

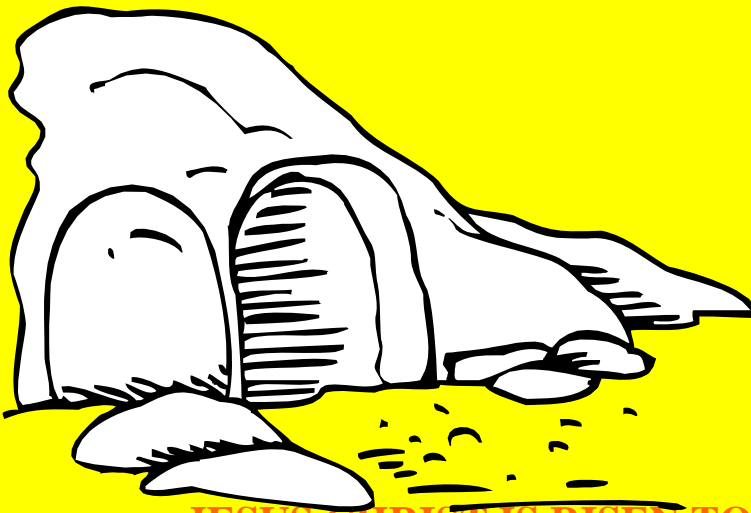
PARISH INFORMATION NEW

SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and
Newtownmountkennedy
With Calary



April 2009



JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY! HALLELUJAH

Please send any items for inclusion in May PINS to:

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(Items need to be received by Wednesday 22nd for publication on Sunday 26th April)

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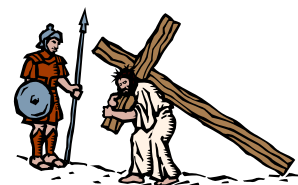
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If you would like a lift to anything happening in the parish, in particular the coffee mornings or the lunch, please don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers above.



Services in April

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 5th:	Palm Sunday			
	Calary	9.30 am	M.P.	Isaiah 50: 4-9
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	M.P.	Phil. 2:
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	H.C.	5 - 11
	Holy Week			
Wednesday 8th:	St. Matthew's	10.30 am	H.C.	
Maundy Thursday 9th:	Calary	8.00 pm	H.C.	Ex. 12: 1-4
Good Friday 10th:	Newcastle	8.00 pm	Meditation	
Sunday 12th:	Easter Day			
	N/C Beach	6.30 am	Easter Praise	
	Calary	9.30 am	H.C.	Acts 10:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	H.C.	34 - 43
	Newcastle	12 noon	Family Easter Praise	
Sunday 19th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	F.S.	Acts 4:32-35
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	M.P.	John 20:
	Newcastle	12 noon	F.S.	19 - 31
Sunday 26th:				
<i>Sunday School</i>	Calary	9.30 am	H.C.	2Tim2:3-13
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	F.S.	
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	M.P.	
Friday 1st May:	Calary	7.30 pm	Service of Blessing by the Archbishop	



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with **prayer for the sick**, at 10.30 am in St Matthew's followed by a cup of tea and a chat in the McLean Room.



Tea and coffee will be available in the McLean Room after the **Family Service** in St. Matthew's on Sunday 26th.

Thanks to Billy and Jane Smith who have once again offered breakfast to cold and hungry worshippers after the service on Newcastle beach on Easter Sunday!

General Easter Vestries

Tuesday 31st March for Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy in the McLean Room at 8.00pm.

Thursday 2nd April for Calary in the Church Room at 8.00pm

See you at the Easter Vestry

Yes it is that time of year again!

Our church A.G.M. is about to take place.

These are very important meetings in the life of your church and I encourage you to attend the particular one for the parish you attend.



What is the Easter Vestry?

It is our churches A.G.M. - a business meeting where everyone is invited to take part in sharing ideas, discussion and debates relating to life and ministry within our parish.

It's a time to acknowledge the loyal service of those who have served on the Select Vestry for the past year and all those who have been faithful servants of God and the church in many different ways.

It is a time to elect a new Select Vestry (or committee) for the coming year.

It is a time to hear reports and to share vision.

It is a time to listen and to be heard.

Who may attend?

Any and every parishioner - young and old.

Who may vote?

Registered vestry members - all who have been included in the parish's General Register of Vestry Members.

Who is eligible for election to the Select Vestry?

Registered vestry members who are willing to allow their names to go forward for election.

If you intend to nominate someone who is not going to be in attendance, please ensure that you have asked them beforehand if they are willing to serve on the Select Vestry.

The Rector

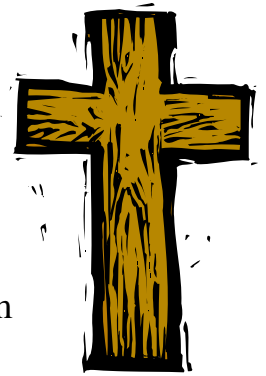
A copy of the accounts for 2008, which will be presented to the Easter Vestry, is enclosed with PINS for Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy parishioners.

'Go before us, Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.'
Matthew 18 v.20

Easter thought

'If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied' (1Cor. 15; 19)



What is the most important fact you have ever heard? People will have various responses to that question. Some will relate to the very important issues of everyday family life, some on having found the career break waited for, in many cases a long time, while others will have a longer term view of the real issues of life, death and eternity.

Paul teases out many of the questions people have about resurrection in 1Corinthians 15. Surely if this story of Easter is true then it is the single most important fact in the history of the world. Any plans we make for life are at best only going to sustain us for a few years on earth but if we believe in life after death then the length of this few years almost falls into insignificance.

Is there purpose in life? Well the Easter story is all about purpose and hope. Read 1Cor. 15 and see what St. Paul has to say about the real issues of life, death and resurrection. The non believer is not so much worried about the possibility of there not being life after death as the possibility that there might be!

We look forward to celebrating the greatest fact in history over this Easter period and that celebration will be all the richer if you join with us as often as you can.

Wishing you a happy and assuring Easter

William



St. Matthew's will be decorated for Easter on Thursday 9th from 10.30am and **Newcastle and Calary Church** will both be decorated on Saturday 11th from 10a.m. As usual helpers and contributions very welcome in all churches!



FAMILY NOTICES

Holy Baptisms on 15th March in Newcastle Parish church;

Kristina Beth Kidd, daughter of Andy and Niamh,
27 Seacourt, Newcastle.

William Peter Anthony Valentine, son of Peter and Mary,
Leamore Park, Newcastle.

Congratulations to both sets of parents. We welcome Kristina and William into our fellowship and hope that they will bring lots of joy to their families and grow up to serve God in whose name they have been baptised.



Church Room Extension

On Friday 1st May the extended Church Room in Calary will be officially opened and blessed by the Archbishop. This service of blessing will take place at 7.30 pm and will be followed by refreshments. All welcome!



Special Service

On the Sunday PINS is published a special service will be held in Newcastle Parish Church. This is to honour our 4 long serving organists and by the time you read this we will have enjoyed a wonderful musical occasion.

All four organists Janet Ashe, Ruby Stringer, Connie Valentine and Nora Royds have played in our churches for **at least 40 years each** which is quite amazing.

As parishioners we have been very lucky to have such dedicated organists for so long and this is our opportunity to show our appreciation.

They have given many hours of their lives to provide music to accompany our worship. They have played at our baptisms, confirmations, weddings and the funerals of our loved ones and now it is our turn to thank them.

After the service of songs of praise, with music by John Dexter amongst others, afternoon tea will be served over in the school and a presentation will be made to each organist.



Date For Your Diary

Rehearsals for the play 'The Affairs at Meddlers Top' are in full swing, with a cast of 18 busy learning lines and planning costumes. It is a comedy murder mystery set in 1925 at an English country house tennis weekend. Sir Hector Croquet is determined to catch a notorious jewel thief by inviting all the likely suspects to stay, much to the dismay of his wife Lady Davinia and her sister Petunia. Some of the guests seem intent on winning the hand of his daughter, Lettis in marriage. Things take an unexpected turn when a murder occurs - but who is the culprit? Is it Twitter Fortesque, Bouffant Eclair, Peregrine Barrington-Smythe, Baroness Gorianova, Trellis Trelawney or even Glossop the Butler? Where do the cook and Blossom the maid fit in? Can Inspector Topiary and Sergeant Manners track down the murderer despite all the red herrings and intrigue? Will the judge, court usher, prosecution and defence counsels ever know what's going on? Find out at St. Francis' School Hall on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd May.

Best Foot Forward!

Birgit's (01-2810095) ballroom dancing lessons are in full swing every Friday evening in St. Francis' School Hall at 7.15p.m. All welcome!



Internet Safety Talk

St. Francis' National School Parents Association has organised a talk by the National Parents council on the subject of **Internet Safety**. It will be held in the school on the evening of Tuesday 21st April. The talk is open to all who are interested not just parents of children at St. Francis' N.S.

St. Francis' National School would welcome any of the Schools Vouchers currently being issued by Tesco's or Super Valu. They can be exchanged for school resources.

Tuesday Club

At the March meeting the film Denis showed us of his visit to California encouraged us to look forward to some warmer weather and proved most interesting to the members present – at least no-one fell asleep! Thank you to him for overcoming the technology involved and to the Rector for his loan of the vital piece of equipment which enabled the film to be shown on the big screen.

Owing to Easter being late this year, the customary **Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Wicklow Branch of the Alzheimer Society will be held on Monday 20th April in St. Francis' School commencing at 7pm. Great Bargains to be had in Cakes, Plants and 'Collectables'. Well worth a visit. Entry €2 to include Tea/Coffee.**

Parent and Toddler Group

There has been a lot to celebrate in the group lately!

- ✿ Congratulations to Janet on the birth of Jason and to Claire on the birth of Poppy!
- ✿ Happy 1st birthday to Emily and to Catherine during March!
- ✿ Well done to Lorraine, Wendy, Mary and Clodagh who gained their certificates from the W.C.C. Paediatric First Aid Course.



Also in March we said goodbye and God bless to Matthew who left us to start playgroup. Last Monday the group went to Jungle Mania for a change of scenery when two week old Poppy joined us for the first time and some of the (slightly!) older ones had mixed reactions to their first experience of ball pools!

For April the group will meet as usual every Monday (apart from Easter Monday 13th) in the Rectory Cottage from 10.30 to 12.30 for play, tea and chat! Anyone with preschool children welcome!

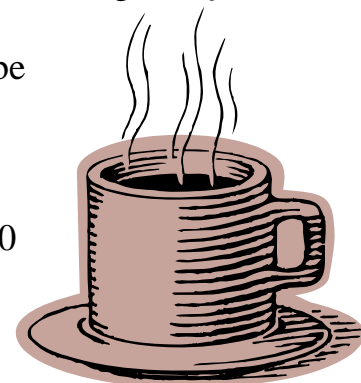
Tea and Toast Fridays

Easter holidays mean there will be the 1 to 2.20pm tea and toast in the cottage **only** on **Friday 24th** during April. (€2 per family)

Presuming assembly is in church on Friday 24th then breakfast will be available in the cottage from 8.30am that day also.

Coffee in the Cottage

The Rectory Cottage will be open for coffee, tea and chat from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm every Tuesday morning during April. Anyone who is free during this time is welcome to drop in for a chat. (€2)



Leisurely Lunches

For various reasons slightly fewer people turned up for lunch in March but those who came seemed to appreciate the bacon and cabbage served in deference to the proximity of St. Patrick's Day!

April's lunch in the cottage will be on Thursday 16th from 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to lunch for a fiver and it is extremely good value! It helps to know in advance who is coming but feel free to turn up on the spur of the moment!

MUSIC IN CALARY



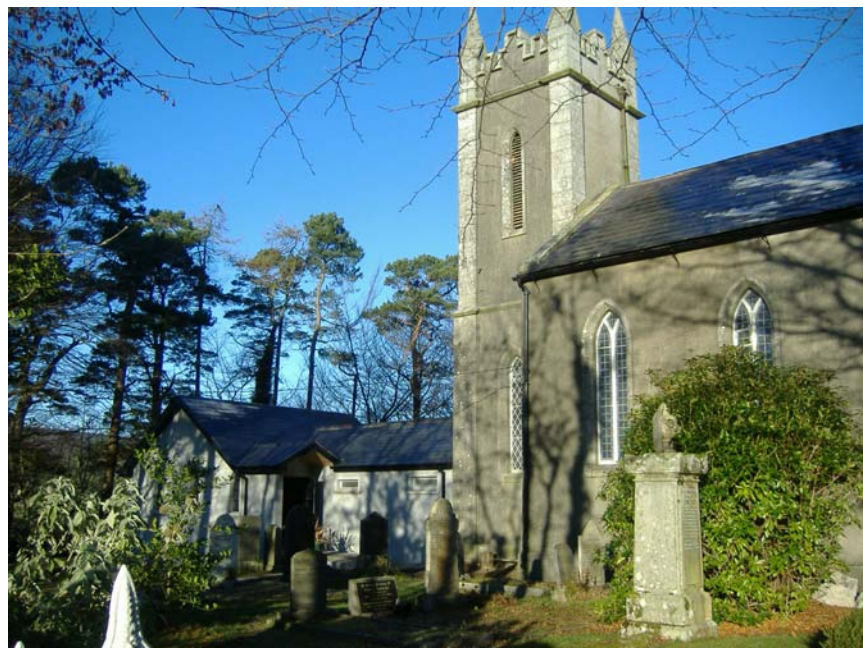
2009 is a special year for Calary Parish, as the church was built 175 years ago in 1834 and to mark this several events are being planned. The church room has been significantly rebuilt and extended, which will make it much more comfortable for parishioners and visitors.



The first concert held in Calary, which was to celebrate the Church's 150th anniversary, was organised in 1984 by Dame Ruth King and thus the seed for Music in Calary was sown. Since 1999, we have been fortunate to have been able to arrange regular concerts, which have kindly been supported financially by Wicklow County Council and FBD Insurance. However it is difficult to sufficiently reward our musicians and some friends have suggested that some of our supporters might have ideas as to how we could receive further financial support. If you have such thoughts we would appreciate hearing from you.

We have already organised a very exciting programme of concerts for this year:

- ♪ On **Saturday April 25** at 8pm, the **Brandon Ensemble** will perform a number of works including some by O'Carolan, Saint Saens and Debussy. St Cecilia Singers will also perform works including some by Faure, Delius and Ravel.
- ♪ On **Friday May 15** at 8pm, we welcome **Ben Cashell, Paul Grennan** and three fellow students from The Royal Northern College of Music who will play Schubert's great C Major Quintet and other works.
- ♪ On **Friday June 12**, **Elizabeth Cooney** (violin) and **Redmond O'Toole** (guitar) will give a recital.
- ♪ It is hoped to have a weekend towards the end of June or early July which will include another concert for young Wicklow pianists together with concerts by **Fiachra Garvey** (piano) with **Ruth Gibson** (viola) and **Annette Cleary** (cello) with **Lance Coburn** (piano).



♪ In the autumn we hope to have an **Art Exhibition** and some further musical events.

Admission to regular concerts will be €15, with €10 for concessions and can be obtained by phoning John Medlycott at 01-2818146 or sending email to info@newcastleparish.org.

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The Rectory Cottage

Thank you very much to all those who have so generously donated various items for use in the cottage. It is now a very safe, comfortable and welcoming place for the different events which take place there.

However there is just no more room for anything else so if you are looking for a home for unwanted items in good condition (clean, unbroken toys, books, china, etc.) please remember that the members of the Tuesday Club are holding their **Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland on Monday April 20th** and would appreciate all donations and customers then! (see above for details)

Burial charges - Newcastle Churchyard

The Vestry has decided to maintain burial charges for 2009 at the same level as last year (details on request from the Treasurer). There are two fee scales, the lower scale applying to parishioners and accustomed worshippers who subscribe annually to the Parish in an identifiable manner (e.g. through the Free Will Offering or Sustentation envelopes or by standing order) at least the amount specified each year by the Vestry. The specified amount for 2009 remains at €262.50.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Thinking Day Service

A Big Thank You to all those who attended the 'Thinking Day Service' in Newcastle Parish Church on February 22nd.

It was great to see so many faces both past and present and I think you will agree the girls did a wonderful job reading and singing in church.

Thanks also to all who helped with the tea/coffee in the school afterwards.

Elaine Davis (Brownie Guide Leader)

Beavers and Cubs

From the perspective of a proud Newcastle onlooker at the above service, it seems a shame that there are no longer the equivalent opportunities for boys in Newcastle. For many years there were Beavers and Cubs in the village in the charge of a succession of dedicated and committed leaders. However the time came when there was no-one to take over and they had to disband. With so many new families perhaps there is now someone around who would be willing to restart the pack or someone whose circumstances have changed and they have more time?! There is certainly no shortage of boys!

Newcastle Community Garden:

Newcastle Community Garden is having a planting day on Saturday 4th April 2009 from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. The garden is located beside the playground. Bring your gardening tools! All are welcome.

Kilmacanogue History Society

FRIDAY 17th April; as part of the Enniskerry celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the three churches, Rob Goodbody will present his talk "Kilbride Church - a Dargle Valley Gem". This will take place in the church and is a great opportunity for those who have passed this church many times and never gone in to view it and hear its history. Admission is just €3 (€2 for members) and everyone is welcome.