

# PARISH INFORMATION NEW

## SHEET

### Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

April 2010

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**Items need to be received by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April for publication on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

For further information visit: [www.newcastleparish.org](http://www.newcastleparish.org),  
[www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org](http://www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org) or [www.calaryparish.org](http://www.calaryparish.org)

**If you lose your copy of PINS remember that service times and events can be checked on the parish website on the 'Calendar of Events'.**

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


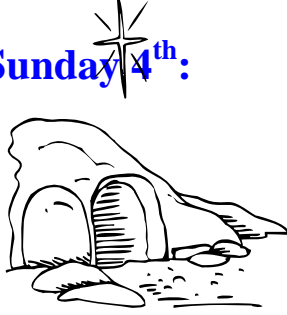


*'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'*

John 3: v.16



# Services in April

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
March	<b>Holy Week</b>			
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> :	St. Matthew's	10.30 am	H.C.	
April				
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> :	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
	Newcastle	8.00 pm	H.C.	Ex.12:1-14 1Cor.11:23-26
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	<b>Good Friday</b>			
	Calary	8.00 pm	Meditation	Is.52:13-53:12 Heb.4:14-16: 5:7-9
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Easter Day</b>			
	Newcastle Beach	6.30 am	Easter Praise	
	Calary	9.30 am	H.C.	Is.65:17-25
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	H.C.	1Cor.15:19-26
	Newcastle	12 noon	H.C.	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> :				
	Calary	9.30am	M.P.	Acts 24a:-22-32
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	H.C.	1Peter3:1-9
	Newcastle	12 noon	H.C.	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> :				
	Calary Parish Walk	10.30am	See below	
	St. Matthew's	3.00pm	Songs of Praise led by John Dexter	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> :				
<b>S.S. &amp; Crèche</b>	Calary	9.30 am	H.C.	Acts 9:
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	F.S.	36 - 43
<b>Crèche</b>	Newcastle	12 noon	F.S. with Holy Baptism	
	Newcastle	4.00pm	Youth Service	

M.P. (Morning Prayer)

H.C. (Holy Communion)

F.S. (Family Service)



**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 chat in the McLean Room.

**Easter Praise on the beach on Easter morning will be followed by breakfast.**

**Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
at 8pm in the McLean Room.**

By the time this PINS is published, Calary will have already held their General Easter Vestry. The new Select Vestries for both parishes will be listed in May PINS.

**Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy General Easter Vestry  
on Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> in McLean Room at 8.00pm**

### **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.

A copy of the accounts for 2009, 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**

### **Decoration of Churches for Easter**

**St. Matthew's** will be decorated on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 10.30am and **Newcastle and Calary Church** will both be decorated on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 10.30 am. As usual help with flowers and foliage would be very welcome in all churches!



## FAMILY NOTICES

### **Burial**

Mrs Esther (Essie) Sutton, Fortview, Calary passed away in Loughlinstown Hospital where she had been admitted on the morning of her death. Even though Essie had not enjoyed good health for a number of years she, in the last year and a half, had her longest spell free from hospitalisation for a long time.

We extend our prayerful sympathy to her sons Robin, Jonathan and Philip, to the close family circle, her many neighbours and friends and to the staff and friends who card for her at Greystones Nursing Home.

Essie was laid to rest in her beloved Calary Churchyard following a service in the Church on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

The Beetle Drive which was run by Anneke last month was won by Elsie Norse and enjoyed by all.

In place of the Annual Bring and Buy which we have each Spring in aid of the Wicklow Branch of the Alzheimers Society we have decided to make a change this year and have a Lunch and Raffle at 12, Hunter's Leap on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>. April** at 12.30pm.

The cost will be €20 to include a glass of wine.

Early booking is essential as space is limited.

Apply to Flo (2819247) Elsie (2819127) or Ann (2812145)



### **Parent and Toddler Group**

The group will meet every Monday during April except Bank Holiday Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with preschool child or baby welcome to the Rectory Cottage from 10.30am for play and chat!

### **Time Out**

In April, the Time Out group will meet on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coffee in the Cottage**

Anyone who is free on Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 12.30 is welcome to come to the Rectory Cottage for coffee and tea. On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> the coffee morning will be in aid of the refurbishment of Newcastle Church. Hope to see you there!

### **Leisurely Lunch**

As the Tuesday Club are holding a fund raising lunch this month, there will be no lunch in the cottage.

### **St. Francis' National School Parents' Association**

The after school Drama Classes will be putting on their show on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Admission free!

### **Calary Parish Walk Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Meet at Eve Holmes house at 10.30. The walk will last approximately one and a half hours and will be along part of the parish boundary. For more details contact Marjorie Travers on 086 2742103 or Eve Holmes 086 8388861. Eve and Trevor Power have kindly invited all participants to their home for refreshments following the walk.

### **Newcastle Players**



The comedy melodrama 'The Ghosts Of Marvin Grange' will be performed in St. Francis' school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm each evening. Admission €10 Adults, €5 Children.  
Contact Karen 087 2866889

### Walking with William...Shalom!

(Or The Balmy Beatitudes of Billy B – apologies to J.P. Donleavy)

Israel, the Holy Land or the Promised Land, whatever you may call it; I was pleasantly surprised to discover more moderate Israelis exist than we might be lead to believe. The temperature was in the upper 20s and reached 35 on one day, so everybody was warmed up and ready for a very full itinerary after our cool early months of the year. William had gathered the flock of 45 and delivered us, in his own quiet way, to the Land. It is a long country that encompasses green, semi-tropical and desert areas.

The first four days were based in Jerusalem and our first stop was on the Mount of Olives which gave us the classic view of the old city of Jerusalem and its view of the Golden Dome on Temple Mount. This spectacular view can cause people to nose dive over bollards (which are everywhere) but the cuts and bruises suffered were the worst injuries we had on the holiday.

When we went into the old city we visited the Temple Mount and its Western (Wailing) Wall, which is the closest point to the original Temple (thus its importance to Judaism), as the Temple Mount is now a shrine under Islamic care.

The Via Dolorosa was walked by all (even though we lost Harvey for a while) and is an amazing mixture of churches, shops and the souk. We stopped and ate young almonds that looked and tasted a bit like green beans.

On the day trip to Bethlehem we had the most security we had seen and when we passed into the Palestinian land we visited the Church of the Nativity and had lunch. The great thing about the food on the holiday was the amount of salads and fruit – for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

We visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum, the Dead Sea Scrolls and the City of David. Here some of us went through the half kilometre tunnel which was hewn from the rock to feed the city's only spring inside the walls when they were under siege. The photo shows us sitting in front of the Southern wall of Temple Mount which would have been the main access point for the people. The group, from Cork to Belfast, was varied and allowed for discussion and fun about our different interests and outlooks.

After Jerusalem we moved South out into the countryside. We relived the battle of David and Goliath, by reading from the Old Testament, while we sat in a shady spot overlooking the valley of Ha'ela where it took place. Later, after the comfort of Yosi and his bus, we all mounted camels and had a short ride in the Negev desert and ate Bedouin style. This lead onto the Dead Sea where most of us "bobbed" for a while including all of our non-swimmers.

The next day we went to Masada, which has become a world heritage site due to the intact Roman fortifications that still remain. Vice-President Joe Biden's wife came to visit Masada while we were there and she assured us he was Irish!!

We then moved back up the country to the land of the Gentiles (Galilee). We had a night in Nazareth and visited Mount Tabor and the Church of the Transfiguration. We then stayed beside the Sea of Galilee after we had taken a boat trip on it and watched nets being

cast in the traditional style and sung songs as the sun went down. From there we visited the Golan Heights and had an overview of Syria and the way the borders have changed. The next stop was where it is believed Jesus delivered his “Sermon on the Mount” and after that we went to Capernaum which is where many of Jesus’ miracles are said to have taken place.

By now (between the sites and experiences mentioned and many more not mentioned) some of us were feeling tired and the final trip was to a farm in the West of the country where their intensive practises were explored. They provided a beautiful lunch made mainly from their own produce, all introduced by a man who was a journalist in California and his writings had inspired the film “Top Gun”. A quick visit to Caesarea and a virtual recreation of the city and port and then Tel Aviv where we relaxed for the morning and some of us swam in the Med before the last shopping expedition to the old Port of Jaffa’s souk.

Homeward bound and we all took our leave at Dublin airport leaving our new friends but taking with us the many stories, adventures and memories we all had, not least those of our guide Ya’el Batsha who grounded us well in history and the Old Testament and answered all our questions with enthusiasm and knowledge.

We had some people with bus passes and “Angelina Ballerina” asked to mention that the “slower” people (not necessarily with a bus pass!!) had great help and support from everybody else which made getting around some of the “rougher” places easier.

On our penultimate night Ya’el brought us to an historical site on a hill to the East of the Sea of Galilee. It was off the beaten tourist track, an indication of how rich this land is in so many ways. Most of us were able to get along the track and we reached the top overlooking the Sea, as the sun had set in the West. Ya’el had provided some wine and snacks and we celebrated the beauty of the spot which few will have experienced.

As we returned to the bus a large flock of geese flew overhead in perfect V-formations. As we were on a hillside they were not that far above us and we could see and hear them clearly in the fading light. The “outriders” could be seen changing places as they flew from the East to the West migrating, like many other birds. To me it seemed to encapsulate so much of what I had seen in Israel, so many civilisations and cultures crossing (mainly) from the East to the West, a great big melting pot – some might say still on the boil!





## MUSIC IN CALARY



Summer 2010

- Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>:** **Yue Tang (cello)** from Beijing, Los Angeles and the RTE Concert Orchestra and **Sokol Koka (cello)** from Albania, Italy and Dublin in a special programme of cello music.
- Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>:** **Fiachra Garvey (piano)** from Ballyknockan, RIAM and Paris in a recital by the National Concert Hall's Rising Star of 2011.
- Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>:** **Fiachra Garvey (piano) and Ruth Gibson (viola)** from Dublin and London .
- Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>:** **Calary's 3<sup>rd</sup> Showcase concert by young local pianists**
- Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>:** **Moya O'Grady (cello) David O'Doherty (violin) and Geraldine O'Doherty (harp).**

All concerts start at 8.00pm

Tickets €15, concessions €10, from 01-2818146 or email [info@newcastleparish.org](mailto:info@newcastleparish.org)

**Music in Calary acknowledges the support of Wicklow County Council and FBD Insurance.**

### Songs of Praise

Following the success of the previous Songs of Praise service (when we took the opportunity to thank our long serving organists) John Dexter has kindly agreed to return to the parish. With his help we look forward to raising the roof in St. Matthew's this time on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm.

### Calary Parish Barbecue

It is hoped to hold a barbecue on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow!



### Fields of Life (Calary)

Many thanks to all who supported the Fields of Life Sponsorship programme in the past year. In Calary we support 13 students through this scheme. The new year for sponsorship starts in April. If any parishioner wishes to sponsor a child you may do so by contacting June Roe on 2866030 or by leaving a donation on the plate at the back of the church once at month at the family service. Many thanks! June Roe



**Breakfast** will be available in the Rectory Cottage on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30am assuming that assembly is in church that day.

### Newcastle Church

It is hoped to redecorate Newcastle Church after Easter and therefore the services (Family Service at 12 and Youth Service at 4pm) on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> will probably be held in St. Francis' N.S.

### **Youth Service**

The next Youth Service will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Francis' N.S. and once again all the younger members of the parish are specially invited to share in this event.

### **Haiti collections:**

From parish funds	€1250.00
Church collections	€2639.84
In memory of John Roberts	€500.00
Jean and Brian Harris' coffee morning	€1231.00

Thanks to all who contributed to these collections.

### **Coffee Morning**

In the Rectory Cottage, Newcastle  
on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
from 10.30am

*all proceeds in aid of refurbishment of  
Newcastle Church*

Please come - and bring a friend



## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

### **Blood Donation Clinic**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 6.00pm to 9.30pm at St. Patrick's Worship and Recreation Centre, Church Road, Greystones. Call 1850 731137

### **North Wicklow Country Markets**

Don't forget to enter the competition to grow the tallest sunflower or the heaviest marrow at the County Market in Newcastle Community Centre every Saturday from 10.30am.

### **Greystones Active Retirement**

An Evening of Music by Rodgers and Hammerstein at the National Concert Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March Eu34. Coach leaves Park and Ride at 1 p.m.

Trip to ESB Georgian House, Merrion Square on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April €13. Coach leaves Park and Ride at 2p.m.

Trip to Killarney in Gleneagles Hotel from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May. Eu345 sharing and Eu415 single.

All bookings on Tuesdays only from 10.30 to 11.30 in St. Kilians Family Centre.

Watch out for our web site at [www.greystonesara.com](http://www.greystonesara.com)

### **Kilmacanogue History Society:**

April 6<sup>th</sup> James O'Brien will present "A journey through Wicklow through old postcards".

All talks take place in the Glencormac Inn, Kilmacanogue at 8.30 sharp and admission is €2 members and 3 non members. All welcome.

### **Enniskerry Garden Club**



The Garden Club holds its April meeting on the first Wednesday of the month - 7th April in the Parish Hall at 8pm. This will be the annual plant swap and members are asked to bring a rooted plant for the swap. This is always a fun evening and a great opportunity to extend your range of plants in your garden.