



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As I write this letter I am listening to the radio, and the horrific news of the terrorist bomb attacks in Brussels and the very sad loss of life by five members of the same family in Donegal have taken most of the news time today and gripped the nation in great sadness. We see the depths that human nature can stoop to but also, in the horror, we see the sacrificial and unselfish love that humans can rise to. I think we can all have our own visions of a man stripping off his heavy clothing, jumping into the cold and dangerous water of Lough Swilly and saving the life of a helpless baby girl. We can also have our visions of a father who apparently was free enough from the sinking vehicle to escape but who returned to his two sons and accompanied them as they went to their deaths. Our thoughts and prayers must be with those grieving the loss of loved ones resulting from these tragedies.

When tragedies like these bombings happen I have often been asked 'Where is your God now?' or 'Can you make sense of these horrific events?' I say no we can't and that is because there is no sense in them. How can the spectacle of this kind of cruel callous murder of innocent people make any sense? It is a time when we need to speak boldly against radical movements and brainwashed people who think they are doing God's work and think they can look forward to wonderful benefits in the afterlife for doing so. The world is seeing very difficult times and those who dare to stand up for the truth of God's Word can expect to be the targets of evil people. If we take passages like Matthew 24 seriously we may be very disappointed at the horrific things that happen in the world but we won't be taken completely by surprise. People of faith must stand against the evil and pray seriously for strength to do so.

Easter time and following on from the yearly reminder of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we meet for the Annual Easter Vestries—dates in this issue and your attendance would be greatly appreciated. It is always encouraging for those who have served our parishes on Select Vestry, put in many hours on parish business, and for some those hours if added together would amount to many weeks serving our interests in the parishes. Very sincere thanks to all members which include church wardens, glebe wardens, Hon. Treasurers, and Hon. Secretaries of the Select Vestries. A wonderful source of inspiration has been the Junior Choir led by Joan and her helpers.

We look forward to building on the obvious talent and to seeing what God has in store for this group. Andy and the Parish Choir continue to be of great assistance at Holy Communion Services and special occasions. To all Sunday School teachers and to those involved in the Parent and Toddler group, to Caroline and Michael for their help, to those who look after getting readers for services, cleaning and putting beautiful flowers in the Churches I say a big warm THANK YOU!

We are very pleased that the weekly programme in the Parish Centre is getting fuller by the month. The Castle Kidz initiative is proving to be very popular as Ruth and Christine continue to build on last year's success, and at the hub of all that happens in the Centre is the Parish Administrator. The Centre could not continue in such an active way without the controls being firmly in the hands of Karen. The building committee's work is almost completed. We now have a first class Centre, a beautiful Rectory and six sites sold to help pay for the development. As soon as the roadway is laid into the sites the new owners will be free to begin building their houses. This was only possible due to members of the committee and the numerous hours invested in the project by Mervyn. There have been many frustrations along the way but the end is in sight.

You have three beautiful Churches with good facilities. Let's pray that God will use each of us in a positive way to show real Christian love as we use the facilities to his glory

God Bless
William

**PARISH OF NEWCASTLE
& NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY
ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY**

**Thursday 21st April
at 8pm**

Newcastle Parish Centre

**Come along and hear what's happening
in the parish and plans for the future**



BASKETS

BLOOMS

BUNNIES

Thanks Sheila for a very entertaining morning and well done on raising a substantial amount for Fields of Life.



FAMILY SERVICE

**NEWCASTLE
CHURCH**

**SUNDAY
17th APRIL
AT 12 NOON**

**WITH THE
JUNIOR CHOIR**

Coffee

Every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the sitting room at the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome to drop in for coffee/tea and a chat.

Lunch

The monthly lunch will take place on Thursday 21st April in the Parish Centre. As usual book with Karen.

Breakfast

Pop in to the Parish Centre for breakfast on the morning of St Francis school assembly in the church.



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Summer Camp 2016

We are holding our annual Summer Camp this year from Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th July, in The Parish Centre. Camp will commence at 10 am each morning and finish at 2 pm.

The camp is open to Primary School Children up to 6th Class, however your child / children must have completed 1 year in Primary School (i.e.: they are starting Senior Infants in Sept 2016).

Price per family is €30.00. Spaces are limited to 48 children and will be allocated on a first registered & paid basis.

Children will be required to bring a pack lunch & drink each day. Raincoats and sun cream should also be included.

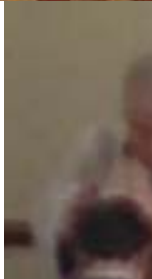
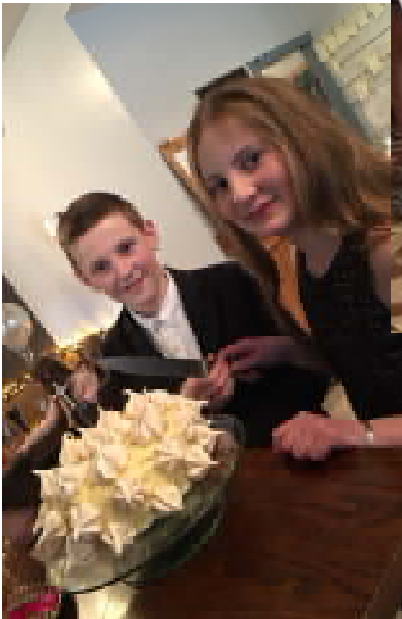
Consent forms must be completed for each child and returned to Karen Kissane, **no later than Friday 27th May 2016.**

If you would like any further information about the camp, or an enrolment form, you can contact Karen on 087 2709759.

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Clubs and Organisations

Sunday School at Newcastle

There will be Sunday School on the 3rd, 10th and 24th of April. All children of primary school age welcome!

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir rehearses with Joan after school on a Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre. Looking forward to hearing them at the next Family Service.

Parents & Toddlers

Anyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to pop in to the Parish Centre for play and a chat any Monday morning from 10am.

Time Out

The prayer group will meet on the 5th and 19th of April at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Bible Club

The study of Revelation continues on the 12th and 26th of April at 8pm upstairs in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome to join in at any time.

Table Tennis

The table tennis club continues to meet in the Parish Centre every Monday evening from 8pm. All welcome. Match arranged for 18th April in Newcastle Parish Centre—Newcastle & Calary combined versus St Patrick's.

Bowls Club

The League Singles Competition was held in The Parish Centre last Saturday afternoon and we were delighted that Keith Stringer was the runner-up in the Final having beaten last year's winner in the Semi-Final. The eventual winner for 2016 was Robert Donnelly from Gorey. A good afternoon was enjoyed by all and the Tea Ladies did sterling work with endless cups of tea and all manner of food throughout.

The Club Competitions are proceeding weekly each Thursday at 8pm. Anyone who might be thinking of joining the Club next September and would like to get some idea of what Bowls is about would be welcome to join us any Thursday evening before the Season closes at the end of April

CALARY NEWS

GENERAL EASTER VESTRY

Monday 4th April
at 8pm

Church Room

All parishioners are
encouraged to come along
and hear the plans for
the coming year

Parish Supper

There will be a Parish Supper in Calary Church Room at 7.30 pm on Friday 8 April. Please let the following know if you would like to come along and join us for an evening of excellent food and great fun: Claire (2818187), June (2866030) or Ethni (28638980).

Parish BBQ

Calary Parish will be holding a barbeque on Saturday 18th June (more details nearer the time) and there will also be a plant sale in aid of the Fields of Life Sponsorship Scheme, so please get potting up some plants.

Fields of Life

Many thanks to all who supported the Fields of Life Sponsorship Scheme in the past year; it is much appreciated. We have 8 children sponsored at the moment.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues in the Church Room during Sunday Service, except when there is Family Service.

Table Tennis

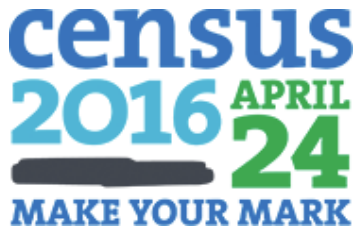
Table tennis takes place each Thursday in the Church Room starting at 8pm.

Enniskerry Garden Club

Wednesday 6th April at 8pm - A Plant Sale and Social Evening with Finger Food and a glass of wine will be held in Powerscourt Parochial Hall (Beside Poppies in Enniskerry). Admission €5.

Mothers Union

There will be a bring and buy sale in aid of the Mothers Union Powerscourt branch between 11.30 and 2 pm on Saturday 16th April in the Parochial Hall, Enniskerry. Stalls will include plants, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, etc.



Census 2016

The next census will take place on **Sunday April 24th, 2016**. When you fill in your census form on this night, you're giving us the information we need now to understand what Ireland needs for the future

What is the Census

The census is a detailed account of everybody who is in the country on census night. On 24 April everybody in Ireland is required to enter their details on a census form.

The importance of the census is that it accounts for everybody in the country no matter where they are. The results provide invaluable information on not only population size for the country as a whole, but also about the make-up of the population of towns, villages, and other small areas across the country. As well as collecting information on the age and sex of the population, a range of different questions relating to households and individuals are also asked such as where and what people work at, how people travel to work, school and college, languages spoken, disabilities, families, housing and lots more.

Who conducts the Census?

The census is conducted by the Central Statistics Office (CSO)

More information from www.census.ie

SERVICES IN APRIL

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 3rd	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Acts 5:27-32</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 10th	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Acts 9:1-6 & 7-20 Rev. 5:11-14 John 21:1-19</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
Sunday 17th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
Sunday 24th	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Acts 11:1-18 Lev. 19:1-2 & 9-18</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	



**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!**

Please send any items for inclusion in May PINS to
nandnparishoffice@gmail.com

Items must be received by MONDAY 18th April