

The Newsletter

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***Clonenagh National School celebrated World Day of Prayer
in St Peter's Church recently. The theme was 'Taiwan'***

(Photo kindly provided by Rev'd Victor)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

The Beloved Disciple

Now our Lenten journey is almost at an end, our churches – spartan for Lent – are now brimming and beautifully decorated with flowers and the Gloria, left unsaid and unsung for forty days, now returns to our liturgies. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our Easter Gospel lists three significant persons: Mary Magdalene, Peter and the Beloved Disciple – the ‘disciple whom Jesus loved’ (John 21:7, NIV). He is not named, and so this disciple is in fact all of us, each and every one of us are the Beloved Disciple. The ever-faithful Mary, loyal to the end, goes to the tomb despite the dangers involved, and even though it is dark she sees the stone has been moved. Immediately she runs and tells the others what she seen has and experienced: the empty tomb, Jesus’ burial cloths, and the head-covering placed elsewhere in the tomb. Having heard Mary’s account, the others also go to the tomb. They too see, but they more than just see. They see and believe. They see and believe with their hearts. God enables us to see the wonderful mystery of the resurrection because he gives us the eyes of faith.

This Easter, together with our brother and sister Christians across the world, let us follow the Beloved Disciple and Mary’s example: let us too stand at the empty tomb and believe! Then have the courage to proclaim to all the good news of the resurrection. This Easter, may what we believe in our hearts, and profess with our lips... Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

~Rev’d Victor

Requiescant In Pace

We extend our sincere condolences to Vera Richardson and Noel Wrest, Mountrath, on the recent death of their dear brother-in-law **David Cooper**, late of Gorey, Co. Wexford; and to Gladys Danne, Lacca, on the recent death of her beloved cousin and friend **Dolores (Lolo) O’Reilly**, late of Kildalkey, Co. Meath.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Parish Notes

Lenten Services

...for 2023 conclude on 5th April with Evening Prayer & Reflection in **Mountrath**.

Holy Week And Easter

Maundy Thursday (6th April):

8pm, Holy Communion in St Peter’s Church, **Mountrath**.

Good Friday (7th April):

10am, Pilgrim Walk, St. Matthew’s Church, **Roskelton**

3pm, Ante-Communion, St Peter’s Church, **Mountrath**.

8pm, Prayers and Hymns, **Lacca**.

Easter Eve (8th April):

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

The Easter Vigil (8th April):

8pm, **Annatrim Church**.

Easter Day (9th April):

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**

Good Friday Pilgrim Walk

Following a three year absence, we are delighted to announce the reinstatement of the **Good Friday Pilgrim Walk / Stations of the Cross**. This year’s walk begins on Good Friday at 10am in St. Matthew’s Church, Roskelton, finishing in The Hollow. All welcome!

Easter General Vestries

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

8pm Tuesday 18th April **Clononagh** (Parochial Hall, Mountrath)

8pm Wednesday 19th April **Borris-in-Ossory & Seir Kieran** (Seir Kieran)

8pm Thursday 20th 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.

World Day Of Prayer 2023

The annual World Day of Prayer service took place on Thursday 2nd March at in St Peter's Church, Mountrath. The Childrens' Service was at 11.30am, and the evening service was at 8pm.

This is an ecumenical movement led by women and children around the world, and for this year the service was prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan, and adapted beautifully for us by Mabel Peavoy.

The children decorated the church wonderfully with Chinese dragons, painted plates and lanterns, with a lovely display made of the Taiwanese flag. The evening service was followed by the usual cup of tea and enjoyed by all!

Gladys Danne would like to thank all her friends and fellow parishioners who kindly donated to **Lacca Church and hall** for her **90th birthday**. A total of €3045 was raised.. Many thanks to all, ~Gladys

Thank you to all the **Lacca parishioners** who contributed towards the repairs on the church windows. The sum of €2450 was raised.

Fellowship Service

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

Thursday Bible Club

The Thursday Bible Club will soon be on Easter recess, thanks to all who have supported the club in 2022/23! ~Mervyn Tomb

Home Communion

Please contact the Rector if you or a loved one would like to be added to the list or would simply just like a visit and a chat.

Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee are holding the annual Golf Classic on Friday 26th May in Mountrath Golf Club.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or entering a team please contact Mrs Mabel Peavoy on 086 2033720 .

Your support would be much appreciated.

Girls' Friendly Society

GFS members have been busy completing crafts for Diocesan competitions.

Leaders and girls are going bowling this Friday evening and are looking forward to the trip.

Upcoming meetings: March 31st, April 21st, May 5th, all in the Parochial Hall, 7.15-8.45pm.



Pizza night at GFS recently!

(Photo kindly provided by Rev'd Victor)

Clonenagh National School News

Clonenagh National School are collecting used or unwanted clothes, hand-bags, belts, curtains, bed linen, shoes (in pairs), towels, hats and scarves as a fundraiser for the school.

The collection is part of a **Cash for Clobber Scheme** which exports reusable items of suitable quality to developing countries, and at the same time, provides funds to the school, linked directly to the weight collected.

Items can be dropped off in black bin bags to the front door of the school on the Portlaoise Road, Mountrath between 9.30am-3pm on Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March 2023.

Please Note: Pillows, duvets, soiled clothes and soft toys cannot be accepted for hygiene reasons.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Items for the May 2023 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday 19th April AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, April 23rd.

Services & Readings

April

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Sunday 2nd <i>The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)</i>	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 27: 11-54	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
Wednesday 5th <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12: 1-3 John 13: 21-32	Mountrath 8.00pm Evening Prayer				
Thursday 6th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	Mountrath 8.00pm Holy Communion				
Friday 7th <i>Good Friday</i>	Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1 - 19: 42	Mountrath 3.00pm Ante-Communion			Lacca 8.00pm Prayers & Hymns	
Saturday 8th <i>Easter Eve</i>	Job 14: 1-14 Psalm 31: 1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4: 1-8 Matthew 27: 57-66	Seir Kieran 6.00pm The First Eucharist of Easter			Annatrim 8.00pm Easter Eve Holy Communion	
Sunday 9th <i>The First Sunday of Easter (Easter Sunday)</i>	Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Easter Anthems Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 28: 1-10	Borris-in-Ossory 8.00am The First Eucharist of Easter Morning	Roskelton 9.00am Holy Communion	Lacca 10.15am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 16th <i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31	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 22nd/23rd <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Isaiah 43: 1-12 Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35	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 30th <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10	Mountrath 11.00am Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

March

27th-29th.....Clonenagh N.S. Cash For Clobber collection
 29th Wednesday.....Lenten Service, Seir Kieran
 30th Thursday.....Bible Club
 31st Friday.....GFS

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5th Wednesday.....Lenten Service, Mountrath
 6th Thursday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 13th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
 19th Wednesday.....Closing date for May 2023 Newsletter
 21st Friday.....GFS