

# The Newsletter

April 2022

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***Trimming around the trees at Roskelton***

*(Photo provided by Ivor Clegg)*

## Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

# The Rector Writes

## Happy Easter!

Take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most: whatever it is that makes you worried, sad, or anxious. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of our greatest sources of grace and joy. If the brutal death of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history through his triumphant victory over death, then our personal suffering can become a source of great joy as long as we let God into our hearts and lives. This is the meaning of Easter. Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Indeed, there will be times when 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 when we trust and hope in him. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives. Christ is risen! - he is risen indeed! Happy Easter!

~Rev'd Victor

### Requiescant In Pace

We extend our most sincere condolences to:

Ethel Telford (Mountrath) on the death of her sister-in-law, **June Bennett** (Johnstown). June died peacefully after a short illness with her devoted family by her side, in the kind care of staff at St Vincent's Private hospital Dublin. Dearly loved wife of Osmond and loving mother of Gail and Robert. June will be missed by all who knew her and her incredibly joyous nature and good humour, supportive character, and tremendous dedication to helping others.

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory*

## Parish Notes

### We welcome in Holy Baptism

Congratulations and best wishes to proud parents Laura and Alan as we prepare to welcome baby **Hannah Peavoy** who will be baptised into the Christian faith on Sunday 24th April at the 11.30am celebration of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Mountrath. God bless baby Hannah as she takes her first steps in her journey of faith.

### Lenten Services

Will take place on Wednesday evenings at 8pm during the weeks of Lent, continuing on **6th April in Mountrath** with Evening Prayer and our Lenten services for 2022 will conclude with a celebration of Holy Communion celebrated by Bish-

op Michael Burrows on **13th April at 11pm in Seir Kieran**. This will be Bishop Michael's final ever service as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory.

### Holy Week And Easter 2022

**Wednesday of Holy Week** (13th April): Holy Communion and farewell to Bishop Michael at 11pm in **Seir Kieran**.

**Maundy Thursday** night at 8pm: Holy Communion in **St Peter's Church, Mountrath**.

**Good Friday:**

3pm Ante-Communion, **St Peter's Church, Mountrath**;  
8pm Prayers and Hymns, **Lacca**.

### *Easter Eve:*

6pm First Eucharist of Easter, **Seir Kieran**;

8pm The Easter Vigil, **Annatrim Church**.

### *Easter Day:*

8am First Eucharist of Easter Morning, **St Mark's Borris-in-Ossory**;

9am Holy Communion, **St Matthew's Church, Roskelton**;

10.15am Holy Communion, **Lacca Church**;

11.30am Holy Communion of Easter Day, **St Peter's Church, Mountrath**.

All welcome!

### **Easter General Vestries**

Our Easter General Vestries for the Clonenagh Group of Parishes will take place on:

8pm Tuesday 26th April: **Clonenagh** (Parochial Hall, Mountrath)

8pm Wednesday 27th April: **Borris-in-Ossory & Seir Kieran** (St. Mark's Church, Borris)

8pm Thursday 28th April: **Offerlane** (Annatrim Church).

Please do try to attend if you are able. It is important that you remember to send apologies to the relevant Honorary Secretary if you can't be there.

### **Fellowship Service**

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

### **Lacca Church Sunday School**

The Sunday School in Lacca continues at the 10.30am first Sunday of the month celebration of Holy Communion. All school age children are welcome!

The **2022 World Day of Prayer Service** is unfortunately cancelled.

### **Confirmation 2022**

At time of going to press, we have seven young Candidates for Confirmation in **Lacca Church on Saturday 26th March** at 11.30am.

My sincere thanks to the Candidates for their exceptional participation in classes, the attention they paid to the lessons, and their wonderful courtesy.

My thanks too to our church wardens Moira and John for all their assistance; to Joanna, Jennifer and Daphne for sitting in on the classes; and last but not least, to Sylvia for the very kind giving of her time in setting up of the parish hall, and her thoughtfulness in providing supplies for the Candidates.

Please do keep our young Confirmands in your prayers as they grow in faith and continue their journey of life in knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Thursday Bible Club**

The final Thursday Bible Club meeting is on 7th April at 6.30pm. New children are still welcome. Contact Mervyn Tomb at 0860575462 for more information.

### **CIYD Youth Forum 2022**

The Church of Ireland Youth Department is organising a Youth Forum, scheduled to be held on Saturday 9th April 2022. If you're a teenager and require any additional information, or you know a teen that might be interested in attending the Forum please let the Rector know or contact Emma Purser directly on: [pursere@tcd.ie](mailto:pursere@tcd.ie) or 085 162 3725.

### **Home Communions**

Our Home Communions take place during the first and second weeks of the month. Please do contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list. Please note that there will be no Home Communions during the month of May.

## **A Pastoral Letter from the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin regarding the return to the use of the Common Cup in Holy Communion.**

Receiving the consecrated wine in the Holy Communion by means of the Common Cup (Chalice) is the norm in the teaching and tradition of the Church of Ireland and in the Anglican Communion in general. However, in light of public health advice issued at various times during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the House of Bishops circulated guidance, first on the spiritual efficacy of receiving Holy Communion in One Kind, and subsequently giving permission for the use of individual cups in strictly regulated circumstances.

Mindful of the unambiguous injunction contained in Article 30 of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, we took these decisions reluctantly and with the stated intention of a return to the Anglican norm as soon as it was considered safe to do so, following independent advice, as has been our practice throughout the pandemic.

With the general phasing out of restrictions in most social settings, the House of Bishops has sought independent expert scientific advice on the return to the use of the Common Cup in Holy Communion. The advice we have received is that such a return would be reasonable now, especially in a vaccinated population and where anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 is encouraged to stay away from church services.

We have also been advised that wiping the rim of the chalice between each communicant (preferably with a linen cloth) will reduce the bacterial burden by up to 90%. Needless to say, great care should be taken in the cleansing of linens (purificators, corporals) and vessels (flagons, cruets, chalice, ciborium, lavabo etc.) before and after Holy Communion. The Bishops' received this scientific advice prior to the recent meeting of the House of Bishops and, with great joy, returned to the use of the Common Cup at our celebration of the Eucharist on that occasion.

We realise that a general return to the Common Cup in Holy Communion will take time to achieve. Many of us were taken by surprise at how rapidly most social restrictions were relaxed or completely removed and have continued to practice our own forms of mitigation and self-restraint, so there will be those who will be cautious about receiving communion from a chalice.

There will be local factors which will need to be taken into account, as there have been for other forms of Covid mitigations. At present there is no cut off point at which either Communion on One Kind or using individual cups should be replaced by the use of the Common Cup. However, we would urge parishes to give some thought as to how the return to our norm, without undue delay, will be achieved in a manner that creates sufficient confidence to allow that moment to be genuinely joyful. In the meantime, no new permissions will be given for the use of individual cups.

Finally, we would emphasise that while no individual communicant should feel under immediate pressure to drink from a common vessel, the expert advice is clear in its implication that there is now no pressing reason to withhold the shared cup from faithful people who earnestly desire to partake of it.

- + John Armagh
- + Michael Dublin

St Patrick's Day, 2022

### **Wicklow Barn Owl Group**

The Wicklow Barn Owl group is a collaboration between the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Birdwatch Ireland, Wicklow County Council Heritage Officer and the Wicklow Raptor Study group. We aim to increase the population of breeding barn owls in Wicklow through the provision of nest boxes, management advice to landowners and monitoring. We have a number of barn owl boxes and we are currently looking for suitable locations to install them. Locations will first need to be assessed for their suitability and priority will go to those at known or historic barn owl nest sites.

If you would be interested in locating a Barn Owl Nest Box at your home or farm anywhere in Ireland please get in touch. Email: [wicklowbarnowlgroup@gmail.com](mailto:wicklowbarnowlgroup@gmail.com) Please provide the following information a). An eircode b). A mobile number c). An email address; and we will be in touch as soon as we can!

**Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee** are once again recommencing after lockdown with the Golf Classic on Friday May 20th in Mountrath Golf Club. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or entering a team please contact Mrs. Mabel Peavoy on 086 2033720.



*(Photo kindly provided by Rev'd Victor)*

### **Youth Mix Service**

A sincere word of thanks to Mervyn Tomb for organising and arranging the wonderful all-age worship service led by Youth Mix at Lacca Church recently. It was a joy to see the church filled with young people, enjoying a service led by young people. It was thoroughly enjoyed by members of our own regular congregation too. A big thank you also to all who helped with the hospitality and refreshments after the service. Well done all!



# CLONENAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

## Volunteers ★ ★ Needed



We are looking for a plumber, tiler, kitchen fitter, painters and general helpers to help us for one morning or afternoon. All equipment and materials will be provided.

If you think you can help please call Debbie Oxley on 086 162 7172



# Services & Readings

## April

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<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8</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 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 19: 28-40</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 9.30am Holy Communion		<b>Annatrim</b> 11.00am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> 11.30am Morning Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>	<i>Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12: 1-3 John 13: 21-32</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> 11.00pm Holy Communion				
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35</i>	<b>Mountrath</b> 8.00pm Holy Communion				
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1 - 19: 42</i>	<b>Mountrath</b> 3.00pm Ante-Communion		<b>Lacca</b> 8.00pm Prayers & Hymns		
<b>Saturday/ Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Easter Eve Easter Day</i>	<i>Isaiah 65: 17-25 Easter Anthems Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Saturday 6.00pm Holy Communion		<b>Annatrim</b> Saturday 8.00pm Holy Communion		
		<b>Borris-in- Ossory</b> Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion	<b>Roskelton</b> Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 10.15am Holy Communion	<b>Mountrath</b> Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	
<b>Saturday/ Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Acts 5: 27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 20: 19-31</i>	<b>Seir Kieran</b> Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	<b>Lacca</b> Sunday 10.30am Family Service	<b>Annatrim</b> Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		<b>Mountrath</b> Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion

## Parish Diary

### April

3rd Sunday.....Lacca Sunday School (*page 3*)  
**6th Wednesday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes**  
 7th Thursday.....Thursday Bible Club (*page 3*)  
 9th Saturday.....CIYD Youth Forum (*page 3*)  
 14th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service (*page 3*)  
**20th Wednesday.....Closing date for April 2022 Newsletter**  
 26th Tuesday.....Clonenagh Easter General Vestry (*page 3*)  
 27th Wednesday.....Borris & Seir Kieran Easter General Vestry (*page 3*)  
 28th Thursday.....Offerlane Easter General Vestry (*page 3*)

Items for the May 2022 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday April 20th **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, April 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@clonenagh.com](mailto:newsletter@clonenagh.com)

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