



## <u>PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET</u> Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary



"Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply". *Charles Wesley* 



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#### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Two years ago I was sent, by text, a most beautiful and inspiring photograph. It was Easter Sunday morning and the image was of a spectacular sunrise viewed from Newcastle Beach. Ed Power caught the sunrise as the sky lit up with a magnificent burst of dazzling light and colour. I was in St.Vincent's Hospital wired up to various machines and being constantly watched and monitored by a wonderful team of nurses in the Cardiac Unit.

I will never forget that picture because it spoke to me, not only of the hidden talent of my Churchwarden, but of the thrill that rushed through my whole being of that wonderful fact that the real SON HAD RISEN. No matter what might or might not happen to me in a physical sense the greatest thing in all the world was to know the assurance of God's peace and the thrill of His light and love flooding my whole being. He really does bring hope, he really is the greatest antidote for fear and he really wants each of us to live in the experience of knowing him and having a relationship with him which is more important to us than anything else in this life.

A relationship with someone is a poor one if it is only based on a list of rules and regulations. I believe that one of the great hindrances to many people understanding what it means to be a true Christian is a gross misunderstanding of what God requires. He wants our commitment, our being willing to deny ourselves to follow him, but this is in the context of relationship not regulations. Relationship brings peace, joy, hope and all the fruits of the spirit found in Gal. Ch. 5.

That picture of the sunrise made me shout, in my spirit. 'HALLELUJAH WHAT A SAVIOUR'!

This is the time of the year for General Easter Vestries and this PINS comes to you to with an invitation to attend the G.E.V. in your local Church area, Wednesday 30 April 8.00pm. in the McLean Room for those in Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy and Thursday 1 May

8.00pm. Calary Church Room for those in the Calary area. Please make every effort to attend. Only Registered Vestry People can stand for office on Select Vestry but everyone can take part in discussion and debate. You will be a source of encouragement to those who have held the baton during the past church year.

We have been served by people who invested themselves in the work of God in our Parishes and who have been focussed and tireless in their endeavours to ensure we build for the future and provide for generations to come. The Easter Vestry is the best place to hear up-to-date parish reports, to express your views, to help us build on vision for the future and to hear about ideas already in place and being developed. It is also a place where we want to allow you, the parishioners, express any reservations you may have about the direction ministry is going in your parish.

SEE YOU AT THE EASTER VESTRY! God Bless, William



TUESDAY 29th APRIL FROM 10.30am

AT 'THE OAKS', NEWCASTLE MIDDLE HOME OF GLADYS & DAVID KEARON



FUNDS RAISED WILL HELP PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW PARISH CENTRE

RUN BY NEWCASTLE BOWLS CLUB AND NEWCASTLE TABLE TENNIS CLUB



#### Bereavements

We extend our prayerful sympathy to Cherry and Dr. Andrew Sleeman on the death of Cherry's mother Audrey Edith Buttimore, Greenacres, Newcastle. Audrey's cremated remains were interred in Newcastle Churchyard.

Jack O'Toole, Timore, Newcastle, husband of Sylvia passed away following a period of illness and his mortal remains were buried in Kilmurray Cemetery, Newtownmountkennedy. We extend our sympathy to Sylvia and her family.

#### Coffee

There will be coffee and tea served with toast and treats in the cottage as usual from 10.30am on Tuesdays - except on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> when we will all decamp to the coffee morning at the home of David and Gladys Kearon. See previous page.

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

Items must be received by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for publication

#### Lunch

Lunch in April will be a little later than usual, taking place after Easter on Thursday  $24^{\text{th}}$ . The cost as ever is  $\notin 10$ . Book your place with Karen.

#### Cottage Trip in May

We are planning one of our trips from the cottage and this time we hope to go a little further than usual. The intention is to take a train to Belfast and on to Whitehead - hopefully by steam train but this depends on availability closer to the time. We will stay a night in a hotel, enjoy afternoon tea and go on a few excursions, including a visit to the Titanic exhibition. Then home again by train. We'll have a bus at our disposal, so no tiring walking. For more detailed information phone or talk to Karen.

Bookings by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Phone Karen 087-2866889



#### **Easter Flowers**

Newcastle Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 am. All hands on deck!

## SERVICES HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Wednesday Holy Communion at St Matthew's 10.30am

> Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at Calary 8pm

Good Friday Meditation at Newcastle 8pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Newcastle Beach 6.30am Holy Communion at Calary 9.30am Easter Family Praise at Newcastle 12 noon Holy Communion at St Matthew's 6.30pm

## PARISH OF NEWCASTLE & NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY 8pm Wednesday 30th April McLean Room (Behind St Matthew 's Church )



#### **Sunday School**

Dates for Sunday School in April are Sundays  $6^{th}$  and  $13^{th.}$ 

#### Creche

There will be no crèche on Easter Sunday, though the cottage will be open as usual should any parents want to take their children out of church.

Thanks to all our volunteers. New ones always welcome! Please support the crèche by leaving your little ones in to play during Sunday service in Newcastle. *Julie Bond* 

#### **Parents and Toddlers**

Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in to the cottage any Monday morning from 10.30am for play and a chat. No Parents and Toddlers over Easter.

#### **Junior Choir**

The Junior Choir sang beautifully at the Family Service in March. The members are rehearsing for Easter Sunday at the moment, so make sure to come along to the service of Easter Family Praise in Newcastle if you want to hear them.

#### Time Out

Every first and third Tuesday from 8pm in the cottage. Everyone welcome to join in.

#### **Bible Book Club**

We meet every second and fourth Tuesday in the cottage starting with a chat and some food and wine at 8pm. This is followed by a discussion on the reading, often lively! Everyone is welcome to join in at any time.

#### Bowls

Bowls continues every Thursday from 8pm in St Francis School Hall with an enthusiastic bunch of players.



## FRIDAY 4th APRIL FRIDAY 18th APRIL

8—9.30pm

Meet at St Francis School



#### **Table Tennis**

Table Tennis every Monday in Newcastle Community Centre from 8.30pm. Following on from the social evening with Calary Club recently, the club hosted Enniskerry Table Tennis Club on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March—lots of games and a super supper. Members have been invited to play the Greystones club next. New members always welcome.

#### **Parish Choir**

Holy Week is fast approaching and the Parish Choir is busy preparing the music. On Palm Sunday we will sing Hosanna to the Son of David by Georg Philipp Telemann in Newcastle. The Maundy Thursday Communion Service in Calary will be sung to the setting in F by William Harris and the Communion Motet will be "Dearest Jesus at your word" by J.S.Bach. On Good Friday in Newcastle there will be a more contemplative service at which we will sing "God so loved the world" and two of the hymns from Sir John Stainer's "Crucifixion". We will celebrate Easter Sunday morning at the Communion Service in St. Matthews sung to music from Franz Schubert's German Mass and the Communion Motet "Christ is risen" by Alexander Katalsky, who was a pupil of Tchaikovsky.

## Service Providers

Babysitting Year round. Horse Exercising Summer holidays Sophie Reboul-Geraghty Phone: 2810586

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#### **Music in Calary**

The concert programme for 2014 has now been published and anyone wishing more information, please email <u>derekneilson@eircom.net</u>

#### **April Concert**

"Farewell to Delgany, likewise the Glen". The music and songs of Wicklow from the collections of the Irish Traditional Music Archive. A multimedia presentation by Grace Toland, ITMA Librarian. This exciting event is on Monday 28 April at 8pm and is being held in conjunction with Roundwood Historical and Folklore Society. Everyone is welcome and the charge for this special event is €5. To book, please ring (01) 2818146 or email derekneilson@eircom.net

#### **180th Anniversary Celebrations**

2014 marks the 180th anniversary of the consecration of Calary Church by Archbishop Richard Whately. A number of special events are planned, one being a Songs of Praise on Sunday 24 August. Details of this and other events will follow.

#### Pinhole Camera Exhibition

Also in 1834, William Henry Fox Talbot experimented with a *photogenic drawing* process. This was not shown until 1839 after an argument between himself and <u>Louis Daguerre</u>, who exhibited his invention, the <u>daguerreotype</u> photographic process.

Calary is launching a celebration of this anniversary on International Pinhole Camera Day, which is on Sunday, 27 April and we are inviting people to join us in celebrating this event. Pinhole camera workshops will be held to encourage people to get involved in making their own pinhole taking camera and stunning photogenic drawing process images of their own. These will be exhibited. along with other photographic paraphernalia, during Heritage Week (23 to 31 August) in Calary Church.

#### **Church Decoration for Easter**

This will take place on Saturday 19 April at 10.30am.

#### Powerscourt Mothers Union Bring and Buy Sale

This event will take place on Saturday 12 April between 11.30 to 2.30 at the Paroichial Hall, Enniskerry, with all the usual stalls. For further information, please contact June Roe (2866030).

#### Table Tennis

This takes place every Thursday at 8pm in the Church Room. All experienced players and newcomers are welcome.

#### Crèche and Sunday School

Sunday School continues every Sunday in the Church Room, apart from when there is a Family Service.

### **St Francis PA**

The School Play 'The Great Ghost Chase' will take place on Friday the 4th of April and also on Saturday the 5th of April in the school hall. The start time is 7.30pm. This is a free event with a bumper raffle. All welcome.

A clothes collection of old, used clothes will take place at St Francis NS on the morning of April 10th. All donations welcome. For more information contact Siobhan 0868121423.

A 'Retro to 90's' disco will take place over the Beach House in Greystones on Friday May 9th. Tickets are €12 and are available from the Parents Association members of the school or ring Siobhan on 086 8121423.



## Calary Annual Easter Vestry

8pm Thursday 1st May

Church Room.







# **SERVICES IN APRIL**

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	E 27.1.14
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	НС	Ez. 37:1-14 Rom. 8:6-11
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	EP	Kom. 0.0-11
Palm Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	
	St Matthew's	10.45	СТ	MP	Matt. 21:1-11
	Newcastle SS	12.00	СТ	MP	Phil. 2:5-11
Maundy Thurs	Calary	20.00	WB	НС	
Good Friday	Newcastle	20.00	WB	Meditation	
Easter Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Beach	6.30	WB	Sunrise	
	Calary	9.30	WB	НС	Acts 10:34-43
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Family Praise	Col. 3:1-4
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	HC	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	1 D-4 1.2 O
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Songs of Praise	1 Peter 1:3-9



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!