

The Newsletter

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Flowers and Ladybirds

Sure signs that summer is on the way!

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Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Summertime

As summertime fast approaches, let us firstly use this opportunity to appreciate God's creation:

I. Observe nature

Take time to admire the beauty of God's creation, from the smallest flower to the largest tree, and the vastness of the sky.

II. Use your senses

Engage with the world around you through sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste, appreciating the unique beauty all around us that God has provided.

III. Reflect on God's providence

Consider how God provides for us through his creation, offering nourishment, joy, healing, happiness, beauty and wonder.

...find rest and renew:

IV. Prioritise rest

Summer can be a time to relax, recharge, and find a sense of peace, remembering that God has instructed us to rest in his creation.

V. Engage in quiet reflection

Have you tried meditation? Quietly reflect and contemplate in meditation, connecting with God in a different and more intimate way.

VI. Enjoy fellowship

Make time to connect with friends, family and colleagues, fostering deep bonds and sharing in the joys of the summer season.

...and last and most importantly, pray:

VI. Focus on prayer and worship

Make sure to set time aside for prayer and participate in community worship at church, strengthening your faith and connection with God.

~Canon Victor (Drawn from several sources)

Requiescant In Pace

Please remember in your prayers Richard, Vicky and Charlene on the death of their dear dad **Sydney Harvey**, Derrycarrow, Camross who died on 1st May and was laid to rest in St Jude's Church, Annatrim on Sunday 3rd May.

May he rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Confirmation 2025

We remember in our prayers Harry Hargroves, Alan Bennett, Tilly Harvey, Sophie Telford, Richard Lalor, Joshua Kavanagh, Lucy Cullen, Laughlin Cooper, Josh Wharton, Grace Wharton and Luke Wharton who will be confirmed by Bishop Adrian this weekend, Sunday 25th May, at St Peter's Church, Mountrath.

May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire them in every step of life's journey.

Wedding Joy

We send our heartfelt congratulations to **Stephanie Bennett** (Lacca) and her new husband **David McCabe** on their recent marriage in Lacca Church. We wish the new couple every blessing and joy as they begin their journey together.

We welcome in Holy Baptism

...Teidí John Telford who was welcomed into the Christian family of Clonenagh Group of Parishes on Saturday 12th April in St Matthew's Church, Roskelton. We pray every blessing on Teidí and his proud parents Craig and Maura.

GFS News

All Ireland Camp: Six girls and four leaders attended the camp in Drewstown House, Co. Meath at end of April. A good time was had by all attending.

Diocesan Service and Prizegiving: Leaders and girls attended the Service and Prizegiving in St. Canice's Cathedral Kilkenny on 18th May. We were delighted to return home with 10 medals/cups (7 Diocesan and 3 All Ireland) for Bible Study and craft competitions. Names will be available in next months newsletter after our Parish

presentation evening. All attending enjoyed a picnic afterwards in the sunshine in the Orchard beside the Cathedral

Diocesan Junior Day Trip to Lullymore: We have a small number of girls heading to Lullymore on Saturday 24th May.

5th Sunday Service

Sunday 29th June is a 5th Sunday. Service on that day will be at 11am in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath. This will be a special service for St. Peter's Day.

Fellowship Service

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

Golf Classic 2025

The **Clonenagh Parish Fundraising Committee** annual **Golf Classic** in Mountrath Golf Club is ongoing as this issue of the Newsletter goes to press on Friday 23rd May. Full report next month.

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.

Badminton Club

If anyone is interested in playing Badminton for fun or competitive leagues, you are more than welcome to attend training on Tuesday & Thursday evenings every week in Mountrath Community School Hall. We would love to see new faces coming back to Badminton, and it's a great game for your well-being. Juvenile 7pm – 8pm, €4 pp fee. Adults 8pm – 10pm, €5 pp fee.

Services & Readings

June

Sunday 1st <i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Acts 16: 16-34</i> <i>Psalms 97</i> <i>Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21</i> <i>John 17: 20-26</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 8th <i>The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i>	<i>Genesis 11: 1-9</i> <i>Psalms 104: 26-36, 37b</i> <i>Acts 2: 1-21</i> <i>John 14: 8-17</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31</i> <i>Psalms 8</i> <i>Romans: 5: 1-5</i> <i>John 16: 12-15</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. 21st Sun. 22nd <i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a</i> <i>Psalms 42; 43</i> <i>Galatians 3: 23-29</i> <i>Luke 8: 26-39</i>	Saturday Seir Kieran 7.00pm Holy Communion	Sunday Lacca 10.30am Family Service	Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer	Sunday Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 29th <i>St. Peter's Day</i>	<i>Ezekiel 3: 22-27</i> <i>Psalms 125</i> <i>Acts 12: 1-11</i> <i>Matthew 16: 13-19</i>	Mountrath 11.00am Holy Communion				

Parish Diary

June

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

12th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

18th Wednesday.....Closing date for July/August 2025 Newsletter

29th Sunday.....St. Peter's Day 5th Sunday Service, Mountrath

Items for the July/August 2025 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday June 18th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, June 22nd.

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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