

PARISH INFORMATION NEW

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Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

February 2009

Some words of love from 1 Corinthians 13 for St. Valentine's Day!

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Please send any items for inclusion in March PINS to:

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(Items need to be received by Wednesday 18th for publication on Sunday 22nd.)

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

For further information visit:



Services in February

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Rev. 12:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	1 - 5
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Holy Communion	
Sunday 8th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	1 Cor. 9:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Holy Communion	16 - 23
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 15th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Family Service	Col. 1:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	15 - 20
<i>Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Family Service	John 1:1-14
Sunday 22nd:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Holy Communion	2Cor. 4:
	St Matthew's	10.45 am	Family Service	3 - 6
<i>Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	Mark 9:2-9
	Newcastle	3.00 pm	Brownies Service	
Wednesday 25th:				
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	St. Matthew's	10.30 am	Holy Communion	



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 a chat in the McLean Room. All welcome!

Family Service in St. Matthew's on Sunday 22nd will be followed by tea in the McLean Room.

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting on Tuesday 27th January at 8.00pm in the McLean Room.

Calary Select Vestry meeting on Tuesday 3rd February at **7.30PM** in the Church Room.

happy birthday!

Janet Ashe celebrates her 90th birthday on Monday 9th February and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her and also to thank her for her dedication to St. Matthew's church where she has been playing the organ for many years. We hope you have a wonderful birthday Janet, and we look forward to your continuing friendship amongst us and many more years of good health ahead of you!



Amateur Dramatics

There are plans afoot to stage a full length play (probably a comedy) later in the year. Anyone interested in getting involved in any capacity please talk to **Karen Reynolds** or phone/text her at **087-2866889**.

Best Foot Forward!



If anybody is interested in a few ballroom dancing lessons (men especially invited!), please, let **Birgit (01-2810095)** know. We'll start off with basic steps and cover waltz and vienna waltz, social foxtrot, tango?, rumba and cha cha cha and who knows, maybe a little ball at the end, to show off your skills. I was thinking of the beginning of Feb., possibly on a Tuesday evening. But it will be difficult to find a day that suits everybody. I am open to suggestions. This is a social and there will be no cost!!

St. Francis' National School

St. Francis' N.S. Parents' Association is having a **Traditional Irish Night** on Friday 13th March in the school hall. The programme will consist of local talent. There will be singing, live session music, poetry and lots more! If you would like to participate or come along and join in please contact;

Muriel Norse 086-8593936, Lisa Ward 085-1138312, Mary O'Neill 087-2200094 or any member of the Parents' Association.



Coffee in the Cottage

The Rectory Cottage is open for coffee and tea every Tuesday morning from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm. Anyone who is free during this time is welcome to come along for a chat. The fire is always lit so it is warm and cosy these chilly mornings! (€2)

Monthly Lunch

February's lunch in the cottage will be on Thursday 19th from 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to lunch for a fiver and it is extremely good value! It helps to know in advance who is coming but feel free to turn up on the spur of the moment!

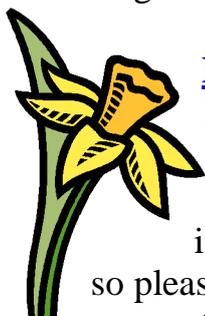
Tuesday Club

In light of the current situation in Gaza, we were fortunate to have **Colin Murphy** to speak to us in January about his experiences as a team member from Glencree Reconciliation Centre about his visits to Israel and Palestine and his work with both sides in conflict. While the map he drew to explain the physical geography of the region may not have been of Ordnance Survey standard(!), it was sufficient to put the various towns into perspective for us and the slides he showed brought the picture to life. I feel we all were left with a much clearer idea of the various components which go to make up the problem. In the meantime many people are dying and we can only pray that funding will be forthcoming so that Colin and people like him can resume the work of conflict resolution which has already been started and which has sadly now come to a halt.

Thanks to Colin for giving us his time which was much appreciated.

On **February 10th** we will meet again in the McLean Room at 2.30 pm. when we will have a Beetle Drive for fun. Tea as usual and everyone very welcome.

Thank you to Marie Brassington for organising, and to those who contributed to, the boxes in St. Matthew's before Christmas. Thanks also to the Wednesday morning coffee group who donated money. Some less fortunate families had a happier Christmas because of this generosity.



Lists and Rotas!

It is the beginning of a new year again and lists and rotas have gone up in the porches of the churches. If you are willing or able to do flowers or help clean the church, even occasionally, please put your name down on one of the lists in Newcastle, Calary or St. Matthew's. We have absolutely no prejudices here so please do not feel you are prohibited from doing any of these things because you are not female or married or don't belong to that group, etc., etc....!!

General Vestry Members

The time is approaching for the revision of the list of general vestry members. Forms will be available in the back of all three churches for the next few Sundays for new parishioners who wish to be on the list. If you have been in the parish for a while and are not sure if you are on the list, please consult the Rector. The select vestry for 2009-2010 will be elected at the General Easter Vestry from the general vestry members. All those on the list have the right to vote at the General Easter Vestry.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer movement began in 1812. The first services in Ireland were held in Greystones and Dunlaoghaire 75 years ago in 1934. The World Day of Prayer will begin on Friday March 6th when the first service is said at dawn in Queen Salote's School in Tonga on the International Dateline. Then a 'Mexican wave' of prayer rises and moves across the world



and back to Samoa on the other side of the international dateline. Locally, the service will be in Calary Church at 8.00pm on Friday 6th March followed by tea.

Parent and Toddler as normal for February. For Sunday School and Crèche see list of services.