

PARISH INFORMATION NEW

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Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary



CHRISTMAS

December 2009/January 2010



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Items need to be received by Wednesday 27th January for publication on Sunday 31st

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www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org or www.calaryparish.org

If you would like a lift to anything happening in the parish, please don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers above.

Please note that the time of services and events can vary, particularly at festival times! If you lose your copy of PINS remember that service times and events can be checked on the parish website on the 'Calendar of Events'.

Services in December



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 6th:				
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Calary	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Malachi 3: 1 - 4
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Morning Prayer	Philippians 1: 3 - 11
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 13th:				
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Calary	9.30am	Holy Communion	Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Holy Communion	Philippians 4: 4 - 7
	St. Matthew's	7.00pm	Carol Service	
Saturday 19th:				
	Calary	8.00pm	Carol Service	
Sunday 20th:				
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Morning Prayer	Micah 5: 2 - 5 Hebs.10:5-10
	Newcastle	12 noon	Nativity Play and Holy Baptism	
	Hospital	3.00pm	Carols at Newcastle Hospital	
Monday 21st:				
	Newcastle Village	7.30pm	Carol Singing in aid of St. Catherine's Special Services	
Thursday 24th: Christmas Eve				
	Newcastle	11.30pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah52:7-10 Hebs.1:1-4
CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday 25th)				
	Calary	9.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah9:2-7
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Holy Communion	Titus2:11-14
	Newcastle	12 noon	Family Christmas Praise	
Sunday 27th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	Newcastle	12 noon	United Service Morning Prayer	



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



Services in January

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 3rd:				
S.S. & Crèche	Calary	9.30am	Morning Prayer	2 Samuel 2
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Morning Prayer	18 - 20, 26
	Newcastle	12noon	Holy Communion	Luke 2: 41 - 52
Sunday 10th:				
S.S. & Crèche	Calary	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Isaiah 60:
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Holy Communion	1 - 6
S.S. & Crèche	Newcastle	12noon	Morning Prayer	Ephesians 3:
	Newcastle	5.00pm	Youth Service	1 - 12
Sunday 17th:				
Crèche	Calary	9.30am	Family Service	Acts 8: 14 - 17
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Morning Prayer	Luke 3: 15-17,21-22
	Newcastle	12noon	Family Service with Holy Baptism	
Sunday 24th:				
S.S. & Crèche	Calary	9.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 62: 1 - 5
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Family Service	1Corinthians12:
S.S. & Crèche	Newcastle	12noon	Morning Prayer	1 - 11
Sunday 31st:				
S.S. & Crèche	Calary	9.30am	Morning Prayer	1Corinthians1: 10 - 18
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	Morning Prayer	Matthew 4:
S.S. & Crèche	Newcastle	12noon	Morning Prayer	12 - 23



MAY GOD GRANT YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

From the Rector

Many things amaze me about life and people. We can take much for granted, that not only applies to the wonder and beauty of nature surrounding us all the time, but applies to the great number of people who cross our paths and impact our lives at various levels. In parish life we all enjoy the services of many people in various ways and perhaps seldom ask who provides those services.

Week by week we have clean churches, each beautifully enhanced by colourful floral arrangements and there is always a warm welcome by the Church Wardens. We have always had the services of committed organists, pianists or other instrumentalists such as guitarists or a cornetist to lead us in our worship. Individuals organise readers for each service and in Newcastle someone ensures there is a parishioner to lead the prayers (whenever the Rector remembers to ask them!) and large groups of people give their time to serve on the Select Vestries, social committee, building committee, parish choir and Sunday School. Coffee/tea is provided each Sunday and Wednesday after the St. Matthew's service and once a month we enjoy refreshments after the Calary service. Coffee/tea and goodies are enjoyed each Tuesday morning and each month a delicious lunch is served to all who come to the Cottage on the third Thursday. Many of the young mums enjoy the P&T group on a Monday morning and good times of learning and discussion are had at 'Time Out' on Monday evenings. We are well served by our Lay Readers who are not just 'fillers in' when we are desperate for help but have a very important part in the life and ministry carried out in our parish not only for the parishioners but are colleagues which support and encourage me in the work and ministry we endeavour to do.

In supporting your parish the easy thing, and perhaps not so easy, is to feel that giving is to do solely with monetary contributions, but, I believe the most important thing we can give is ourselves and that is our time. You may not have noticed that I have not mentioned any names so far. This list is not exhaustive and there are more duties carried out in the parish day by day and week by week by faithful people who give their time. Sincere thanks to you all and may we look forward to serving God together with whatever gift he has given you.

If Christmas is about anything it is about God giving himself, the greatest gift ever. Jesus did not come with great gifts of property or money but he gave all he had and that was himself. May we enjoy His peace this Christmas by giving what we can, ourselves, to him and may we know his blessing throughout 2010.

A Happy Christmas to you all and may we have a healthy and happy 2010 as we enjoy God's blessings and serve him and each other.

William



Calary parish are holding a New Year dinner for parishioners in the Church Room. The date has yet to be confirmed but it will probably take place in early February. More details in February PINS!

Carol Services

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Carol Service will be on Sunday 13th at 7.00pm in St. Matthew's.

The **Carol Service on Saturday 19th at 8pm** in Calary Church will be a celebration of Christmas with the **Capella Choir** of 30 voices with congregational participation.

Tea and mince pies will be served in the Church Room. Contributions of mince pies would be appreciated!

Newcastle Hospital Carol Service will be on Sunday 20th at 3.00pm.

Community Carol Singing

All members of the community are invited to wrap up warmly and gather together in the middle of Newcastle village at 7.30pm on Monday 21st to sing in aid of **St. Catherine's Services**. (Please note **not** to meet at Newcastle Church as stated in November PINS)



Decoration of Churches for Christmas;



Newcastle Church will be decorated on Friday 18th from 10.00 am or if that time does not suit you some people will be decorating that evening. There is a desperate need for new help in Newcastle as some regulars are no longer available. Those that remain would *really, really* appreciate some more help and contributions of decorations.

Calary Church will be decorated on Saturday 19th from 10.00 am approximately and this year the children are invited to come along and help decorate the tree.

St Matthew's will be decorated from 10 a.m. on Monday 21st December. Any help and/or decorative material gratefully received.

Sunday School

This year we decided to use our weekly collections to purchase animals and sponsor a child through the Fields of Life Charity. We are pleased to advise that we were able to send 10 hens, 2 pigs and 2 turkeys to deserving families in Uganda. We also hope that Harriet, the girl we are sponsoring, will benefit from the letters and photos we will be sending.

Sunday School Christmas Party - Saturday 12th from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome for crafts and games.

Rehearsals are now under way for the **Nativity Play on the 20th December**. Can all children participating in the play make every effort to attend Sunday School for these rehearsals.

Sunday School will recommence on the 10th January after the Christmas break.



Youth Service

While everyone who wishes to come is welcome to the Youth Service on Sunday 10th January, it is intended for those young people who play sports on Sunday mornings and are unable to come to the morning service. Supper will be served in the cottage after the service.

The Stedfast Band

The St. Francis' N.S. Parents' Association is delighted to host a **Christmas Concert** by this great 20 piece brass band. The concert will be in Newcastle Church on Sunday 6th December from 4pm. Tickets are €10 each or €25 for a family and are available from any member of the P.A. Bring your friends - it will be terrific!

FAMILY NOTICES

Baptism; On Sunday 15th November in Newcastle Parish Church, **James Alan Greene**, son of Paul and Julie, 11 Racefield, Newcastle.

Congratulations to Paul and Julie. We welcome James Alan to our congregation and hope he will bring lots of joy to his home and honour the promises made for him at baptism.



Burial; 19th November, **Stewart Fleming**, Garden Village, Kilpeddar.

Stewart passed away peacefully on Sunday 15th at Clevis House, Leopardstown where he had been very well cared for in recent months.

We express our sympathy to his wife Maureen, their son Ian and also to Heath, John and Paula.

Tuesday Club

We had Dara from HOMELINK to speak to us about their services at our November meeting. This service has only been established during the past year but already the membership is growing fast which is hardly to be wondered at as it seems to be a most practical and sympathetic service for senior or housebound people especially.

Membership is FREE and practical help is available in the way of community, electrical, home repair and gardening services. If desired, Homelink staff will undertake to call members on a regular basis to check that all is well or even just for a friendly chat.

We have some leaflets with the telephone numbers available and will leave some at the back of all three churches and in the Rectory Cottage if anyone should be interested or know someone who might appreciate having the information to hand.

Our **Christmas Party** will be held on 8th December, commencing at 2.30pm in the McLean Room at St. Matthew's Church. As usual, please bring a present for 'Santa's Sack', value not to exceed €5.

We hope to see all our 'regulars' and maybe even some new friends.

Parent and Toddler Group



The P&T group continue to meet every Monday in the Rectory Cottage from 10.30 until 12.30. On Monday 21st Father Christmas has very kindly promised to call in and visit us but he is very busy at this time of year so if you want to see him be sure to be there by 11!

After that the next meeting will be on Monday 11th January after the school has re-opened. As usual anyone with a baby or preschool child is welcome to join us for tea, chat and play.

Coffee in the Cottage

Coffee mornings in the Rectory Cottage will continue every Tuesday until Tuesday 15th. There will be none during Christmas week but everyone is very welcome on Tuesday 29th and every Tuesday after that from 10.30 to 12.30. All ages welcome!

Leisurely Lunches

The next lunch in the Rectory Cottage on Thursday 17th will be our Christmas lunch. We would love to see as many of you as is possible to fit in the cottage - if possible just let Karen or Clodagh know if you intend to be there. (€ per head)
The first lunch of 2010 will be on Thursday 21st January! All welcome.

REMINDERS

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting on Wednesday 13th January at 8pm in the McLean Room.

A rota for cleaning Newcastle Church in 2010 will be put up in the porch if any volunteers would like to put their name down. Thank you to all those who have kept the church clean during the past year. It is much appreciated.

St. Francis' National School

The school **Carol Service** will be held in Newcastle church on **Tuesday 22nd** December at 11.00 am. Family and friends are welcome to attend. School will close for the Christmas holidays after the service.

(Presuming that assembly will be held in church on Friday 29th January, tea and coffee will be available in the Rectory Cottage from 8.30 am for anyone waiting to attend the service).

Fields of Life

Fields of Life are now starting to drill water wells with **their own** drilling rig thus reducing the cost of each well. Where they have drilled wells Fields of Life have noticed that the children miss less school because they are now so much healthier. Enclosed with your pins is a Gift of Life leaflet and we hope you will do some Christmas shopping with us. Last year we were able to help over 500 families with various gifts as seen in the leaflet. This has proved life transforming to those who received the gifts. Many thanks for all your support throughout the year.

June Roe (Calary)

Fields of Life

Thanks to everyone who contributes to the Fields of Life Sponsorship in Newtownmountkennedy. We received letters from all the children sponsored and some of them are now in College and hope to qualify in their chosen careers, in the next couple of years. If any other person would like to commit themselves to sponsorship, no matter how much or how little, we would be delighted to hear from them. It costs €8 per month to sponsor a child for his or her education, uniform, etc. but any amount, great or small, is very helpful, as any amount soon adds up.

Tony Noonan (St. Matthew's)

Readers

Thank you to all our readers in Newtownmountkennedy. If there are any other people willing to read on Sundays or Wednesdays please let us know. Their welcome is assured! **J.N.**



Christmas Charity Envelopes:



An envelope is enclosed for your donation to a charity of your choice. We know things are very tight for some this Christmas with the economic situation but this means things are even tighter for those whom we support through the envelopes. Please remember those not so fortunate at home and abroad this Christmas. It would be appreciated if the envelopes would be returned by Sunday 13th so that the money can be distributed to the various charities before Christmas.

Sustentation - Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy

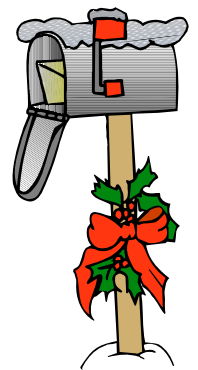
Many thanks to all who have already given to the sustentation fund, particularly those who have maintained or even increased the level of their contributions in spite of the hard economic times. Year to date the fund is running over 30% behind last year - a stark reflection of the difficulties many of you are facing. With this level of reduction it would be appreciated if the **Sustentation envelopes** which went out with PINS last month could be returned as soon as possible. Any further contributions however small will be most gratefully received.

M.P.

PINS 2010

To avoid the waste of printing unwanted copies of PINS, if it does not suit you to collect your copy from church would you please choose one of the following:

- To have it posted to you; please forward €5.00 (to cover postage) to; Clodagh Jennings, 66 Seacourt, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow
- Nominate someone, who attends church regularly, who would be willing to collect it on your behalf.
- If you no longer wish to receive PINS just drop me a short note to cancel it.
- PINS is now available to view online every month at www.newcastleparish.org



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

[North Wicklow Country Market](#) is held in Newcastle Community Centre every Saturday from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. There you will find cakes, biscuits, delicatessen fare, vegetables, eggs, plants, flowers, jewellery and pictures, all produced locally. At this time of year, there are lots of lovely Christmas goodies available.

[Greystones Active Retirement Association](#)

Membership Fees will be taken on Fridays only 10.30 - 11.30am for month of November
Line Dancing Class Thursdays 11a.m to 12p.m at Scout Hall, Trafalgar Road.
Christmas Lunch 16th Dec. Cost 25 Euro. Booking Tuesdays only 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.



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