

The Newsletter

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The Rector Writes

May Day

This May Day – Monday 1st May – we give thanks to God for our jobs, careers, studies, training & apprenticeships, and our lives in the home. For those of us who have retired, we look back with gratitude on our past labours and the joys that came into our lives. We also pause to think of others who are working multiple jobs and yet who are still struggling to make ends meet. Our thoughts turn too to those who are unable to work through disability; those between jobs; those who have come to our country to seek employment; and those who have no work. We also give God thanks for employers: for those farm & business owners – large and small – who have brought a livelihood and dignity to others through providing employment.

In his Gospel St Luke recounts Jesus' declaration of his mission: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor (Luke 4:18, NIV). Later, Luke records the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), where Jesus challenges the consciences of those who are blessed to have plenty, and to inspire an awareness in us to look out for the less fortunate. Jesus calls the rich to assist the poor and to bolster the dignity to those who have little.

We have so many distractions in our lives that we can often be unintentionally diverted from the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and much worse, intentionally disinterested in the cry of the poor and the needy. Today, Jesus invites us to open our hearts and minds to those oppressed by the worries and burdens of life: paying bills, finding a home, educating our children, caring for incapacitated relatives and friends, servicing debt and so too to be aware of our own needs such as minding our health. We cannot aid others or be there for those around us if we neglect our own well-being. Let us this May Day ask God for what Dorothy Day called 'a revolution of the heart' and so demand dignity for all, especially those living in extreme poverty and powerlessness, and the Lord's blessing and strength in helping our fellow people.

~Rev'd Victor

Requiescant In Pace

We extend our sincere condolences to:

The family and friends of **Victor Hamilton**, late of Mountrath and Foxrock. Victor was born in Mountrath but spent much of his life in Dublin. He will be sadly missed by his wife Jackie, and children Natasha, Andrew, Claire and Paul. His funeral service took place in Tullow Parish Church, Brighton Road, Carrickmines.

Valerie Hancock and George Danne on the recent death of their beloved mother, **Gladys Danne**, Lacca. Gladys lived all her life within a short distance of Lacca Church and will be well-remembered for the enormous impact she made to the preservation and enhancement of the church buildings, and the worship life of the community.

The Rector on the death of his aunt **Daphne Fitzpatrick (née Howard)**, late of Drumcondra, who died peacefully on Tuesday 18th April.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Parish Notes

Beating The Bounds On Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday is a day when the people seek God's protection on their farms, livestock, and crops. The three days following are considered Rogation Days, where Christians are encouraged to fast and pray ahead of Ascension Day. The tradition of Beating the Bounds sees the Incumbent walking the boundaries of the parish – from which we get “bounds” – praying the psalms and asking for God's blessing, well-being and protection for that particular community. As Seir Kieran is an outlying Ossory parish within Killaloe, keeping the Bounds safe has a long history, and we will celebrate the Beating of the Bounds at Seir Kieran this Rogation Sunday, 14th May at 9.30am. All welcome!

Mothers' Union

The deferred Lady's Day Service will be held in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath on Monday next 24th April at 8pm. Mrs Gillian Purser will give the address and will give a talk on the Bishops' Appeal at the meeting afterwards in the hall. All are welcome.

Fellowship Service

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

Home Communions

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.

There will be a raffle on the night and donations for this would be very much appreciated.

Parishioners are also welcome on the night for the prizegiving and the raffle which will take place around 9pm. Your support is much appreciated.

The RCB are holding a **Data Protection and Safeguarding Meeting** at Midlands Park Hotel, Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm for Parish Safeguarding Trust Panels and other interested Vestrypersons.

Tea and Coffee will be available from 7pm, with presentations starting by 7.30pm. We hope the evening should be over no later than 9.15pm.

The agenda will include presentations by Rebekah Fozzard (Data Protection) and Robert Dunne and the Chief Officer, David Ritchie, also hopes to attend. There will be plenty of time for questions.

Please RSVP the Rector by Monday 8th May 2023.

Girls' Friendly Society

Upcoming meeting: May 5th in the Parochial Hall, 7.15-8.45pm.

Services & Readings

May

Sunday 7th <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14</i>	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 14th <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)</i>	<i>Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm 66: 7-18 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion & Beating of the Bounds		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 21st <i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after the Ascension Day)</i>	<i>Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11</i>	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 27th/28th <i>The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i>	<i>Numbers 11: 24-30 Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b Acts 2: 1-21 John 7: 37-39</i>	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

April

24th Monday.....Lady's Day Service, Mountrath

May

5th Friday.....GFS Meeting

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

11th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

14th Sunday.....Beating of the Bounds, Seir Kieran

24th Wednesday.....Closing date for June 2023 Newsletter

26th Friday.....Clonenagh Parish Golf Classic

Items for the June 2023 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday 24th May AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, May 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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