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# He is Risen!

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

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## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

During the season of Lent there is a great sense of expectation and hope, even though there are many difficult days on the path to the cross, before the joy of the Resurrection. We too as a community of faith have weathered difficult days. Last Easter we were still under lockdown, our churches closed. This year we will get the opportunity to celebrate Easter together, as a community. At Easter we remember a love stronger than death, a love that was the perfect sacrifice for sin, God's love for us. In return Jesus asked us to do two things, to love the Lord our God with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

A shining light during the dark days of the pandemic was the living example of that love, as people cared for each other and looked out for their neighbours. That sense of community is an amazing strength of these parishes, one to which it has been a joy to become part of. However world events have led to that call to love our neighbours being extended, as the horrific invasion in Ukraine has meant that people have need to flee to safety and many will arrive in our communities, in need of help. It is my hope that we in these parishes will find ways to rise to this challenge and will find ways to make all feel welcome, to show love and compassion and to bring hope back to people's lives.. My sincere thanks to all who contributed to our collections in all three churches on 6<sup>th</sup> March. A sum of €1600 was raised in aid of the Irish Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal.

As we come to the end of Lent, this hope for a new start is mirrored outside, in the wonder of God's creation, as we leave late winter and move towards the joy of spring, to the joy of Easter Sunday, the greatest day of the year. I hope that the fabulous weather that we are enjoying continues and that you all get time to enjoy it.

Wishing you all a happy and a blessed Easter,

God bless,  
Ross

# Blossoms Baskets and Hubcaps!



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
10am - 12noon**

**Newcastle Parish Centre**

**Sheila is back with a bang!  
All you need to know about  
Spring flower arranging and more**

**Entrance: €10**

**Refreshments**

**Sale Table**

**In aid of Parish funds**



**Decoration of  
Newcastle Church  
for Easter  
Saturday 16th April  
All help appreciated**

**Confirmation 2022  
Sunday 8th May  
at 3pm in Newcastle Church**



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's. Everyone is welcome to tea/coffee in the McLean Room after all services at St Matthew's.

## **Series of Lenten Reflections with Rev Ross**



**L**oving everyone  
**E**agerness to be kind  
**N**urturing our spirit  
**T**eaching God's word

Every Tuesday in Lent from 8pm in the Parish Centre.



# Annual Easter Vestries

**Calary**  
**Wednesday 4th May**  
**at 8pm**  
**in the Church Room**

**Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy**  
**Thursday 5th May**  
**at 8pm**  
**in the Parish Centre**

**Everyone is encouraged to participate in  
parish life by attending these meetings.**

**All very welcome.**



Thank you so much to the generous parishioners and friends who have offered to sponsor one of the nine children who are educated by Newcastle Church through the Fields of Life sponsorship programme. Your help will make an enormous difference to a child in Uganda.



**Crois Dhearg na hÉireann**  
**Irish Red Cross**

A total of €780 was raised in St Matthew's and Newcastle Churches on Sunday 6th March for the Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine. Thank you all for your generosity.

Please send any items for inclusion in May PINS to:  
[nandnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nandnparishoffice@gmail.com)

# JUNIOR CLUBS

## Sunday Club

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Newcastle Church at 12 noon

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Newcastle Church at 12 noon

Sunday Club will be leading the Family Service

# SPRING

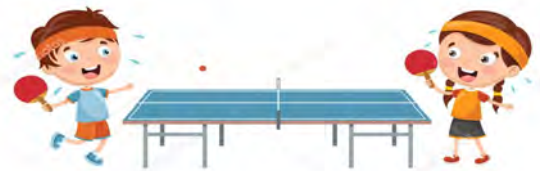


Children of all ages are very welcome to join the fun!

Consent forms inside the church door

## Junior Table Tennis Club

Everyone welcome  
aged 9 and over



**Mondays 7 - 8pm**  
**Parish Centre**

# YOUTH CLUB

**FRIDAYS**  
**7.30PM**  
**PARISH CENTRE**

## Parent & Toddler Group



**Monday mornings**  
**10 - 11.15am**  
**Parish Centre**

**All welcome!**

# PARISH CLUBS

## Parish Choir



The Parish Choir rehearses for upcoming Holy Communion and special services on Monday evenings from 8pm in the Parish Centre.

New members very welcome.  
Come and enjoy a sing!

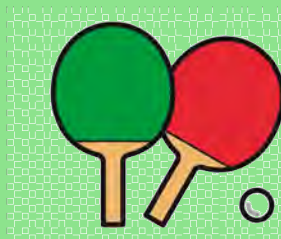
## Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets on Thursdays at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome  
to come along



## Table Tennis Club



This lively club meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

All welcome to join.

## Lunch

Our Easter Lunch will take place on Thursday 21st April in the Parish Centre.

Don't miss out on this special meal.

€10 per person for main meal, dessert and coffee - plus extras.

Book your place with Karen.



## Coffee

Everyone is welcome to drop in to the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am for tea, coffee, toast, treats and chat.





# CALARY NEWS

## **Come and Sing for Ukraine**

A 'Come and Sing' is being planned as a fundraiser for Ukraine on Sunday, 3rd April from 14:00-17:00 in the Holy Redeemer Church, Main Street. Bray. All choirs and people who are interested in singing are invited to come and sing John Rutter's setting of A Ukrainian Prayer. There will be a workshop to practice during the afternoon and it will be sung at around 16:45. It is hoped to video it and put it on YouTube.



All money raised will be sent to Ukraine under the auspices of the Red Cross who will be providing collection boxes for donations. The entry fee is €5 to participate but you can donate as much as you like! The music can be downloaded at the link below. Masks are not mandatory but it is recommended that singers wear them during the workshop and remove them for the performance. Holy Redeemer is a big airy church so there will be plenty of space!

<https://johnrutter.com/news-features/prayer-for-ukraine>

Let us use this occasion to celebrate a return to live singing and raise our voices for Ukraine!

## **Annual Easter Vestry**

The Easter Vestry will be held on Wednesday 4 May at 8 pm in Calary Church Room. All parishioners are welcome. Remember it is the one occasion to raise the issues you have concerns about and maybe thank the outgoing Select Vestry for their work in keeping the parish running.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School in Calary takes place every Sunday in the Church Room, except when there is Family Service.





# **Playschool**

**Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle**

**Open 9am to 12.00 noon.**

**5 days per week.**

**Places available for children**

**aged from 2½ years.**

**ECCE and non-ECCE.**

**Play-based curriculum designed  
around children's interests and needs.**

**Emphasis on outdoor learning  
and interacting with nature.**

**Bright modern facilities.**

**2 outdoor spaces.**

**(one on artificial grass and  
one large natural play area)**

**Huge indoor hall.**

**Phone Joanne at 087-7216929**



# Yoga With Gina

**Our Spring 8 Week Yoga Course**

**29th March to 24th May**

**(no class 18th April)**

**Tuesdays @ 9.30AM**

**Upstairs in The Parish Centre**

**€96 or €14 Drop In**

**Enquires: 0871332499**

**All Welcome**



Mask wearing is no longer mandatory. However many people are still very nervous so we would ask that you are mindful of others and, if possible, wear masks while in enclosed spaces in the church and church buildings. Thank you for your continued kindness and consideration.

As you know, you can contact me by phone or e-mail at any time and we can meet anywhere for a chat or prayer but also I am in my office at the Parish Centre each Tuesday morning from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Please feel free to drop in and say hello! Ross





## JESUS HAS RISEN!

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EMPTY  
 DISCIPLES  
 RESURRECTION  
 GOD  
 JESUS  
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 LIFE  
 MESSIAH  
 RISEN  
 JERUSALEM

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one  
 and only Son, that whoever believes in him  
 shall not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16:***



# SERVICES IN APRIL

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 Phil. 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	Family HC	
<b>Palm Sunday 10th</b>	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Isaiah 50: 4-9 Psalm 31: 9-16 Phil. 2: 5-11 Luke 23: 1-49
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	MP	
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Newcastle	20.00	RS	HC	Ex. 12: 1-4, 11-14 Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 1 Cor. 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
<b>Good Friday</b>	St Matthew's	15.00	RS	Meditation	Job 14: 1-14 Psalm 31: 1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4: 1-8 John 19: 38-42
	Newcastle	19.00	RS	Meditation	
	Calary	20.00	MT	Meditation	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	N/C Beach	6.15	RS	Sunrise	Acts 10: 34-43 Easter Anthems 1 Cor. 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18
	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	Family HC	
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	Calary	9.30	RS	FS	Acts 5: 27-32 Psalm 150 John 20: 19-31
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	FS	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	FS	

On Easter Sunday the services in Calary and St Matthew's will be followed by tea/coffee and an Egg Hunt for the children. The service in Newcastle will be followed by an Egg Hunt for the children.