



# PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy  
with Calary**

**December 2016**

**JANUARY 2017**



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## From the Rector

Dear Parishioners

What a day we had on November 20th. in Newcastle. The decade service, packed with variety, and the lavish and delicious lunch in the Parish Centre and the great number of willing volunteers all helping, not only on the day, but also helping in the meticulous planning which went into the occasion. These all came together to make a memorable and happy occasion which I do hope those present found enjoyable, informative and challenging and left us with a more focused vision and planned direction for the future of our parishes. Sincere thanks to the planning group headed up by our very gifted administrator, Karen.

We have made a number of decisions which have financial cost. The single largest amounts of money spent were to provide the Parish Centre and this also meant building a new Rectory but this cost is totally met by the sale of property. We now have a facility that many parishes can only dream about and it has been provided without any cost to the parishioners apart from the massive amount of energy and time invested by members of the building committee and the generosity of those who gave substantial loans. The best way we can show our appreciation for this wonderful facility is to be involved in whatever way we can. If you have suggestions, feel you would like to be involved or can volunteer in any way contact Karen or me. We look forward to the future and seeing our vision realised and even greater things happen.

The business of the Christmas period has already begun and I encourage you to have a good look at the various events in PINS and hope you can join with us on many occasions during this period and especially as we meet to worship in thanksgiving for the birth of a saviour.

This comes to you with sincere and very best Christmas wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and God's blessing during 2017.



# *Christmas*

## *Services*



### *11th December*

**12.00**      **Parish Centre**      **Nativity Play**

### *18th December*

**19.00**      **St Matthew's**      **Carol Service**

### *21st December*

**19.30**      **Calary**      **Carol Service**

### *22nd December*

**09.15**      **Newcastle**      **St Francis' Carols**

### *Christmas Eve*

**23.30**      **Newcastle**      **Holy Communion**

### *Christmas Day*

**09.30**      **Calary**      **Holy Communion**

**10.45**      **St Matthew's**      **Holy Communion**

**12.00**      **Newcastle**      **Family Praise**



# **ALPHA COURSE**

**Led by Rev William Bennett  
and Fr John Daly**

**10 Week Course  
starting Tuesday 10th January 2017  
at 8pm**

**The Oratory, Newcastle**

**Information from William 087-9480317**

# **CHRISTMAS TABLE QUIZ**

**Friday 9th December at 8pm  
Castle Inn, Newcastle  
with host Brian Harris**

**Festive fun evening run by Newcastle Residents  
to raise funds for those affected by the recent  
devastating house fire in the village**

**All welcome!**

# **CHRISTMAS OLD AND NEW!**



**FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATION**  
**Given by Sheila Cleary, Church Organist**

**Newcastle Parish Centre**

**Friday 16th December 10am-12 noon**

**Including coffee/tea and mince pies**

**All arrangements looking for  
a home for Christmas!**

**Admission: €10**

***In aid of Fields of Life***



## **DECORATION OF NEWCASTLE CHURCH**

**Monday 19th December at 10.30am**  
**featuring mulled wine, mince pies**  
**and Sheila on the organ**

**New arrangers, donations of flowers,**  
**greenery, etc very welcome**

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LANTERNS  
TO THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE IN NEWCASTLE CHURCH  
TO LIGHT CANDLES FROM THE BETHLEHEM FLAME**



## Christmas Box Appeal

It's that time again!

As usual there are boxes in the back of St Matthew's Church for anyone wishing to make contributions of food (non-perishable) Please note: we cannot accept toys or books.

This food will be delivered to deserving families at Christmas by the Rector.

Our thanks to Jane O'Herlihy  
for organising this year.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**AT THE PARISH CENTRE**

**Thursday 15th December**

**€10 per head**

**Book your place with Karen  
for an afternoon of food, festivity and fun**

## Hospital Carols

We'll be singing carols in Newcastle Hospital on Sunday 4th December at 3pm. It would be lovely to have a good crowd to join in the singing.



## Christmas Outing



We're off to town on an exciting Christmas outing on Thursday 8th December. Shopping, surprises and fun!

### Baptisms at Newcastle 20th November 2016

*Theodore James Gethings* son of James Pepper and Tina Gethings of Cnocnacarrig, Virgin Row, Timmore Lane, Newcastle

*Connor Liam Gear* son of Liam and Joanne Gear of Rose Cottage, Upper Green, Kilcoole.

We pray that these children will bring joy and happiness to their family and grow up to honour the promises made for them at baptism.

### SUSTENTATION

Don't forget to leave envelopes with your contribution towards the upkeep of the parish on the plate in church, into the parish office or post to Andy Sleeman at address on envelope.

### Monthly Church Review

As usual I will be collecting the annual subscriptions in January for 2017's monthly Church Review. If you would like to be included for next year's issues please contact Pauline at 087-9535981

### REMINDER

#### TAX CERTIFICATES

If you haven't returned your completed CHY4 tax certificate yet, please complete and return it to me as soon as possible so that I can make a claim to Revenue on behalf of the Parish for the 2015 tax year. Many thanks.

*Andy Sleeman*

## Sunday School

Rehearsals for The Nativity Play are coming along nicely, the children look forward to performing The Great Manger Mystery for you all.

Dates for your diary:

### December

Sun 4th - last day for rehearsal

Sun 11th - Nativity Service in Parish Centre

Sat 17th - SS Christmas Party - invites will be given to children in class

### January

There will be SS on the following dates; 8th, 15th & 29th.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. *Karen K*

## Missing Stuff

Have you seen, borrowed, taken home by mistake the following from the Parish Centre?

50 teaspoons—went missing from the kitchen during the last week in September.

Roasting tin—came with the ovens and slides in on the runners.

Oven shelf—kind of difficult to use the oven without it.

Numerous chocolate bars—almost definitely eaten but please **don't** take food or equipment belonging to Castle Kidz from the cupboards.

## Bowls Club

After a good win over Kilcoole recently, the return match will take place in Kilcoole on 3rd January so team members should be aware of this, keep fit and not over-indulge over the festive season!

The club will carry on until 22nd December which will be the last evening for play this year.

We will all meet again on 5th January at 8pm as usual in the Parish Centre.

I would like to thank the Public Representatives who supported me with the submission to Wicklow County Council for the re-zoning of lands at Glebe Lane, Upper Newcastle on behalf of the Parish. This was a vital step to accommodate the application by the Parish for Outline Planning Permission for Site No 7.

*Mervyn*



# CALARY NEWS

*Carols by*

*Candlelight*



**Calary Church  
Wednesday 21st December  
at 7.30pm**

**Followed by refreshments  
in the Church Room**

**All friends and neighbours welcome.**

## **Communion Lunch**



Calary will be hosting a Communion Lunch, at 12.00 on Wednesday 14 December. Everyone is welcome to attend, particularly for those who are unable to come to our normal Sunday Service. If you will be joining us, we would ask that you let Ethni (2863890) or Charlotte (086 8354394) know so that we are aware of the numbers who will be coming. Also, if you would like a lift, please let us know.

## **Sunday School:**

Sunday School continues in the Church Room during Sunday Service, except when there is Family Service.

## **Table Tennis:**

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays at 8 pm in the Church Room. New members are always welcome.

## **Fundraising concert and supper for Sister Mary**

The following is a note from Paula Cullen when she visited Sister Mary Killeen in Mukuru, Kenya after the concert and supper held at Calary on 17 September:

*"Greetings from Mukuru where Sister Mary and her organisation are eternally grateful for all the support they get from Calary Church. We were in a position to also present them with a substantial amount for the sponsorship of the boys in rehab. Frank and I also bought them some treats and have a soccer match arranged for this pm. Some of the monies from Calary fundraising will go towards the purchase of a new machine for the woodwork class and another for the plumbing class. The older rehab boys are now settled in the community and have jobs as carpenters. Very rewarding for us to see such an improvement. Please convey this to all the parishioners. Will send a photo in due course."*

## **Sustentation**

Sustentation envelopes were distributed in last month's paper copy of PINS. Thank you to those of you who have already sent it in. If you read PINS online please let Charlotte know so she may send you the letter and envelope at [charlotterose-mond@gmail.com](mailto:charlotterose-mond@gmail.com) or 086 835 4394. As always, it is so much appreciated to have the Sustentation in before Christmas.



# **Christmas Village**

**St Matthew  
Newtownmountkennedy**

**Saturday 3rd Dec**



**Christmas Stalls**

**Hot Chocolate**

**Visit Santa's Grotto 3.30 –4.30pm**

**Face Painting**

**and lots more!**

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



# **Christmas Sing-along**

**5-6pm  
with**

**Beating Times Ladies'  
Barber Shop Chorus  
and**

**Newtownmountkennedy  
Primary School Choir**

**Admission €5  
including mulled wine and mince pie**

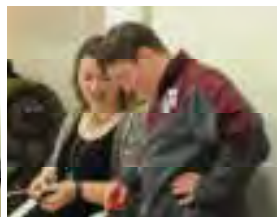


# DECAD SERV ICE





**LUNCH**



**5 YEAR  
PARISH  
PLAN**



**NOV 20th  
2016**





## **What is Alpha?**

Has life got meaning? Alpha sets out to explain the basics of the Christian faith in its discussions of such issues as the meaning of life, who is Jesus, what did he teach, why did he die, who's the Holy Spirit, how can we be filled with the Spirit, how can we have assurance of salvation, and such topics.

These subjects will be dealt with over a series of ten weeks using an inspirational talk by the Rev Nicky Gumbel via DVD. This leads on to a group discussion and normally finishes with refreshments.

This is now a world famous and widely used course which has the backing of all the main church leaders and is suitable for individuals at any stage in their exploration of the Christian faith.



*Some of the children from St Francis 'School displaying  
108 shoeboxes collected for Team Hope*

**Shoeboxes!  
Shoeboxes!**

*Shoeboxes donated by the Parents and Toddlers Group  
on their way to the depot in Kim's car*



# ISRAEL 2016

After waiting several years for the opportunity to travel with William to the Holy Land, we finally made it in October this year! What a trip.

Many of you have already made the journey and, of course, William has been so many times, he must almost be a “local” (indeed, he met people he knew while out and about in Jerusalem!).

It was such a wonderful holiday with a lovely group of 18 others (apart from our great leader William and our superb guide Ofer) – a nice mix of new friends from all areas of Ireland.

We started our journey with an overnight in Netanya on the Mediterranean, followed by a visit to Caesarea to see the wonderful Roman ruins showing Herod’s great sense of self-importance, but also his wonderful architecture (what is left of it anyway). This visit was capped by a performance by William and Christy on the stage at the amphitheatre – not quite the highlight of our trip, but memorable all the same! From there, we travelled to Mount Carmel with its amazing views of the Plain of Esdraelon and southern Galilee, where we got our bearings for the next few days.

We had plenty of time (3 full days) in and around the Sea of Galilee to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, including a visit to the Golan Heights, with its stunning scenery and violent political history, Nazareth (which helped us to imagine life as it might have been in Jesus’ time), Capernaum, Magdala and Yardenit at the “mighty” River Jordan (more a stream now due to persistent drought), where 3 of our group renewed their baptismal vows with William. The days were finished off each evening with a swim in the Sea of Galilee (some of us anyway!). We were blown away by the difference between Israel and their neighbours, particularly Syria, where we could hear shelling and see some of the devastation caused by war. I was particularly pleased to see from Vodafone that I had visited Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, as well as Palestine and Israel – quite a trip for a visit to one country!

On our way south and west, we visited Qumran to see the location of the Dead Sea Scrolls (fascinating), we took a cable car to Masada (scary), we swam in the Dead Sea (hilarious), ran the gamut of the crowds in Bethlehem (chaotic), and walked our legs off in



Jerusalem (tiring). In between, there were wonderful trips to synagogues, churches of all denominations, a bedouin camp (yes, there was the obligatory camel ride!) and other beautiful scenic spots to sit and think, to pray or to just enjoy the view.

The last place we visited was the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, with a communion service to celebrate our wonderful visit to Israel – a perfect and peaceful end to ten days of learning, friendship and faith.

The combination of history, archaeology, architecture, politics, and spirituality on this trip was so well balanced that it catered to each individual's hopes for their journey.

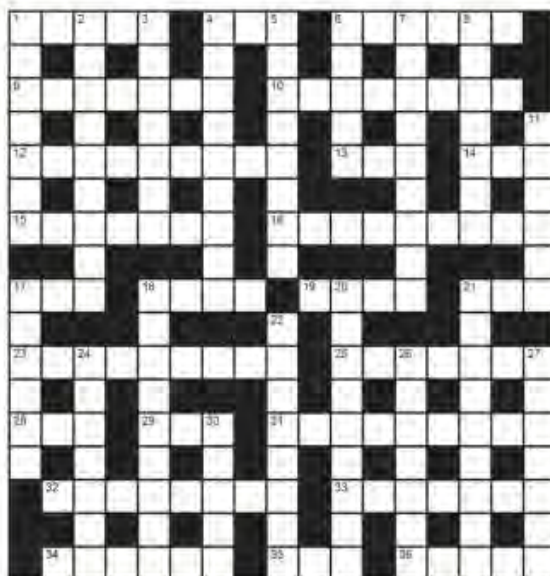
We would recommend to you all that, if you haven't travelled with William to the Holy Land, you do so soon. Thank you to William for taking such good care of us and for sharing your experiences with us.

Jackie & Mark



*It's a hard life leading tours*

# Christmas crossword



## Across

- 1 Santa \_\_\_\_ (5)
- 4 Colour of Rudolph's nose (3)
- 5 Another reindeer employed by 1 Across (6)
- 9 Changed (7)
- 10 Christmas fare (5,3)
- 12 What you'll be eating for days after Christmas dinner (9)
- 13 Crazy (3)
- 14 The frozen North Pole has plenty of this (3)
- 15 Good fortune, prosperity (7)
- 16 She has a royal Christmas message for the British (9)
- 17 Mary rode one to the manger (3)
- 18 Wait, stay (4)
- 19 Improvised jazz singing (4)
- 21 Ruminant (3)
- 23 First course (9)
- 25 Answer (7)
- 28 Lyric poem (3)
- 29 Traditionally burnt in the fire at Christmas (3)
- 31 Ovenproof dish (9)
- 32 Equine marine creature? (8)
- 33 Powerful businessman (7)
- 34 Treads heavily (6)
- 35 Distress signal (3)
- 36 Lolly (5)

## Down

- 1 \_\_\_\_ Dickens, writer of *A Christmas Carol* (7)
- 2 Items of archeological interest (9)
- 3 Miserly character in 1 Down (7)
- 4 Set right (9)
- 5 Large bin (8)
- 6 Jeans fabric (5)
- 7 Resolute (9)
- 8 Building (7)
- 11 Male relative (6)
- 17 Warrior woman (7)
- 18 Town where Jesus was born (9)
- 20 and 24 Down Yuletide gift (9,7)
- 21 Kind of money you might find in your stocking (9)
- 22 They go off with a bang at Christmas dinner (8)
- 24 See 20 Down
- 26 Santa and you can use them for riding (7)
- 27 Furthest down (7)
- 30 Micro-organisms (5)

# SERVICES IN JANUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>New Year's Day</b>	St Matthew's	11.00	WB	MP	<i>Heb. 2:10-18</i> <i>Matt. 2:13-23</i>
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Is. 60:1-6</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	<i>Eph. 3:1-12</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	<i>Matt. 2:1-12</i>
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	<i>1 Cor. 1:1-9</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Is. 9:1-14</i> <i>1 Cor. 1:10-18</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Micah 6:1-8</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>1 Cor. 1:18-31</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	<i>Matt. 5:1-12</i>



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 in the McLean Room. All welcome!

# SERVICES IN DECEMBER



DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Is. 11:1-10</i> <i>Rom. 15:4-13</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Is. 35</i> <i>James 5:7-10</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Nativity Play + Baptisms	
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Is. 7:10-16</i>
	St Matthew's	19.00	WB	Carols	<i>Rom. 1:1-7</i>
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	Calary	19.30	WB	Carols	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Newcastle	23.30	WB	HC	<i>Is. 9:2-7</i> <i>Titus 2:11-14</i>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Is. 52:7-10</i> <i>Heb. 1:1-12</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Family Praise	



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