

The Newsletter

July & August 2025

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Victorious Golfers!

Dinah Kingsley & Team
3rd Prize Winners



Charlie Peavoy & Team (Peavoy Financial)
Juvenile Prize Winners



Joe Hearn & Team
6th Prize Winners

(Images kindly provided by Mabel Peavoy)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

I Love Summertime

I love the summer's rays, shinning from the sun
the warmth of laughter with children having fun.
I love summer's breezes, gently drifting in the air
the sounds of pure delight when the weather is fair.
I love summer's laziness, the strolls down the lane
the sound of peacefulness upon summer's gentle rain.
I love summer's smells, fragrant with memories
the happy thoughts wafting of BBQ's, friends and families.
I love summertime, its smells, sights, its sounds
I love that God blesses me when summer comes around!

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Psalm 118:24

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (KJV)

~Canon Victor

Requiescant In Pace

Please remember in your prayers:

Mabel Peavoy and all the extended Peavoy and Wallace families on the death of their brother and uncle, **Richard Alexander (Alec) Wallace** who passed away peacefully on 28th May in North Vancouver, Canada.

...and Clive, Melvin, Sandra and Nigel Bennett and all the extended Bennett family on the death of their mother **Susan Bennett (nee Benn)**, Johnsborough, Mountrath and formerly Ballygurteen, Roscrea who passed away on 11th June and was laid to rest in Lacca Church / Annatrim Churchyard on Friday 13th June

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

PLEASE NOTE that the **first Sunday Service of August (Sunday 3rd) in Roskelton will take place at 9.00am.** All other services are unaffected.

Fellowship Service

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

Baby Joy

Many warm congratulations to **Stewart and Michelle Tracy** on the birth on Thursday 19th June of their first child, **Pippa Eileen**. Every blessing and welcome to the world Baby Pippa!

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.

We welcome in Holy Baptism

...**Hallie Martha Foot**, who was welcomed into the Christian family of Clonenagh Group of Parishes on Saturday 31st May in St Matthew's Church, Roskelton. We pray every blessing on Hallie and her proud parents **Órlaith and Robin**.

August Fifth-Sunday Service

Sunday 31st August is the fifth Sunday of the month, and will be a united celebration of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Mountrath at 11am.

Golf Classic 2025

The **Parish Fundraising Committee** would like to say a huge "Thank you" to everyone who supported the Golf Classic on Friday 23 May, it was a great success.

Thank you to all sponsors, and all who entered teams, those who donated raffle prizes, and anyone who contributed in any way to make it a great success. A big thank you to Elizabeth who looked after the prizes and the ladies who helped check the cards on the night. We have no final figure yet as there are donations still coming.

The **winning teams** were:

1st Eddie Kirwans, 2nd Marie Graves, 3rd Dinah Kingsley, 4th Betty Thompson, 6th Joe Hearn.

Juveniles: Charle Peavoy.

Non-Golfers: Tom Wrafter.

Congratulations to all the prize winners!

Great fun was had by all even through a few showers! It's great to see such community spirit, so again, thank you to everyone for your support, participation, donations and volunteer work before, during and after the event; it was greatly appreciated!

GFS News

Girls Friendly Society has now concluded after a busy year,

We would like to thank all the leaders for their continued efforts in helping and the parents for helping out when needed.

We attended the GFS Diocesan Service and Prizegiving in Kilkenny on May 18th and the Junior day trip on May 24th and then held our End of year Presentation night on May 30th.

Congratulations to all the girls for receiving their Arts and Crafts badge as

well as their cert for their Bible study and Handcraft competitions

We were fortunate enough to have received these 10 Diocesan/All Ireland awards:

Bible study

- 5-7, Rebecca Cullen, 1st (Diocese)
& Highly Commended (All Ireland)
- 9-11, Patience Elegbekel, 1st (Diocese)
& Highly Commended (All Ireland)
- 9-11, Martha Lalor, 2nd (Diocese)
Abigail Hotellier 2nd (Diocese)
- 13-15, Alison Armitage, 3rd (Diocese)

Handcrafts

- 7-9, Cadhla Free, 3rd (Diocese)
- 15-18, Jane Lalor 1st (Diocese)
& 2nd (All Ireland)

We hope everyone enjoys the summer and we look forward to seeing you all and some new members in September.

Maize Maze

Fun family day out at the Maize Maze on Dealgrove Farm, Shanahoe. Over 6 acres of a tractor themed maze adventure. Coffee and treats supplied by Jane's Bakes. Open July-October. Bookings through maizemaze.ie

Clonenagh National School News

Clonenagh National School will be closed for the summer holidays from Friday, 20th June until we reopen on Wednesday, 27th August.

We have had a truly wonderful school year and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the wider school community — including parishioners, parents, guardians, and past pupils — for their continued support.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts this year: the tractor run, various raffles, and our recent clothes collection were all a great success. These events have helped raise much-needed funds for our school, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As we wrap up the term, school life remains as lively as ever! We've enjoyed an exciting calendar of activities including sports day, school tours, Active School Week, swimming, friendly hurling and camogie matches, and — to finish with flair — our much-loved Clonenagh's Got Talent show!

If you need to contact the school during the summer break, please email us at clonenaghns@gmail.com.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and joyful summer!

~The Staff of Clonenagh National School

Items for the September 2025 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday August 20th **AT THE LATEST**, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, August 24th.

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

Otherwise to- Ivor Clegg, Cloncourse, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 057-8621277/087-2522162

Services & Readings

July						
Sunday 6th <i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6: 7-16 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 13th <i>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</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 20th <i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</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 26th/27th <i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Hosea 1: 2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2: 6-15, (16-19) 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
August						
Sunday 3rd <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	Hosea 11: 1-11 Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21	Roskelton 9.00am Holy Communion NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!	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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 17th <i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 1-2, 9-20 Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2 Luke 12: 49-56	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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17	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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Mountrath 11.00am Holy Communion				

July

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

10th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

August

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

12th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

20th Wednesday.....Closing date for September 2025 Newsletter