

The Newsletter

September 2026

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Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*) flowers from June to September, fruiting in August to October.

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Clonenagh Group of Parishes

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

Parish Notes

Group Meeting

Meeting of Select Vestries will be held in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath, on Wednesday 2nd September at 8pm. This is in connection with the Parish Audit which is taking place on 17th September.

Fellowship Service

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

Hospital Visits

Just a reminder to everyone, if you or a loved one are in Portlaoise Hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, Rev'd Janet Finlay, please let her know. Since the introduction of GDPR the only way she will know is if you contact her on 087-7598384.

~Rev'd Janet

Golf Classic

Between sponsorship, team entry fees, contribution from parishioners, and the raffle on day, a total of £10,115 was raised by the **2026 Parish Golf Classic**. When all expenses were paid to Golf Club (fees) and purchasing competition prizes, £8,686.20 was lodged to the Parish account

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

We look forward to your continued support in May 2027.



Requiescant In Pace

Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Jestin (Borris-in-Ossory) and all **the Jestin family**, on the death of their husband, father, and grandfather **Martin Jestin**, late of Sentry Lodge, who died on Wednesday 8th July and following a Funeral Service in St. Mark's Church, Borris-in-Ossory, was laid to rest in Skeirke Cemetery on Saturday 11th.

The McKay family (Mountrath), on the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother **Caroline (Peg) McKay (née Reid)**, late of Shannon Road, who died on Sunday 2nd August, and following a Funeral Service in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath, was laid to rest in the adjoining Cemetery on Tuesday 4th.

Marina Clegg (Roskelton), on the death of her sister **Doris Emily Bagnall (née Chadwick)**, late of Garrymore, Geashill, who died on Wednesday 5th August, and following a Funeral Service in St. Brigid's Church, Rosenallis, was laid to rest in the Cemetery of St. Mary's Church, Geashill, on Friday 7th.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

Harvest Thanksgivings

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving Services commence with Roskelton at 9.30am on Sunday 20th September.

Full details for the rest of the Group will be in next month's Newsletter.



GFS News

Girls Friendly Society will recommence on Friday 25th September in the Parochial Hall, Mountrath, 7.15-8.45pm. All girls in Senior Infants or older are welcome to join. Girls have the opportunity to participate in games, badgework, crafts, Bible study and trips throughout the year. Further information can be obtained from Branch Leaders or Jennifer at 086 8185644.

Community Coffee Morning @ The Hub Camross Village R32YEF6

Wednesday 2nd September 2026
from 10.30am-12.30

Come join us for a cuppa and a chat. We will be showing the old movie (from the 50's) that we shared for Heritage week and invite you to bring old photographs of Camross and its people.

We are looking forward to meeting you all again. Everybody is welcome. Supported by Camross Older Persons Network.

Contact

camrosscommunity@privaterelay.eu with any questions or phone Johanna on 086-6012153.

Maize Maze Laois at Dealgrove Farm, Shanahoe, is now open at weekends. Come along and bring your friends for a fun afternoon or evening. Relax afterwards with refreshments and tasty treats from Jane's Bakes. Groups & parties also catered for at weekends.

Torch light evening coming soon!

Further details on maizemaze.ie

Jane's Bakes Cake Shed is now open in Camross, Co. Laois, R32Y2X2. Lots of tasty treats are on offer and orders can be taken for cakes.



Mothers' Union

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd September ~ Our diocese will host the monthly All Ireland Communion service in St. Mary's Church, Castlecomer R95 Y5VY, at 11am followed by lunch and fellowship at Clonbrock House, Crettyard R93 W9V6. Please let Jean (085) 7074805 or Mabel (086) 2033720 know by Friday 28th August if you are intending to go.

Sunday 13th September ~ Songs of Praise in Tullow hosted by Tullow Mothers' Union (time to be confirmed).

Monday 28th September ~ Our opening service of Holy Communion will be held in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath at 8pm followed by a cup of tea in the hall.

Services & Readings

September

Sunday 6th <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Exodus 12: 1-14</i> <i>Psalm 149</i> <i>Romans 13: 8-14</i> <i>Matthew 18: 15-20</i>	Seir Kieran 9.30am Morning Prayer	Lacca 10.30am Holy Communion	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Morning Prayer	Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 13th <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Exodus 14: 19-31</i> <i>Psalm 114</i> <i>Romans 14: 1-12</i> <i>Matthew 18: 21-35</i>	Annatrim 10.00am Holy Communion		Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion		
Sunday 20th <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Exodus 16: 2-15</i> <i>Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45</i> <i>Philippians 1: 21-30</i> <i>Matthew 20: 1-16</i>	Roskelton 9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Holy Communion	Seir Kieran 9.30am Holy Communion	Lacca 10.30am Morning Prayer	Borris-in-Ossory 11.00am Holy Communion	Mountrath 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Exodus 17: 1-7</i> <i>Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16</i> <i>Philippians 2: 1-13</i> <i>Matthew 21: 23-32</i>	Annatrim 11.00am Morning Prayer		Mountrath 11.30am Morning Prayer		

PLEASE NOTE:

These venues and times are subject to change, or even cancellation, at short notice!

Up-to-date information can be found on the Parish WhatsApp group or by contacting a Church Warden.

Parish Diary

September

2nd Wednesday.....Camross Community Coffee Morning
 2nd Wednesday.....Group Vestry Meeting
 3rd Thursday.....Mothers' Union All Ireland Communion Service
6th Sunday.....Closing date for Diocesan Magazine Notes
 10th Thursday.....Lacca Fellowship Service
 13th Sunday.....Mothers' Union Songs of Parise
23rd Wednesday.....Closing date for October 2026 Newsletter
 25th Friday.....GFS Meeting
 28th Monday.....Mountrath Mothers' Union Service & Meeting

Items for the October 2026 Newsletter need to be with the editor by Wednesday September 23rd AT THE LATEST, so that the Newsletter can be assembled in time for the Fourth Sunday, September 27th.

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— clonenagh.newsletter@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE the new e-mail address!

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