



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary



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From the Rector

Dear friends,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the Summer. I cannot believe we are already in August! They say time flies when you are having fun and I must admit that I really enjoyed our parish activities in June and July. Our 'Go the Distance' in June was great fun, I really enjoyed walking the parish boundaries (now that the blisters are gone!) and it was fantastic seeing so many people take part. We raised over €1900 which will be divided between the parishes and the Al Ahli hospital in Gaza. Well done everybody!

Saturday July 17th saw our Open Garden Trail, with six locations to visit in beautiful sunshine! A huge thank you to Caroline, Ralph, Sheila, Ann, John, Mark, Jackie, Huw, Jean and Brian for allowing us all to explore your fantastic gardens and allotments. A fantastic sum of €3310 was raised for the parish! Well done everyone, particularly a huge thank you to Caroline. I would like to express my thanks also to Karen and to the members of the fundraising committee for all their work and creativity in making our summer parish events such a success. Also well done to Jean who, through her plant sale in her garden, raised €325.50 for Fields of Life!

All these beautiful gardens make the Rectory look a bit bare, I will have to reconnect with my past knowledge and step up to the challenge! Poor Fiona married a horticulturist, not a clergyman, so perhaps after all these years she finally deserves a garden!

The summer is not over and we still have a lot to look forward to. At the end of the month we will hopefully be having a parish get together, an opportunity to come together for a meal outside, weather and covid permitting! As we move into September, hopefully restrictions will continue to open up. For example I hope to see a return to Sunday school, youth club, prayer groups, confirmation classes, coffee and lunches in the parish centre amongst many other things, things that have been absent for the last year or so.

Take care, God bless and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Ross

A festive banner for a summer party. At the top, the words "SUMMER PARTY" are written in large, bold, blue capital letters with a red outline. The text is flanked by clusters of colorful balloons: green, pink, and blue on the left; and yellow, red, and purple on the right. Below the balloons, a string of colorful triangular bunting (blue, yellow, and red) hangs across the width of the banner.

SUMMER PARTY

**Parish Centre Grounds
Saturday 28th August
4pm til late**

**Fabulous food and drink
Eating at 6pm
Children's fun**

**€20 per adult
Children free**

**Tickets from the Parish Office
or phone Karen 087-2866889**

**In aid of Parish of Newcastle
& Newtownmountkennedy**

Weather and Covid-19 restrictions allowing

CONFIRMATION 2022



If you, or someone you know, would
like to be confirmed in Spring 2022
please give your name to
Rev Ross 087-9892941
Classes begin in October 2021

SUNDAY CLUB IN NEWCASTLE

Would you like to be involved in
teaching the children in our parish
about the Christian faith?
And in helping them become part
of our church community?



If you can spare one or two Sundays per month
please contact Rev Ross at 087-9892941

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

Do you have a toddler and
would like to see the
Parent and Toddler Group
up and running again?
Give your name to Karen in the
office and we'll assess
if there are enough toddlers out
there to make it viable!



Ross will be putting his feet up for a couple of weeks from 15th to 28th August inclusive.

If you have an emergency or need assistance in any way during that time please contact Karen at 087-2866889. Enjoy the break Ross!



We are happy and proud to say that on a recent inspection by Túsla our lovely little playschool was found to be fully compliant.

Looking forward to seeing all our children, both new pupils and old hands, back for the new term on Monday 30th August.

Please be advised that we are fully booked for 2021/22

We have some spaces for 2022/23..

St Matthew's Church



St Matthew's remains closed for services due to structural problems which make it unsafe to allow the public inside.

A conservation architect has been engaged to assess the damage and advise on works needed. Ecclesiastical Insurance has also been involved in the process.

This project will take some time to complete but the Select Vestry is fully committed to seeing the church safe and open for worship again.

Garden Trail 2021

Many thanks to our wonderful gardeners who opened their gardens to the public in aid of the Parish, and to the hordes of people who visited on a beautiful day.
€3310 was raised. A wonderful result.



CALARY NEWS

Music in Calary

The first concert recorded in Calary has been launched on YouTube. It is available from Wednesday 28 July. Billy O'Brien (piano) is performing Brahms 3 Intermezzi Op. 117, Chopin's Sonata in B minor Op.58 & Scarlatti's Sonata in A major K208.

There is no ticket charge but donations for future events are accepted. If anyone would like the link to this concert, please email derekneilson@eircom.net. More of the recorded concerts will be coming available on line over the next few months.



Church

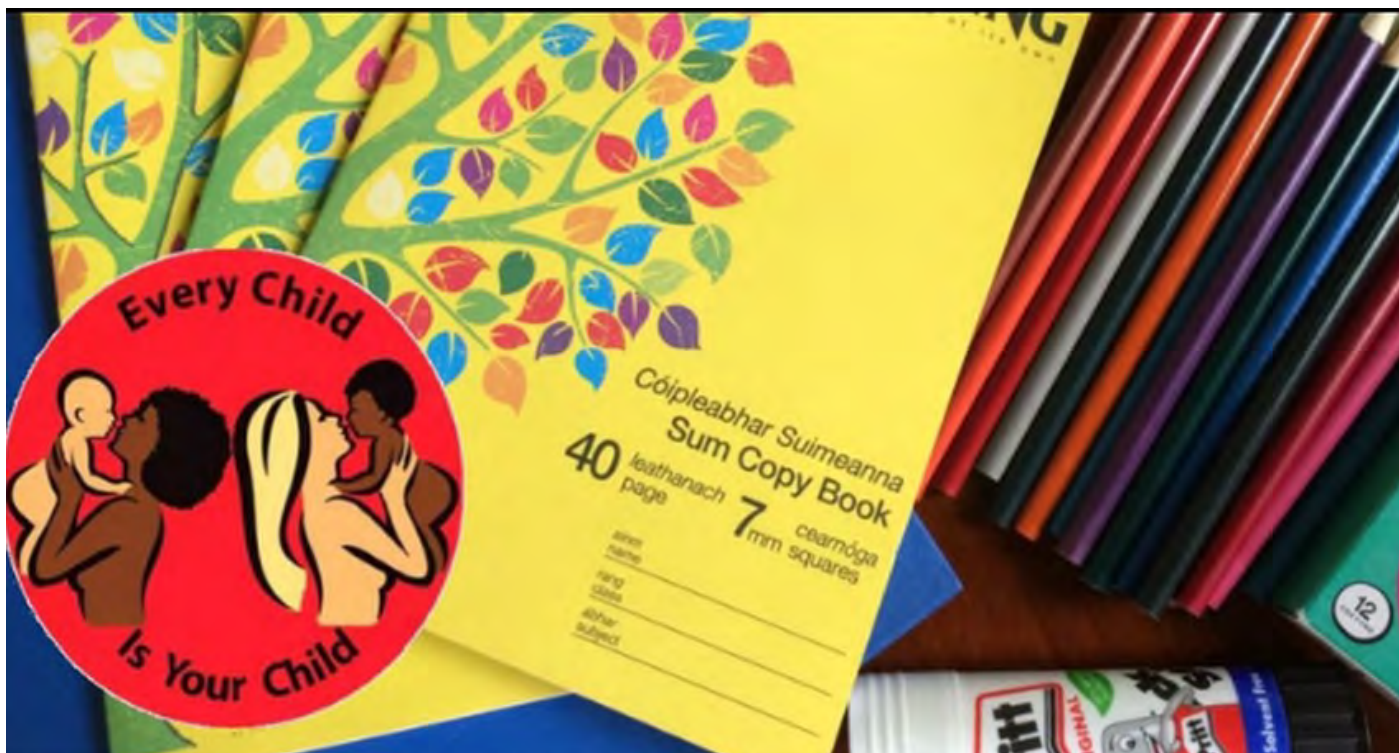
A step towards to normality, on Sunday 18 July, a glorious sunny day, parishioners enjoyed the first after church cuppa, while adhering to Government guidelines.

Sunday School

The Calary Sunday School will recommence from Sunday 1 August. Hopefully the weather will be fine and we can be outside but, if not, it will take place at the back of the church room.

Harvest Festival and Art Exhibition

By October, we hope to be able to have a 'physical' Harvest Festival weekend including an Art Exhibition. We suspect there may still be restrictions in place so it may be a hybrid event. More details will be available nearer the time.



Back-to-School Collection Drive - Every Child is Your Child. Please help!



For the second year, we are supporting the Every Child is Your Child's Back-to-School drive. Families in direct provision can face significant challenges at back-to-school time in being able to afford uniforms, books, and other supplies needed for the new school year.

Donations in the form of gift cards in €25 denominations from the following are requested:

- One4All
- Dunnes
- Tesco
- Easons
- National Book Token

Essential Information

Gift cards can be dropped off at our Sunday morning Eucharist in Christ Church Cathedral on 8 and 15 August, and at our Welcome Desk during normal opening hours, (Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm, and Sunday 1pm-6pm), from 8-15 August.

For more information: <https://everychildireland.org/back-2-school/>

What to look out for in August



House Martin



The house martin prefers to build its nest from mud on man-made structures like houses. A relative of the swallow, house martins have the distinctive forked tail, though theirs is slightly shallower than the deep V of a swallow's tail. The most noticeable

characteristics of the house martin are the white feathers which grow on their legs and toes, giving them fluffy trousers which make them easy to spot when resting on buildings or branches.

Painted Lady



Painted Lady butterflies make an incredible journey to reach Ireland. Starting in northern Africa, these beautiful bugs fly through Spain and France before landing on our shores during the summer. For the best chance of spotting them, plant red valerians in the garden. Painted ladies

drink the nectar from these flowers and often like to lay their eggs on the stems of the plant, meaning some lucky gardeners may see more than one generation in a summer.

Dragonfly



While adult dragonflies emerge throughout the summer, the highest species diversity is usually recorded in July and August, making this part of the summer the best time to see as many beautiful kinds as possible. The best place to spot them is anywhere near water which isn't too dirty.

Dragonflies are most active on warm, sunny days. Dragonflies and their close relatives, damselflies, are often out at the same time and are sometimes difficult to tell apart. The best way to distinguish them is when they're resting, as damselflies sit with their wings closed while dragonflies rest with their wings spread out.

SERVICES IN AUGUST

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st <i>9th after Trinity</i>	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Eph. 4: 1-16 Psalm 51: 1-13 John 6: 24-35
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	MP	
Sunday 8th <i>10th after Trinity</i>	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	Eph. 4: 25-5:2 Psalm 130 John 6: 35, 41-51
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	HC	
Sunday 15th <i>11th after Trinity</i>	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Eph. 5: 15-20 Psalm 111 John 6: 51-58
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	
Sunday 22nd <i>12th after Trinity</i>	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Eph. 6: 10-20 Psalm 84 John 6: 56-69
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	
Sunday 29th <i>13th after Trinity</i>	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	James 1: 17-27 Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	FS	



**Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday,
with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am.
For the moment this will be held in the McLean Room.**