

The Newsletter

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Lacca Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the 19th October

(Image kindly provided by Sylvia Stotesbury)

Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

The Rector Writes

Prayer for the world-wide Anglican Communion

(Prayer originally featured in the Lambeth Conference Prayer Journey Series)

Lord of all,
as we thank you for the family of the Anglican Communion,
we pray that in our wonderful diversity, we may each know ourselves
created in your image and loved by you.
Inspire us to work together to hasten the day
when people will come from north and south,
east and west, to find their honoured and equal
place at your table and their home in your kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

November – The Month of Remembrance

(by Major John McCrae)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Seir Kieran MSA Trust Fundraiser:

A very big thank you to the parishioners of Seir Kieran who raised €160 for my 50th Birthday Fundraiser for the MSA Trust. Thank you one and all for your kind prayers, encouragement, and generosity!

~Canon Victor

Requiescant In Pace

Please remember in your prayers:

Avril Austin (Annatrim), on the death of her uncle, **Eric Daly**, late of Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, who died on Thursday 9th October,

...and **Cecil Carter** (Mountrath), on the death of his wife **Breda** (née Lalor), late of Knockanina, Mountrath, who died on Thursday 16th October.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

Parish Notes

Pastoral Visit

Don't forget, 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!

Fellowship Service

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

A very sincere thank you to everyone who supported the **Irish Guide Dogs** collection to which 800€ plus was collected. It's a very worthy cause.
~Emily

The Annual Poppy Appeal Collection

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion (RBL) in Ireland.

I would like to thank the six churches of the Clonenagh Group of Parishes for all their support in the past, and hope for their continued support in the future.

The collection boxes for 2025 are now available in the Group churches. As some churches have 2 services in a month and others have 3 or more, the collection boxes may have already been there for a couple of weeks at this stage!

In recent years I have been able to send over €300/year to the RBL Limerick Branch, and this Group of Parishes has frequently been commended on being among the very best contributors in the country! I will give a detailed report of past donations in a future Newsletter.

~Lionel Gyves

GFS News

GFS resumed last month. The girls are looking forward to completing badges, Diocesan Crafts and Bible Study, and participating in games and trips. They all enjoyed learning Indian dances as part of their Dance badge last week!

Many thanks to Maria Free who has been a branch leader for the past few years and has stepped down due to other commitments, her help and support was greatly appreciated.

If anyone is interested in assisting contact Jennifer or any of the leaders for further information.

GFS Dates

Friday 7th & Friday 21st November, 7.15-8.45pm, in Mountrath Parochial Hall.

Maize Maze Dealgrove Farm

If you are looking for somewhere to go during the Bank Holiday weekend Stephen Pratt and Jane Lalor (Jane's Bakes) and their team will welcome you in Maize Maze in Shanahoe.

They are all set for Halloween with a pumpkin game in the maze; a Pumpkin patch with pumpkins for sale, and lots of Halloween treats from Jane's Bakes in the coffee shop. Tickets and further information available on maizemaze.ie.

Mountrath Badminton Club

2025 - 2026 Season:

Badminton Training is on every Tuesday & Thursday evenings. Juvenile Training (Age 8+ - 16 years old) Juvenile Training sessions will be at 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Entry Fee €3.00 per child/student.

Adult Training sessions will be at 8.00pm to 10.00pm in Mountrath Community School Hall. Eircode: R32AK27. Entry Fee: €5.00 per person.

Please contact Joseph Hargroves (086)3580077 or Wendy Carry (087) 1787245.

New players always welcome!

Laois Badminton Association

The **Laois Championships** will take place on Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th of November in Clonaslee Community Centre.

This is a competition whereby you can enter either in singles on your own or in men's, ladies or mixed doubles with a partner.

The winners and runners up from each grade/category may be in a position to represent yourselves and Laois in the Leinster Individuals Tournaments in Baldoyle in January (Weekend of the 3/4th).

Grading is based on CAC points.

Please email entries to:

laoisassociation@gmail.com

Include your name, partners name, event and grade.

Entries close next Friday 24th of October.

Start times etc will be confirmed once all entries are received and draws are done by the Laois committee.

Best of luck to all players!

Items for the December 2025 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday November 19th AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, November 23rd.

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

November						
Sunday 2nd <i>The Fourth Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>(Readings for All Saints' Day)</i> <i>Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18</i> <i>Psalms 149</i> <i>Ephesians 1: 11-23</i> <i>Luke 6: 20-31</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 9th <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<i>Isaiah 10: 33 - 11: 9</i> <i>Psalms 4</i> <i>Romans 8: 31-39</i> <i>Matthew 5: 1-12</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion		Annatrim 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 16th <i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>Isaiah 65: 17-25</i> <i>Canticle: Song of Isaiah</i> <i>2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13</i> <i>Luke 21: 5-19</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Holy Communion with Bishop Adrian	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop Adrian	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 4.00pm Service of the Word
Sunday 23rd <i>The Kingship of Christ</i>	<i>Jeremiah 23: 1-6</i> <i>Canticle: Benedictus</i> <i>Colossians 1: 11-20</i> <i>Luke 23: 33-43</i>	Annatrim Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer			Mountrath Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 30th <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Isaiah 2: 1-5</i> <i>Psalms 112</i> <i>Romans 13: 11-14</i> <i>Matthew 24: 36-44</i>	Mountrath 11.00am Morning Prayer				

Parish Diary

November

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

7th Friday.....GFS Meeting

13th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service

19th Wednesday.....Closing date for December 2025 Newsletter

21st Friday.....GFS Meeting

Clonenagh National School News

The pupils and staff of Clonenagh NS would like to say a big **thank you** for all the support at our recent **Halloween Bake Sale**. We raised just over €1200!

The Annual Tractor Run is Back!

We're delighted to announce that our much-loved Tractor Run returns this year on the 28th of December, hosted once again at Hogan's Bar, Coolrain.

The day will kick off in the morning with a 6K Walk/Fun Run — a great way to shake off the Christmas cobwebs! After lunch, get ready for the main event: the Tractor Run, a fantastic sight as tractors of all shapes and sizes make their way through the village and around the loop.

The fun continues into the evening with our ever-popular Auction, which is always full of laughs and great bargains, followed by live music to round off the night.

There's truly something for everyone — whether you join us for the walk/run, the tractor run, or the evening auction and entertainment, it promises to be a brilliant community day out for all ages. There will be further details of the day over the next 2 months.

If you'd like to donate items for the raffle or auction, please get in touch with the school office. Every contribution helps make the event even more special. You can call the school at 057-8732516, email clonenaghns@gmail.com or pop into the school to chat to our principal, Melissa Burnell.

As always, the day raises vital funds for our school, supporting the purchase of resources, subsidising activities such as swimming, and further developing our outdoor learning area.

Let's make this year's Tractor Run another fantastic success — we can't wait to see everyone there!

~The Staff of Clonenagh National School