

The Newsletter

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A feast of tea and cakes at a recent Third Sunday Service in Lacca

(Image kindly provided by Joyce Lalor)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Confirmation 2025: Embrace the Future

Confirmation represents a pivotal moment in the faith journey for many young people. For some, it offers an opportunity for personal reflection and a deeper comprehension of the profound significance which this sacrament holds for them.

Confirmation is a key moment when a person declares their faith publicly and receives the Holy Spirit's gifts. It demands that we reflect on and strengthen our relationship with God, and deepen our understanding of church teachings.

Each person has different qualities, talents, and gifts. All are given freely and should be used.

Success or failure does not determine our worth; each individual is unique and valuable.

Life is measured by the kind actions we take and the happiness we bring.

There are many promises and opportunities along the way, some good, some false, some leading to happiness, others leading to disappointment.

You are in control.

Face forward, and let obstacles fall behind you.

Nothing worthy in life is ever too hard to achieve if you have the determination to try and the belief in success.

Discover all your wonderful gifts!

Congratulations to the 10 boys and girls who are to be Confirmed by Bishop Adrian on Sunday 25th May, and thank you to all who helped them prepare for Confirmation.

~Canon Victor

Requiescant In Pace

We express our sincere condolences to:

John Roe (Borris-in-Ossory) on the death of his brother **Robert** (late of Navan, Co. Meath) who died on Tuesday 1st April;

Olga Telford (Roskelton) on the death of her niece **Karen Flynn**, late of Portlaoise, who died on Friday 4th April;

Caroline Clegg (Roskelton) on the death of her aunt, **Lily Martin** (née Scott) late of Canningstown, Co. Cavan & Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, who died on Sunday 13th April:

The family and friends of **Audrey Mitchell** (née Wynne) (Coolrain), who died on Tuesday 15th April.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Easter General Vestries

Tuesday 29 April 8pm **Clonenagh**: Parochial Hall

Thursday 1 May 8pm **Borris-in Ossory & Seir Kieran**: St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory

Tuesday 6 May 8pm **Offerlane**: Lacca Hall

Confirmation 2025

Please remember in your prayers our 10 young parishioners who will be Confirmed in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, on Sunday 25 May, 2025. Class dates for your diary: 9, 16 & 23 May, at 7.00pm.

Register Of Vestrypersons

It is that time of the year to update the Register of Vestrypersons, so that new parishioners and those 18 years of age and older can register. By registering your name, you are entitled to vote at the Easter Vestry, when select vestry members are elected along with Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens. You also have the possibility of being elected to the select vestry if you so desire – new members are very welcome. Please contact the relevant Honorary Secretary for more information.

Fellowship Service

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

Lacca Third Sunday Service

The Third Sunday Service in March was the last Sunday for tea in Lacca at 4pm and will return with the Harvest Festival Service in October..

GFS

Girls Friendly Society has re-commenced for 2025. If you are interested in volunteering as a leader or would like further information contact Jennifer on 086 818 5644.

Golf Classic

Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee are holding the annual Golf Classic in Mountrath Golf Club on Friday 23rd May.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole at €120 or entering a team at €120, please contact Mrs Mabel Peavoy on 086 2033720 or Mrs Evelyn Bennett on 086 7950502.

There will be raffle on the night and donations for this would be very much appreciated. The draw will take place at around 9pm, and it would be nice to see some more parishioners attending on the night. Support is greatly appreciated.

Men's Weekend

Don't forget, Mervyn & Rachel Tomb are running a Men's Weekend at the Durrow Centre 9-11 May.

More details and booking at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200486154949059>

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 28th April at 8pm in Parochial Hall Mountrath. Mary Keenan of Gash Garden Centre, Castletown will give some advice on spring gardening. All are very welcome.

The MU Festival Service with commissioning of the Diocesan President & newly elected trustees will be held in St. Canices Cathedral Kilkenny at 7pm on Thursday 1st May.

Camross News

1: We continue to host our Community Coffee morning on the last Wednesday of the month- 30th of April- from 10.30-12.30 in the Hub Camross village. We are aiming to provide a meeting spot for the community where they can arrange to meet with neighbours and friends over a cuppa. Or indeed to just drop in and find some one to chat with. Everybody is welcome.

2: The Lunch Club returns to Camross Community Hall on May 15th, (R32TX8Y)- 2 course lunch served at 12.30pm. Booking is essential to reserve your place at 087-6605438. The lunch club is to provide a positive environment where older people can meet, enjoy a good meal together and socialise with their neighbours and friends in their local area.

Home Communions

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

Clonenagh National School News

Clonenagh National School, Mountrath are collecting unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, hand-bags, bags, scarves, belts, hats, soft toys and scarves as a fundraiser for the school. Clean, folded bedding, blankets, towels and curtains can also be accepted but please collect these in separate bags to the other items.

The collection is part of the **Bag2School Ireland 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. As an additional bonus, LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice will also receive an additional 10% from Bag2School on top of the value raised by the school.

Items can be dropped off in black bin bags to the front door of the school on the Portlaoise Road, Mountrath between 10am-1pm on Saturday 17th May 2025 and also between 9.30am-3pm on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st May 2025.

Note: Pillows, duvets, cushions, rugs and soiled clothes **can not** be accepted.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Services & Readings

May

Sunday 4th <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Acts 9: 1-6</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>Revelation 5: 11-14</i> <i>John 21: 1-19</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 11th <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Acts 9: 36-43</i> <i>Psalm 23</i> <i>Revelation 7: 9-17</i> <i>John 10: 22-30</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Acts 11: 1-18</i> <i>Psalm 148</i> <i>Revelation 21: 1-6</i> <i>John 13: 31-35</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
Sat. 24th Sun. 25th <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday</i>	<i>Acts 16: 9-15</i> <i>Psalm 67</i> <i>Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5</i> <i>John 14: 23-29</i>	Saturday Seir Kieran 7.00pm Holy Communion	Sunday Lacca 10.30am Family Service		Sunday Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion Confirmation Service	

Parish Diary

April

28th Monday.....Mothers' Union meeting
 29th Tuesday.....Clonenagh Easter General Vestry
 30th Wednesday.....Camross Community Coffee

May

1st Thursday.....Borris-in-Ossory & Seir Kieran Easter General Vestry
 1st Thursday.....Mothers' Union Festival Service
 6th Tuesday.....Offerlane Easter General Vestry
6th Tuesday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 8th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
 9th-11th Fri-Sun.....Men's Weekend
 15th Thursday.....Camross Lunch Club
21st Wednesday.....Closing date for June 2025 Newsletter
 23rd Friday.....Clonenagh Parish Golf Classic

Items for the June 2025 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday May 21st AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, May 25th.

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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