

The Newsletter

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***Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson,
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The Rector Writes

Summertime Reflection

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he, the Lord, is near, at the very gates." (Matthew 24:32-33 ESV)

Around the time, pardon the pun, of my First Holy Communion, I was given a gift of a lovely watch with a brown leather strap and a bright red seconds hand. Now I had to learn how to tell time! The classrooms at school had big cardboard clocks which the teachers used to move the hands around the clock face to teach us how to tell time: the small hand on the clock tells you the hour and the big hand tells you the minutes. Of course even in 1981 watches and clocks like this were going out of use as people switched to digital clocks. A digital clock tells you both the hour and the minutes using numbers, usually in 24-hour format, such as 14:30.

However, whatever type of clock you use, most of us look at it many times each day to check to see what time it is. Suppose that you're waiting on a friend was to pick you up at eleven o'clock to go to the beach. First, you would make sure you had eaten, had your swimming clothes ready, and were all set and ready to go. Then, as time moves on, you would be waiting and watching for your friend to come. In all likelihood, you would probably be glancing at the clock every few minutes to see if it was time for your friend to arrive.

This month, July, traditionally marks the beginning of the summer holiday season, and yes we are looking forward to the long, warm summer days and holidays, but as per our scripture passage above, we await the coming of another very important event. The return of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus told us that he would come again, but he didn't tell us what time he would be here. In fact, he said, *"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."* (Matthew 24:36, ESV). If we don't know when he is coming, how will we be ready? ...by doing the things that Jesus would want us to be doing: watching out for one another, caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, and helping the very young and very old. If we are doing those things, we will be ready when he comes. Actually, those are also the very same things that Christians should be doing anyway, each and every day of our lives.

So, get ready for summer but keep awake for the Day of the Lord.

"Dearest Lord Jesus, we look forward with joy to the day when you return. Help us to live in such a way that we will be ready when you come. Amen."

~Rev'd Victor

Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson elected as new Bishop of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory

The Episcopal Electoral College for the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, meeting in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, has elected the Ven Adrian Wilkinson, Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, as the new Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. He succeeds the Rt Revd Michael Burrows, who was translated as Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe on 14th April 2022, following his election to that role in January of this year.

The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, who chaired the Electoral College, said: 'I am delighted that Archdeacon Wilkinson has been elected Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. Ahead lies a most fruitful time for the bishop to get to know the clergy and people of the diocese and to establish him in the wider community of Kilkenny, Waterford and the South East. May God guide and equip Bishop Adrian in the days and months ahead as he embarks on his episcopal ministry in the Church of God.'

The Bishop-elect said: 'I am humbled and honoured to have been elected Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. While I will be sorry to leave Cork, a place where I have served very happily for over twenty years, I look forward to this new chapter in ministry. My childhood years were spent in Cashel, Ferns and Ossory and I look forward to working with the clergy and people there in the years ahead, as we proclaim our faith in word and action.'

Following confirmation of the election by the House of Bishops, the Bishop-elect will be consecrated as a bishop on a date to be determined.

Parish Notes



**Eileen Senior celebrating
her 80th birthday**

(Photo kindly provided by Joyce Lalor)

Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee

...would like to say a big "Thank you!" for your most generous support of the Annual Golf Classic which was held on Friday May 20th and made it a great success. Thank you to sponsors, to anyone who entered a team, to those who gave raffle prizes and to anyone who contributed in any way. Thank you to Elizabeth who looked after the prizes and the ladies who checked the cards on the night. To date we have raised €7,432.86 and there is still more to come in. Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day.

Thursday Bible Club

Is now on summer recess. See you again in the autumn!

Fellowship Service

The fellowship service is now on summer recess and returns in September.

Diocesan Youth Oversight Committee

The Diocesan Youth Oversight Committee are running a summer camp this coming July in Gurteen Agricultural College. The Camp is aimed at young people who are post-primary (13-16 years approx.) but is also ideal for young people who have been Confirmed in the last few years, and who were unable to attend Confirmation Retreats due to lockdown. Application forms are available from the Rector, and further information can be obtained from Rev. Nicola Halford at (053) 9239009 or email:

revnicolahalford@gmail.com.

The cost is substantially subsidised by the Diocesan Youth Grant.

Home Communion

Our Home Communion 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.



**Michael Elliott recently celebrated
a notable birthday
(pictured with Gladys Danne)**

(Photo kindly provided by Valerie Handcock)

Items for the September 2022 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday August 24th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, August 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: newsletter@clonenagh.com

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Services & Readings

July

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Sunday 3rd <i>The Sunday between 3 and 9 July</i>	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6: 1-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 10th <i>The Sunday between 10 and 16 July</i>	Amos 7: 7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 17th <i>The Sunday between 17 and 23 July</i>	Amos 8: 1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Service of the Word	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Saturday/ Sunday 23rd/24th <i>The Sunday between 24 and 30 July</i>	Hosea 1: 2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2: 6-19 Luke 11: 1-13	Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	Lacca Sunday 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 31st <i>The Sunday between 31 July and 6 August</i>	Hosea 11: 1-11 Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21	Mountrath 11.00am Holy Communion				

August

Sunday 7th <i>The Sunday between 7 and 13 August</i>	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 14th <i>The Sunday between 14 and 20 August</i>	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 1-2, 9-20 Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2 Luke 12: 49-56	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 21st <i>The Sunday between 21 and 27 August</i>	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Service of the Word	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Saturday/ Sunday 27th/28th <i>The Sunday between 28 August and 3 September</i>	Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Seir Kieran Saturday 7.00pm Holy Communion	Lacca Sunday 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion

Parish Diary

July

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

August

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

24th Wednesday.....Closing date for September 2022 Newsletter