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PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary**

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

A number of people have asked me for a copy of a short poem which I read during the address on Palm Sunday, March 24. The title of the poem is 'Success' and it was used in the context of the importance of having a long term view as we go through life, rather than just focusing on the immediate. In general we seem to elevate the 'temporal issues' in importance and neglect the often far more important and essential long term issues.

Jesus set us the example of one who, according to Philippians 2:5-11, as the eternal God, was willing to become nothing, take the form of a servant and willingly suffer death on the cross. He had the long term view well in his sights and that was humanity, which includes you and me.

The criteria for success are very different in God's kingdom compared with those in the world. Income, appearance, celebrity, intellect, status, title, property and power are daily promoted in the media as important goals for a successful life. Jesus steps into the picture and presents a radically different measure of success. Success in the world demands that I promote my strengths and hide my weaknesses. Success in God's economy asks that I surrender my strengths and weaknesses to his service, the example of Jesus in those quoted verses from Philippians. This can and will be costly. It is described in terms of 'taking up the cross and following him' and of 'dying to self and being made alive to God'. A cross is never easy and real success is demanding!

The words of that poem are:

The Lord has given us two ends,
They have a common link!
For with the bottom end we sit
and with the other end we think!
Success in life depends upon
which end you choose to use,
You'll soon discover this my friend,
It's heads you win and tails you lose!

I wish to express special thanks to those who have served us all on our Select Vestries in Calary and Newcastle/Newtownmountkennedy during this past year. The business of planning the developments of a new Rectory and Parish Centre and securing agreement on the sale of four sites has involved numerous meetings both of Select Vestry and Building Committee, as well as meetings with the architect, engineers, planners, solicitors, builders, auctioneers and clients.

Great strides have been made and certain hurdles have been crossed but not without many difficulties and frustrating delays. Now we have a beautiful new Rectory, deposits have been received for the sale of four sites and contracts have been agreed for the building of the new Centre. We hope building work will commence in early to mid April and that completion will be in about seven months from start.

On behalf of both Select Vestries I pay tribute to you the parishioners for your continued support and encouragement during these challenging times. The expected upturn in the economy has not materialised and added to this is the looming reality of the household charge and reduction in benefits enjoyed by many people. Your continued support is greatly appreciated—may God reward you for your faithfulness.

As your Rector I say thank you to all who have extended support and encouragement to me during this past year of challenging health. The great swell of goodwill, love and understanding has carried me more than words can express.

This is your invitation to attend your Annual Easter Vestry, McLean Room on April 10th and Calary on 11th, both at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and take part in discussion and debate; registered vestry people are eligible to vote and hold office on the coming years.

God Bless,

William



I wish to acknowledge the anonymous gift of
a generous amount of heating oil put in the
Rectory tank at the end of February. WB

Christening at Newcastle

Sunday, 24th March

Ethan Jack

Son of Claire and Corrie Adams. Congratulations to Claire and Corrie, and all Ethan's extended family. We pray that Ethan will grow up to honour the promises made for him at baptism and bring lots of fun to his family



Coffee at the Cottage

Coffee at the Cottage continues on a Tuesday morning. Drop in any time from 10.30 and enjoy a warm fire, interesting chat, a cup of coffee or tea, toast and a range of edible treats. Everyone welcome.

Lunch at the Cottage

April's lunch will take place on the 18th at 1pm. As usual book with Karen to be certain of your place. Bowing to pressure from our generous diners, the cost from April onwards will be €10.00.

Cottage Outing

Our next trip from the cottage is to see 'Hello Dolly', a Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society production, at the Gaiety Theatre on Saturday 27th. We will travel from Newcastle Church by minibus to see the matinee performance – all details from Karen shortly.

Church Key for School

Should there be a fire at St Francis school, the children would be assembled in the grounds and then brought to Newcastle Church as a safe area for them to congregate. At present the school does not hold a key to the building. Obviously in an emergency it would not be ideal for staff in the school to have to contact someone with a key to open the church. There are spare keys out there somewhere, so if you hold one and no longer use it please hand it in at church or drop it in to the school office.

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY

Wednesday 10th April

8pm

**McLean Room
St Matthew's
Newtownmountkennedy**

Parish Fair



The Parish Fair will take place on 18th May in the grounds of St Francis School. The theme this year is the circus, so it's time to dust off your clown outfits. It's going to be a lot of fun.

At the moment we are in planning mode and are looking for volunteers to man the various stalls, games, competitions, teas, etc, etc. Please volunteer (safer than being conscripted to do something you'd hate) by contacting one of the committee members below.

Karen Reynolds	087-2866889
Claire Adams	086-8479270
Gillian O'Neill	086-8586629
Niamh Kidd	087-8053000
Maurice Madden	087-2361908
Ian Fleming	087-9701173

Any ideas or suggestions will be gladly received.



Breakfast in the Cottage

Pop in to the cottage for breakfast from 8.40am on the morning of school assembly in the church



*It doesn't matter where you go –
you'll always find an Irish person
celebrating St Patrick's Day!
Sheila Cleary in Israel*

Please send any items for inclusion in April PINS to:
information.pins@gmail.com

Items must be received by MONDAY 25th March for publication

Clubs and Organisations

Time Out

The Time Out group meets on a Tuesday night at 8pm in Rectory Cottage. Everyone welcome.

Choir

Many thanks to the choir members and to Sheila for accompanying the choir this term, particularly through Holy Week. We will have a short break before recommencing rehearsals on Monday April 15th.

Bowls

Bowls continues on a Thursday evening in St Francis school hall at 8pm. All welcome.

Table Tennis

Table tennis continues in the McLean Room every Monday night from 8pm. Information from Heather at 087-9422172



Walking Club

With fingers crossed

that the weather will

begin to match the calendar, the walking club will meet initially on Wednesday April 24th at 7.30pm. Everyone interested should meet at Rectory Cottage and allow about an hour for the walk. We'll have a short meeting afterwards to plan out a programme and agree the best evening for everyone.



Sunday School

All school-age children are welcome in Sunday School, which takes place during Sunday morning service in Newcastle. No Sunday School on 7th or 21st April.

Parent and Toddlers

Anyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to come to Parent and Toddlers on a Monday morning at Rectory Cottage from 10.30am. for tea, coffee, chat and a play. The group starts up again after the Easter break on Monday 8th April.

Come Dine With Us Dinner:

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Rectory Cottage for a very enjoyable evening when we raised €430 towards equipment, etc for Parent and Toddlers in the future. Your support was very much appreciated.

Youth Club
8pm
Friday 5th April
Friday 19th April

Information
Paul 085-7871541

CRÈCHE

**Creche available in Rectory Cottage
during most Sunday morning
services in Newcastle
*(to right of school gates)***

All pre-schoolers welcome

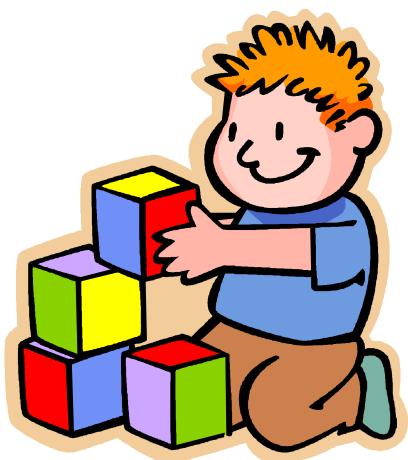
Supervised by two volunteers

**Parents welcome to stay with their child
or pop over during the service**

**Cottage left open for parent supervision
when no crèche facilities available**

**Lots of toys,
books, puzzles,
colouring!**

*Parish of Newcastle &
Newtownmountkennedy
subscribes to Safeguarding
Trust Guidelines*



CALARY NEWS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Robert Webster and Sinead Tighe on the birth of baby Lily Violet Webster on 6 March 2013. A little sister for Tommy.



Table Tennis

On Monday 18 February, Calary hosted a match and social evening with our neighbours from

Powerscourt, which was a very enjoyable event. The next match was with Newtownmountkennedy on Monday 25 March, when there was a total of 15 players. It was a wonderful evening of table tennis, followed by supper. A return match is planned for April.

Calary Supper

Calary is hosting a fundraising supper in the Church Room on Friday 19 April, starting at 8pm. Sustentations in 2012 were down 12% on 2011 and the parish needs to raise funds to address this deficit just to cover day to day expenses. This is always a very enjoyable night, so please come along and support the parish. Tickets are €20 and can be booked with Ethni (2863890), or June (2866030).

Easter Vestry

Calary Easter Vestry will take place on Thursday 11 April at 8pm in the Church Room. This meeting is for all parishioners, not just the Select Vestry and it allows everyone to come and participate and to have their say on what should happen within the parish over the coming year. We would also like to see some new faces on the Select Vestry .

Mothers Day

The men of the parish provided breakfast after the service on Sunday 10



March. It must have been good as there was no food left and the chefs have been booked for next year. Thanks to all who helped.

Walking Group

An intrepid group of walkers from Calary tackled a walk around part of the Roundwood reservoir after service on 24 March. Some of them were blue with the cold afterwards and could have been mistaken for smurfs.



Fields of Life

Many thanks to all who subscribed to the Child Sponsorship Scheme in the past year, it is much appreciated. We have been sponsoring children through Fields of Life since 2003 and, at the moment, Calary is sponsoring 11 children. If anyone wishes to sponsor a child or give a donation, please contact June Roe (2866030).

Parish Barbeque

We are planning a BBQ in mid June for the parish and hope to have a plant stall for Fields of Life to top up the funds. Gardeners, please pot up some plants for the stall.

Music in Calary

The programme of events for 2013 is currently being finalised and a note will shortly be sent to all on our email list. If you would like to be notified of future concerts in Calary, please contact derekneilson@eircom.net



COFFEE MORNING

Friday 5th April from 10am

Mountview, The Paddock, Old Long Hill

**In aid of student trip from Wesley College
(including Eimear O'Brien)
to help Habitat build the 'Wesley Way'**

Everyone Welcome

Tel: 086 8354394

St Francis School Drama Group 2013

presents

‘Best of Both Worlds’



Friday 26th April

7.30pm

St Francis School Hall

Admission Free

All Welcome

Bumper Raffle on the night

NEWCASTLE TIDY UP

SATURDAY 6th APRIL

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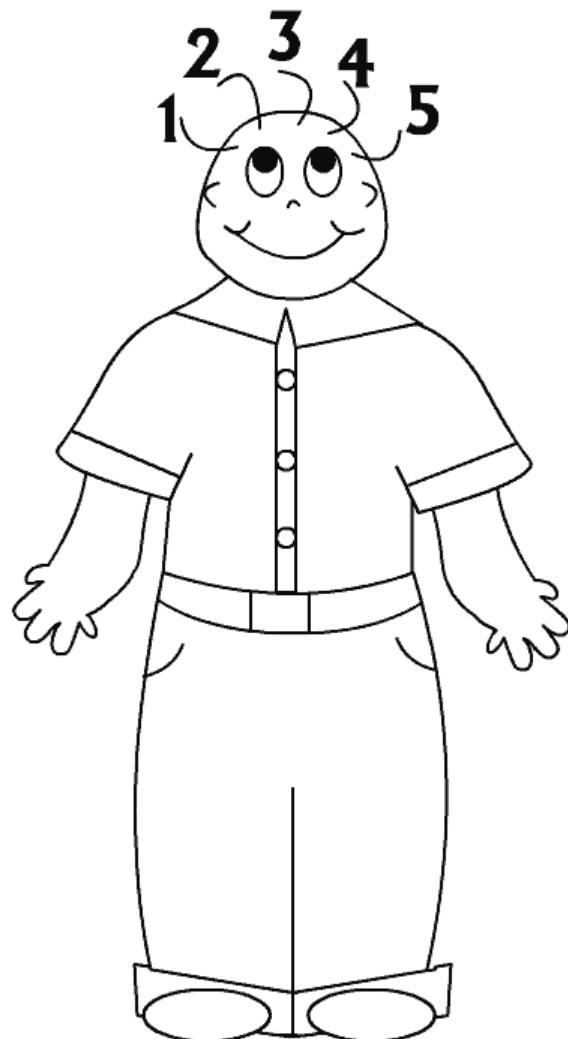
MEET AT CASTLE INN CARPARK



Children's Page

But the very hairs of your head
are all numbered.

-Matthew 10:30



SERVICES IN APRIL

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 7th	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	1 John 1:4-8
	Newcastle (United Service)	12.00	WB	HC	John 20:19-31
Sunday 14th	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	<i>Acts 9:1-20</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	
Sunday 21st	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS + Baptism	
Sunday 28th	Calary	9.30	WB/MC	HC	
	St Matthew's	10.45	MC	MP	<i>Acts 11:1-18</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	MC	MP	<i>John 13:31-35</i>

WB William Bennett

CT Caroline Tindal

MC Michael Croly



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's, followed by a cup of tea / coffee in the McLean Room. All welcome!