

The Newsletter

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Clonenagh National School students at the Harvest Thanksgiving

(Images kindly provided by Clonenagh N.S.)



Refreshments in Lacca Hall following Mervyn Tomb's last Family Service

(Image kindly provided by Deirdre Alexander)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

The Harvest Moon

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes
And roofs of villages, on woodland crests
And their aerial neighborhoods of nests
Deserted, on the curtained window-panes
Of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes
And harvest-fields, its mystic splendor rests!
Gone are the birds that were our summer guests,
With the last sheaves return the laboring wains!
All things are symbols: the external shows
Of Nature have their image in the mind,
As flowers and fruits and falling of the leaves;
The song-birds leave us at the summer's close,
Only the empty nests are left behind,
And pipings of the quail among the sheaves.

The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox, which was 22nd September this year, making the full moon on 7th October the Harvest Moon. Historically, the word '*harvest*' is significant because farmers used the light of the full moon to work into the night and gather ripened crops.

"When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?"

(Psalm 8:3-4)

~Canon Victor

Requiescant In Pace

Please remember in your prayers:

Paul Kearney (Roskelton), whose mother **Mary Kathleen Kearney** (nee Davey), late of Durrow, died on Saturday 30th August and was laid to rest in Durrow on Tuesday 2nd September,

...**Sloane Cooper** (Coolrain), on the death of his aunt **Mary Hannan** (nee Handcock), formerly of Coolrain, who died on Friday 5th September and was laid to rest in Aghaboe on Sunday 7th,

...and the family of **Thomas Donovan** (Clonard), who died on Monday 25th August and was laid to rest on Wednesday 27th August in Churchtown Cemetery, Castletown.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Pastoral Visit

Bishop Adrian Wilkinson will be making a Pastoral Visit to Roskelton and Borris-in-Ossory on Sunday 16th November, where he will celebrate Holy Communion in both churches. This is a great opportunity to meet the bishop, and for him to meet parishioners. All welcome!

Baby Joy

We send our heartfelt congratulations to: **Thomas and Juliana Hargroves** on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia**, ...and to **Wesley and Jane Lalor** on the birth of their daughter **Eada**, sister to Fionn and Sonny.

The Final Harvest Thanksgiving Service of 2025 will be on Sunday October 19th in Lacca at 4pm.

Fellowship Service

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

Home Communion

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 Parish Golf Classic 2025

Golf Classic 2025 took place on Friday 23rd May in Mountrath Golf Club, and between sponsorships, team entry fees, contributions from parishioners, and the raffle on the day, a grand total of €10,201 was raised.

After expenses for Golf Club Fees and purchasing Competition Prizes, €8,551 was deposited into Parish funds.

A very big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, to the teams, the sponsors, donors and volunteers. Without you all this event would not have been possible.

We look forward to everyone's continued support in our future fundraising endeavours.

Bunclody Harvest Dance

Following on from last year's popular Harvest Dance, the Sunday School, Church Road, Bunclody (Y21 N1 20), is the place to be on Friday, 3rd October, with dancing to Adrian Ryan from 9 -11.30pm. €10 admission, spot prizes & free refreshments. All welcome.

~Rev'd Trevor Sargent

Laois Hospice Collection

A recent 2 day collection in Mountrath raised the incredible amount of €6500.00 from the generosity of the Local People, from the Wider Community in town shopping, and from those just passing through.

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to the collectors who gave of their time to collect this fantastic amount of money for this great cause.

Mothers' Union

Our opening service of Holy Communion will be held in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath at 8pm on Monday 29th September, followed by a short meeting and cup of tea in the Parochial Hall. All are very welcome.

Camross News

The **Lunch Club** returns to Camross Community Hall on Thursday October 2nd. We would love you to join us for the event. Booking is essential.

If you are interested in joining please contact: Michelle on 087-2815338.

michelletuohy@laoispartnership.ie

"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."

The Wednesday Coffee Morning @

The Hub also returns after the summer break. Come join us on Wednesday November 5th from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Hub Camross, for chats, company and coffee (tea) and treats.

We plan to run the two events on alternate months for the moment.

~Camross Tidy Town

Multiple System Atrophy Trust (Registered Charity Number 1137652) is the leading organisation supporting people with MSA, a rare neurological disease. Around 3,500 people in the UK and Ireland have MSA and the support MSA Trust provides to persons with the condition and their families is exceptional
If you would like to find out more, go to www.msatrust.org.uk

Items for the November 2025 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday October 22nd AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, October 26th.

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

October						
Sunday 5th <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Lamentations 1: 1-6</i> <i>Psalm 137: 1-6</i> <i>2 Timothy 1: 1-14</i> <i>Luke 17: 5-10</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 12th <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7</i> <i>Psalm 66: 1-11</i> <i>2 Timothy 2: 8-15</i> <i>Luke 17: 11-19</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 19th <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31: 27-34</i> <i>Psalm 119: 97-104</i> <i>2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5</i> <i>Luke 18: 1-8</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Morning Prayer	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Holy Communion Harvest Service
Sunday 26th <i>The Fifth Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>Joel 2: 23-32</i> <i>Psalm 65</i> <i>2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18</i> <i>Luke 18: 9-14</i>	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion		

Parish Diary

October

3rd Friday.....Bunclody Harvest Dance
 6th Monday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 9th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
 22nd Wednesday.....Closing date for November 2025 Newsletter

Clonenagh National School News

We are delighted to share some highlights from what has been a very busy and rewarding start to the new school term.

On Friday, 5th of September, some of our children had the wonderful opportunity to cheer on the cyclists on the third day of the world-famous **Rás na mBan** as they crossed the finish line in Mountrath. The atmosphere was full of excitement and energy, and the children absolutely loved waving and encouraging the riders as they passed by. It was such a fun experience and a truly special memory for the children!

The children are participating in a **cricket module** and a **tag rugby module**, and they will commence a **dance module** next week. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment that these activities bring.

Our **School and Parish Harvest Thanksgiving** took place on 25th September and was a most joyous occasion. The children contributed greatly through their beautiful singing and thoughtful readings, which were very much appreciated by all in attendance.

In sport, our girls' and boys' football teams are currently competing in **Cumann na mBunscol** blitzes, showing great teamwork and commitment. In addition, 5th and 6th Class took part in a **rugby blitz** in Portlaoise and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who supported our **Cottage Market** at the beginning of the school year. Your generosity and encouragement are deeply valued.

~The Staff of Clonenagh National School