



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

*Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkenedy
with Calary*

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www.newcastleparish.org www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org
www.calaryparish.org and click on 'Calendar of Events'.



From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

If we were in any doubt as to the time of year it is the shops that give us a sharp reminder with the push to spend coming earlier each year! How quickly things change. Christmas cards have traditionally been an important part of the yearly reminder of the birth of a Saviour, mighty God and Prince of Peace. The Christmas card, even though commercially exploited, served in a special way both as a seasonal greeting and as a reminder and celebration of that unique birth which has transformed the world and still transforms individual lives. The fast change can be seen on many cards when there is often not even a mention of the name of Jesus and the pictures and designs reflect more the celebration of 'The Holiday Season' than having anything to do with the greatest gift this world has ever known.

Your copy of PINS contains a list of most of the important Parish events between now and the new year. Please take note of times and places as events may not be in the usual places or at the usual times. This is your special invitation to celebrate with us at this special time of year. I hope you will make a special effort not only to be with us as often as possible but also to bring your friends.

It always amazes me to realise how many people are regularly involved in the daily, weekly or monthly running of our parishes. These include all the organisations from creche, parent and toddler, Sunday school, summer camp, youth club, confirmation classes, building committee, select vestries, organists, choir members, the volunteers who clean and put flowers in the churches, the choosing of readers for Sunday and Wednesday worship, our two loyal and faithful lay readers, the organisers of table tennis and bowls clubs, those who have taken on the very much appreciated and important role of visiting and befriending the elderly, those who ensure that there is a healthy social life and fellowship in providing the opportunities for friendship at the Tuesday drop in for coffee and Thursday lunches in the Cottage, and of course we also have that bunch of unpredictables in the drama group who are brave enough to give their punters a laugh even if it is when lines are forgotten! The list could go on but I want to say a very big thank you to all who encourage by word or deed and who use your gifts for the benefit of these parishes and for God's glory.

This has been a very different year for me than I would ever have expected. Lying in a hospital bed in March, being forced to abandon you in the Parishes with no access to a phone, but realising I did not have another option. During the early days, when things were very uncertain and visitors were not allowed, I had plenty of time to think. It was then that I really valued being able to trust in God no matter what the outcome. For me the truth of Scripture in the promises of God became very real and the 'Peace of God which transcends all understanding' was a very strong reality. As I look back on the experience I see it as a very positive one in a number of ways. For me personally I proved the reality of the presence of God no matter what the future held, but the response of people was a real source of encouragement. Under the watchful eye of Canon Fred Appelbe you parishioners took up the baton and ensured that ministry, at all levels, continued and developed.

I count myself very privileged to be your Rector. As we leave one year behind and embark on new challenges my hope and prayer is that our experience of faith will grow deeper, that our fellowship together will grow closer, that our vision for the future will rise higher and that our light from the Gospel will shine brighter! I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and 2013.

God Bless,
William



Calary

Carols by Candlelight

Come and join us on Sunday 23rd Dec
@ 7:00 pm for traditional Carols
followed by festive refreshments.

The collection will be for
Dublin Simon Community





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Memorial Service at Newcastle

Trix Fox, Ballyvolan, Newcastle.

Following a long period of illness, Trix passed away peacefully in Greystones Nursing Home. A service of thanksgiving was held in Newcastle Parish Church on Saturday 24th November.

We express our sympathy to her great circle of friends, but in particular to Jackie and Mark.

Wedding at Newcastle

3 November, Dermot Ryan and Catherine McElwain, 104 Applewood Heights, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Congratulations to Dermot and Catherine; we wish them many years of happiness as they begin married life together.

Cottage Christmas Outing

The Christmas Outing will take place on Tuesday 4th December. Those who have booked a place should be at the cottage at 11.30am to board the minibus. We hope to be back in Newcastle for 5pm, having packed in shopping, sightseeing, Christmas afternoon tea at the Westbury and a very special surprise. Pray for good weather!



Carol Singing

Carol Singing around the village will take place on Wednesday 12th December. This year the singing will have a slightly different format but will be followed by refreshments in Rectory Cottage as usual. Information from Gillian O'Neill at 086-8586629



Carol Singing at Newcastle Hospital

Carol Singing at the hospital will be on Sunday 2nd December at 4pm. Let's see a good turnout of parishioners at this annual event.



Christmas Lunch at the Cottage

Our annual Christmas lunch with all the trimmings will be served in the cottage on Thursday 20th December. Early booking is strongly advised as the cottage can only hold so many diners, and the wily ones have already booked their seats at the table, and we have to leave room for Santa. Allow extra time as this meal is definitely festive!

Decoration of Churches

Newcastle Church	Tuesday 18th December
St Matthew's Church	Friday 14th December

January Lunch

The January lunch is planned for Thursday 17th January. Usual time, usual place. Everyone welcome, but please remember to book with Karen at 087-2866889.

Coffee at the Cottage

Unsurprisingly there will be no coffee in the cottage on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Coffee as usual from 10.30am on all other Tuesdays in December and January.

Parish Website

Those of you who have been on the parish website lately will have noticed that it has been updated. The organisations section has been added to and revised, Calary has been given its own section and the photo gallery has been brought up to date. No longer does it seem as if the parish was frozen in time in early 2010. Have a look.

A Very Special Birthday

Congratulations to Pat Milligan who will celebrate his 90th Birthday in January. Perhaps we should commission him to write a piece for PINS entitled 'How to reach the age of ninety while remaining charming, good-natured and handsome'. Enjoy your special day, Pat.





Clubs and Organisations

Newcastle Choir

The choir will mark the beginning of Advent on December 2nd by singing “Wake of Wake with tidings thrilling”, harmonised by J.S.Bach.

At the Carol service in St. Matthew’s Church on December 16th we will have Peter Lundy to accompany some of the carols on cornet. The choir will also sing carols by John Rutter, a Dutch Carol harmonised by Charles Wood, one of the best known Irish church composers of the late 19th and early 20th century, and a Normandy version of “Away in a Manger”.

On the 23rd December we have been invited to sing at the Calary Carol Service. This will include Will Todd’s “My Lord has come” published last year. Will Todd is a noted choral composer and jazz musician who was commissioned to compose the anthem for the Queen’s Jubilee service earlier this year.

On Christmas Eve, at the Communion Service, we will sing the Gloria and Sanctus from Franz Schubert’s German Mass and Will Todd’s “My Lord has come”.

Andy Sleeman

Time Out

The Time Out group continues to study Mark’s gospel on a Tuesday night from 8pm. The last meeting before Christmas will be on 11th December. Meetings resume on 15th January.

Creche

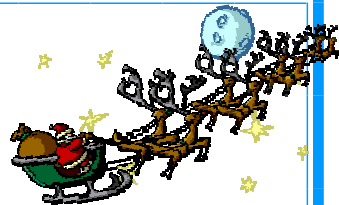
Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out in the crèche on Sunday mornings in 2012. Always happy to hear from new volunteers, especially of pre-school aged children.

Julie Bond

Sunday School

Thanks to everyone who baked for and bought at our Sunday School tea/coffee/cake sale in aid of our outing to Causey Farm on 2nd December. On the day of the outing, all kids should be at the school by 10.30am; the bus will leave at 11am sharp. A confirmation text will be sent to parents. Don't forget the Nativity Play on Sunday 9th December!

Lorraine Byrne



Parent and Toddlers

Everyone welcome to the Parent and Toddlers Christmas party on 17th December from 10.30am, including a visit from Santa. Re-opening for 2013 on Monday 7th January.

Youth Club

Saturday 8th December: 'Essential' in Christchurch Cathedral 7-9pm
Friday 4th January: Meet at cottage 8pm
Friday 18th January: Meet at cottage 8pm

Table Tennis

Table tennis will finish for the season on Monday 10th December and resume on 14th January. New members would be very welcome, so if you have an interest in playing why not give it a try in 2013? The club will play its first friendly match of the season against St Patrick's in Greystones on 28th November. This is always an enjoyable fixture and the players look forward to it.

Bowls

Bowls finishes up for the year on 20th December and begins the 2013 season on Thursday 3rd January. New members always welcome.

CALARY NEWS



Carol Service

The Candlelit Carol Service at Calary will take place at 7pm on Sunday 23rd December with traditional carols and followed by festive refreshments (donations of mince pies are welcome). We are delighted that the Newcastle Choir will also be performing a number of pieces and children from the Calary Sunday School will also sing a carol. The collection at the service will be going to Simon

Decoration of Calary Church

Decorating the Church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 22nd December from 10.30am. All assistance is appreciated.

Powerscourt Parish and School

Christmas Fair will be held in the Old School and the Parochial Hall, Enniskerry on Saturdays and Sundays 8/9, 15/16, 22/23rd December. Stallholders spaces are available. For further information or to book a stall, please contact Richard Bird 087 1277756 or at carolrichard@eircom.net.

Harvest Supper

A special thanks to everyone who helped to make this social event so enjoyable.

Sunday School

Sunday School takes place every Sunday, except when there is Family Service. This year, the children will be singing a carol at the Carol Service and all children are welcome at Sunday School to practise.

Music in Calary

The committee would like to thank all of those who supported the concerts during 2012, when nearly all of them were played to a full house.

Finding Life Beyond Addiction

Unity Gospel Choir will be performing at Hillside Evangelical Church, Greystones at 8pm on Friday 30th November. Tickets may be booked by contacting Mervyn Storey (087 7632924) or mastorey@eircom.net.

Table Tennis

Table tennis continues every Thursday from 8pm.

Contact

If any Calary parishioner has anything that they would like to include in PINS, please contact Derek Neilson (01 2818118) or derekneilson@eircom.net

PHONES FOR CRUMLIN

Collection of old mobile phones, iPods,
digital cameras and print cartridges

In aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin

Collection boxes available in each of the churches

Ideal place to dispose of your old phone
when you get a new one for Christmas

More information from Linda Shannon and Pamela Roe



Festive Cheer!

(Brought to you courtesy of the Rector)

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A Senior Citizen

Is one who was here before
the pill, television, frozen foods,
contact lenses, credit cards

And before man walked on the moon.

For us, "Time sharing" meant
Togetherness, not holiday homes,
And a "chip" meant a piece of wood.
"Hardware" meant nuts and bolts,
And "software" wasn't even a word.

We got married first, then lived together,
And thought cleavage was something that butchers did.
A "stud" was something that fastened a collar to a shirt,
We thought that "fast food" was something you ate in lent;
A "big mac" was an oversized raincoat,
and "crumpet" we had for tea.

In our day "grass" was mown,
"pot" was something you cooked in,
"coke" was kept in the coal house
and a joint was cooked on Sundays!

If you understand all this
You are today's Senior Citizens
A hardy bunch when you think how much the world has changed!

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

1. Begin by standing on a comfortable flat surface where you have plenty of room at either side. With a 2kg potato bag in each hand extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to hold for a full minute and then relax..
2. Each day you will find you can hold this position for just a little longer.
3. After a couple of weeks move up to a 5kg potato bag.
4. Then try a 25kg bag and eventually try getting to the stage when you can lift a 50kg, (1cwt), potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.
5. When you feel confident at that level try putting a potato in each of the bags.

Ethan's Christmas Extravaganza

In aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital



Please help raise much-needed funds for Crumlin Hospital's new infant cardiac unit.

Join us on **Saturday 8th December** for:

Festive Afternoon Tea (3-5pm, all welcome)

OR

To Party! (from 8pm, adults only)

Karen & Gerry Reynolds' House (Sunrise, Newcastle)

No presents, just bring a donation.
We'll also have a raffle on the day.

Information: 087-2866889

Children's Page



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Who is the largest woman in the Bible?

The woman of Samaria! (Some area)

SERVICES IN JANUARY

DATE CHURCH TIME SERVICE READING

Sunday 6th

(WB)	Calary	9.30	MP + Baptism	
(CT)	St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>Ep. 3:1-12</i>
(WB)	Newcastle	12.00	HC	<i>Matt. 2:1-12</i>

Sunday 13th

(MC)	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Is. 43:1-7</i>
(WB)	St Matthews	10.45	HC	<i>Acts 8:14-17</i>
(MC)	Newcastle	12.00	MP	

Sunday 20th

(CT)	Calary	9.30	FS	<i>John 2:1-11</i>
(CT)	St Matthews	10.45	MP	
(WB)	Newcastle	12.00	FS + Baptism	

Sunday 27th

(WB)	Calary	9.30	HC	<i>1 Cor. 12:12-31</i>
(CT)	St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>Lk. 4:14-21</i>
(WB)	Newcastle	12.00	MP	

WB	William Bennett	CT	Caroline Tindal
MC	Michael Croly	FCA	Fred Appelbe



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 and chat in the McLean Room.

All welcome!

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



SERVICES IN DECEMBER

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Advent Sunday 2nd

(FCA)	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Jer. 33:14-16</i>
(WB)	St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>1 Thess. 3:9-13</i>
(WB)	Newcastle	12.00	HC	

Sunday 9th

(CT)	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Malachi 3:1-4</i>
(WB)	St Matthews	10.45	HC	<i>Phil. 1:3-11</i>
(WB)	Newcastle	12.00	FS + Nativity Play	

Sunday 16th

(WB)	Calary	9.30	FS	<i>Phil. 4:4-7 Lk. 3:7-18</i>
(WB)	St Matthews	19.00	Carol Service	

Sunday 23rd

(WB)	Newcastle	12.00	MP	<i>Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-55</i>
(WB)	Calary	19.00	Carol Service	

Christmas Eve

(WB)	Newcastle	23.30	HC	
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Christmas Day

(WB)	Calary	9.30	HC	<i>Titus 3:4-7</i>
(WB)	St Matthews	10.45	HC	
(WB)	Newcastle	12.00	Christmas Family Praise	

Sunday 30th

(MC)	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Coll. 3:12-17</i>
(MC)	Newcastle	11.00	MP	<i>Lk. 2:41-52</i>



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2 Sunday School Outing Calary MP St Matthew's MP Newcastle HC Hospital Carol Singing	3 Parent & Toddlers Table Tennis Choir Practice	4 Cottage Christmas Outing Time Out	5 HC @ St Matthew's	6 Bowls Calary Table Tennis	7	8 <i>Ethan's Extravaganza</i> Youth Club trip to 'Essential' in Christchurch Cathedral
9 Calary MP St Matthew's HC Newcastle FS + Nativity Play	10 Parent & Toddlers Table Tennis Choir Practice	11 Coffee at the Cottage Cottage Volunteers' Christmas Lunch Time Out	12 HC @ St Matthew's Carol Singing	13 Bowls Calary Table Tennis	14 Decoration of St Matthew's Church	15
16 Calary FS St Matthew's Carol Service	17 Parent & Toddlers' Christmas Party Choir Practice	18 Coffee at the Cottage Decoration of Newcastle Church	19 HC @ St Matthew's	20 Christmas Lunch At the Cottage Bowls	21 St Francis NS Carol Service	22 Decoration of Calary Church
23 Newcastle MP Calary Carol Service	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Newcastle HC	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Calary HC St Matthew's HC Newcastle Family Christmas Praise	26 ST STEPHEN'S DAY	27	28	29
30 Calary MP Newcastle MP	31					