the amazing Kaleidoscope Festival at Russborough House, running from 3rd to 5th July 2026: a magical weekend packed with music, family entertainment, camping, shows, activities & unforgettable memories.

There are some fantastic headline acts & attractions announced already, please see the poster attached for more details.

This is such a fantastic opportunity to enjoy an amazing family weekend away while also supporting our school. Why not put your name in the hat and see if you could be the lucky winner?

Every ticket purchased helps support the ongoing work and development within Clonenagh NS. Our Parents Association continues to work hard to enhance our children's learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Funds raised help support:

- Buses for matches, school trips and sporting activities
- Support for the PE curriculum and extracurricular activities
- Development of our outdoor areas
- Additional resources and learning opportunities for the children
- Continued growth and improvement across our school community

We have big dreams for our school & your support truly makes a difference.

Tickets available at this iDonate link: [www.idonate.ie/raffle/KaleidascopeFamilyPass](http://www.idonate.ie/raffle/KaleidascopeFamilyPass)  
€10 for 1 ticket OR €25 for 3 tickets

Thank you so much to everyone who supports, shares and contributes: it is genuinely appreciated by all in our school community.

# Services & Readings

## June

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>	Genesis 12: 1-9 Psalm 33: 1-12 Romans 4: 13-25 Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	<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 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>	Genesis 18: 1-15 Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Holy Communion		<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Holy Communion		<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>	Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39	<b>Roskelton</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer	<b>Lacca</b> 10.30am Memorial Service	<b>Borris-in-Ossory</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42	<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am St' Peter's Day Holy Communion		

### PLEASE NOTE:

These venues and times are the complete listing of all Services for an 'ordinary' month as used over the last few years, and are provided here **ONLY** as a rough guide to how the Services might actually transpire.

The Bishop and Archdeacon are working on putting together a schedule of Preachers and Services for June, but this will only be finalised towards the end of May, and is likely to be further amended during June.

**So, these venues and times are subject to change, or even cancellation, at short notice!**

**Up-to-date information can be found on the Parish WhatsApp group or by contacting a Church Warden.**

## Parish Diary

### June

5th Friday.....Clonenagh N.S. Bake Sale

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

11th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

24th Wednesday.....Closing date for July/August 2026 Newsletter

Items for the July/August 2026 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday June 24th **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, June 28th.

**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- [clonenagh.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:clonenagh.newsletter@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE** the new e-mail address!

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