

PARISH INFORMATION NEWSPAPER SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
With Calary

december 2010

Please send any items for inclusion in **January PINS** to:

Rev. William Bennett mobile: 087 9480317 email: revwilliambennett@eircom.net

Clodagh Jennings mobile: 086 8558886 email: info@newcastleparish.org

January PINS will be published on Sunday 2nd January 2011.

For further information visit: www.newcastleparish.org

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. 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 5th:				
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Calary	9.30am	M.P.	Isaiah 40: 1 - 11
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	M.P.	2 Peter 3: 8 - 15
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	H.C.	
Sunday 12th:				
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Calary	9.30am	M.P.	Isaiah 35
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	H.C.	James 5: 7 - 10
	Newcastle	12 noon	F.S. with Nativity Readings	
	Hospital	3.00pm	Hospital Carols	
Sunday 19th:				
	Calary	9.30am	F.S.	Romans 1: 1 - 7
	Newcastle	4.00pm	Carol Service	Matthew 1:18-25
Monday 20th:				
	N'castle Village	7.30pm	Carol Singing	
Tuesday 21st:				
	Calary	8.00pm	Carol Service	
Christmas Eve				
Thursday 24th:	Newcastle	11.30pm	H.C.	Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 Titus 2: 11 - 14
CHRISTMAS DAY				
Saturday 25th:				
	Calary	9.30am	H.C.	Isaiah 52: 7 - 10
	St. Matt	10.45am	H.C.	Hebrews 1: 1-4
	Newcastle	12noon	Family Christmas Praise	
St. Stephen's Day				
Sunday 26th:	St. Matthew's	10.45am	M.P.	Hebrews 2: 10 - 18

M.P. (Morning Prayer)

H.C. (Holy Communion)

F.S. (Family Service)

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!

Tea & coffee are served in the McLean Room after each service in St. Matthew's.

From the Rector

The artist's impression, in the church at the shepherds' fields in Bethlehem, of the Angels appearing with the message to the Shepherds of the birth of the Prince of Peace is amazing. One can almost feel what it must have been like for those humble shepherds, taken completely by surprise and terrified, but being the first recipients of the wonderful news of the birth of a Saviour.

At a time of great uncertainty in our country we need to have something firm to hold on to. The timeless message of Christmas is that of St John who wrote; '..... But to as many as received him he gave power to become sons of God'. What better could anyone hope for than to be called a son or daughter of God? Christmas is about giving and receiving, God's part is to give, our part is to receive and the great news is that even at a time of economic depression the greatest treasure is free.

May you know the peace of the Prince of Peace at this Christmas time and throughout 2011.

Carol Services

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Carol Service will be on Sunday 19th at 4.00pm in Newcastle Parish Church.

This year **Calary Carol Service will be on Tuesday 21st at 8pm** in Calary Church.

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

Newcastle Hospital Carol Service will be on Sunday 12th 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 20th to sing in aid of **St. Catherine's Services**.



Decoration of Churches for Christmas;

Newcastle Church will be decorated on Friday 17th from 10.00 am.

Calary Church will be decorated on Monday 20th from 10.00 am.

St Matthew's will be decorated after the mid-week Holy Communion service on Wednesday 22nd. If this time does not suit then you are welcome to do your share on Thursday morning.

There is a desperate need for new help in all churches as some regulars are no longer available. Offers of help and contributions of decorations would be *really* appreciated.

Calling all Sunday School Members

Could parents please inform **Lorraine 087 4174994** or **Ruth 086 2230026** if their children are going to the **Sunday School party** in Zoom, Greystones on Friday 17th December as numbers need to be booked in advance.

There will be Sunday School in Newcastle on Sunday 5th and then for the Family Service on Sunday 12th the Sunday School children will read the story of the Nativity interspersed with carols.



The teachers will then have a well deserved break for Christmas and S.S. will resume at the end of January.



Christmas Bazaar



Where? The Rectory Cottage, Newcastle

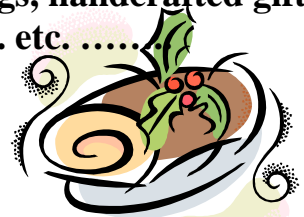
When? Friday 17th 8.45am to 10.00am and
12.30pm to 5.00pm
Saturday 18th 2.00pm to 5.00pm



What? The place to buy your Christmas goodies!

Home baking, mince pies, cakes, jams, chutney, Christmas logs, handcrafted gifts, stocking fillers, decorations, table centre pieces, etc. etc.

Tea and coffee, Father Christmas, mulled wine, raffle



Call in for a cup of coffee and a look around when you drop the children to school or whilst you are helping to decorate the church.

Pick up some stocking fillers while they are at school.

Bring the children to visit Santa after school.

Come on Saturday afternoon and warm up with mulled wine while the children see Santa.

Come for the great value!



Raffle tickets are enclosed with PINS. Please return stubs and money by Saturday 18th to Karen or Clodagh. If you need more please ask!
Contributions of baking etc. would be greatly appreciated.

[Calary New Year Dinner and Quiz](#)

A New Year Dinner and quiz will be held on Friday 7th January in the Church Room.

Time 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets €15 to include a glass of wine.

Please book by Sunday 2nd January to any member of the Select Vestry.

Calary Christmas Cards are available at the church. Price €5 for 10 cards

FAMILY NOTICES

Holy Baptism

In Newcastle Parish Church on Sunday 21st November;

Kimberley Rose Hazel daughter of Fred and Tracy Boxall, 70 Seacourt, Newcastle and **Jessica Sophie** daughter of Sandra Simpson and Brian Kelly, 10 Broomhall Crescent, Rathnew.

We welcome Kimberley and Jessica into our community and we congratulate their parents. Please pray that Kimberley and Jessica will bring lots of happiness to their families and honour the promises made for them at baptism.

TUESDAY CLUB

We had a great turnout for the film show on Israel last month. Thanks are due to Nathan for the loan of the projector again, to Denis who operated the machinery and to William who came to re-live the two trips he organised this year and who was there to identify some of some of the places visited. Any of us who had been on either trip had fun reminiscing about some of the more amusing aspects and maybe we whetted the appetites of some who might have been considering a future trip.

On **14th December** we will be having our usual Christmas Party to which all are welcome. 2.30pm in the McLean Room. Come prepared to take part in the festivities and bring a present (not more than €5 in value) to put in Santa's Sack.

On **January 11th** we will have a Quiz to make sure that our brains haven't atrophied over Christmas, so, sharpen up your wits and come along providing the weather is kind enough to allow travel to Newtown.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP



In December the Parent and Toddler group will meet in the Rectory Cottage on the 6th and 13th and on the 20th there will be a very special visitor! There will be a break then for the Christmas holidays and the next meeting will be on Monday 10th January.

If you are a new parent or just moved to the area with small children we would love to meet you. Contact Wendy at 086 8478415.

COFFEE IN THE COTTAGE

Coffee mornings in the Rectory Cottage will continue every Tuesday until Tuesday 14th. There will be none during Christmas week but everyone is very welcome on Tuesday 28th and every Tuesday after that from 10.30 to 12.30. All welcome to drop in for a coffee and chat!

LEISURELY LUNCH

The next lunch in the Rectory Cottage on Thursday 16th 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. (€5 per head)

TABLE TENNIS

Reports from both ends of the parish are that the Table Tennis clubs are the place to be these days. Table Tennis is a fun sport for all ages and those who go regularly are steadily improving, whilst thoroughly enjoying themselves at the same time. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in the fun!



Calary every Thursday at 8pm in the Church Room

Newcastle and Newtown every Wednesday at 8pm in the McLean Room

Youth Club

The Youth Club has two sessions planned for December; an **ice-skating trip on Friday 3rd** and a **Christmas party on Friday 17th**.

If you intend to go skating please text Claire as soon as possible as numbers have to be booked in advance.

The plan for 2011 is to have events on every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, with a mixture of trips and activities closer to home and anybody of secondary school age is very welcome. Any of the leaders would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to ask anything about the Youth Club, have any suggestions, or would like to start coming along.



Claire Adams	086 8479270	Paul McAndrew	085 7871541
Andrew Johnston	086 8616375	Yvonne Johnston	086 8508879

CRECHE

Our crèche is held every Sunday in the Cottage during Service in Newcastle. It has been a great success for both the children and the helpers.

Thank you to the great team of willing helpers. This year a few of the helpers have taken a 'short' sabbatical due to new/pending arrivals. Consequently we need some more volunteers. It would only require a commitment of once every 5 to 6 weeks. If you feel you can give your time please contact Pauline on 087-9535981. Once again a big thank you to those already on the rota.

Have a great Christmas and happy New Year.

Pauline



Hips and Slips

Best wishes to all who are recovering from illness. **Caroline** is recovering from her hip replacement and **Essie** is out and about having made a great recovery. They both wish to thank all who sent best wishes, remembered them in prayer and visited them during their illness.

We also now send best wishes to **Ruby** who is in hospital following a fall and pray that she too will be back on her feet again soon.

Restoration Fund

It has been decided to re-launch the **Restoration Fund Tin** scheme. A surprising amount of cash is collected this way as the loose change soon mounts up. There are a few people still participating in this scheme which is much appreciated. However if you still have a tin which you are no longer using, could you please return it to either church, empty or otherwise! Margaret Murphy has agreed to take over the task of looking after this scheme from Janet Ashe who has been doing it for many years and to whom we are very grateful.

If you would like to take a tin for your loose change or for more information, please contact **Margaret, 086 8708516**.

REMINDERS

Calary Select Vestry meeting on Tuesday 30th November at 8.00pm in the Church Room

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting on Tuesday 11th January at 8pm in the McLean Room

A rota for cleaning Newcastle Church in 2011 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.

Please remember to return your **sustentation envelopes** if you have not already done so. Thank you very much to those who have already returned theirs.

Christmas Charity Envelopes:



An envelope is enclosed with PINS for your donation to a charity of your choice. We know things are very tight 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 12th if possible so that the money can be distributed to the various charities before Christmas.

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.

*"Behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy"*





CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 10.30 P. & T. 8pm Time Out 8pm Choir	30 10.30 Shopping In Blackrock 8pm Calary Vestry	1 10.30am H.C. 8pm Table Tennis (McLean Rm)	2 8pm Bowling Club 8pm Table Tennis (Calary)	3 8pm Youth Group 	4 	5 Advent 2 9.30 Calary 10.45 St. Matthew's 12 Newcastle 5pm Play Rehearsal
6 10.30 P. & T. 8pm Choir 	7 10.30 Coffee in the Cottage 	8 10.30am H.C. 8pm Table Tennis (McLean Rm) 	9 8pm Bowling Club 8pm Table Tennis (Calary)	10  	11 	12 Advent 3 9.30 Calary 10.45 St. Matthew's 12 Newcastle 3 Hospital Carols 5pm Play Rehearsal
13 10.30 P. & T. 8pm Choir	14 10.30 Coffee in the Cottage 2.30 Tuesday Club	15 10.30am H.C. 8pm Table Tennis (McLean Rm)	16 12.30 Lunch 8pm Bowling Club 8pm Table Tennis (Calary)	17 Christmas Bazaar 6pm S.S. Party 8pm Youth Group	18 Christmas Bazaar 2 - 5	19 Advent 4 9.30am Calary 4pm Newcastle Carol Service
20 10.30 P. & T. 7.30 Carol Singing	21 8pm Calary Carol Service	22 10.30am H.C.	23 	24 11.30pm Newcastle	25 Christmas 	26 St. Stephen's Day 10.45 St. Matthew's
27 	28 10.30 Coffee in the Cottage	29 10.30am H.C. 	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 	2 9.30 Calary 10.45 St. Matthew's 12 Newcastle