

# PARISH INFORMATION NEWSS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy  
with Calary

FEBRUARY 2010

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Items need to be received by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February for publication on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

For further information visit: [www.newcastleparish.org](http://www.newcastleparish.org),  
[www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org](http://www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org) or [www.calaryparish.org](http://www.calaryparish.org)

**If you loose your copy of PINS remember that service times and events can be  
checked on the parish website on the ‘Calendar of Events’.**

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

## Youth Service

An informal service will take place on Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm in Newcastle Church. If  
you can't get to church on Sunday mornings  
because of sports matches then this is the  
service for you. All confirmation candidates  
past and present are welcome!

Supper will be available for all in the Rectory  
Cottage afterwards



# Services in February

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>:

<b>S.S. &amp; Crèche</b>	Calary	9.30am	<b>M.P.</b>	Gen.2: 4 - 9, 15 - 25
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	<b>M.P.</b>	Revelations 4
<b>S.S. &amp; Crèche</b>	Newcastle	12 noon	<b>H.C.</b>	Luke 8: 22 - 25

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>:

<b>S.S. &amp; Crèche</b>	Calary	9.30am	<b>M.P.</b>	Exodus 34: 29 - 35
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	<b>H.C.</b>	2Cor. 3:12 - 4:2
<b>S.S. &amp; Crèche</b>	Newcastle	12 noon	<b>M.P.</b>	Luke 9: 28 - 36

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>:

	Calary	9.30am	<b>F.S.</b>	Romans 10: 8 - 13
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	<b>M.P.</b>	Luke 4: 1 - 13
<b>Crèche</b>	Newcastle	12 noon	<b>F.S.</b>	

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>:

<b>S.S. &amp; Crèche</b>	Calary	9.30 am	<b>H.C.</b>	Gen.15:1-12, 17- 18
	St. Matthew's	10.45am	<b>H.C.</b>	Phil. 3:17 - 4:1
<b>S.S. &amp; Crèche</b>	Newcastle	12 noon	<b>M.P.</b>	Luke 13: 31 - 35
	Newcastle	4.00 pm	<b>Youth Service</b> followed by supper	

**M.P.** (Morning Prayer)

**H.C.** (Holy Communion)

**F.S.** (Family Service)



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**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 and coffee are available in the McLean Room after the service in St. Matthew's every Sunday.

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the McLean Room

## FAMILY NOTICES

### Holy Baptism

In Newcastle Parish Church

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December;

**Ben Edward**, son of Peter and Natalie Richardson, 49 Beechdale, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow

**Felix Maurice Patrick**, son of Niall Geoghegan and Chloe Madden, 3 Cherrycourt, Delgany Wood, Delgany, Co Wicklow

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January;

**Louise Helen Rachael**, daughter of Philip and Helen Massey, Glencarrick House, Ballyronan, Kilquade, Co Wicklow

We congratulate these three sets of parents as we welcome the little ones to our parish. We hope they will grow up to fulfil the promises made on their behalf at baptism.

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Colin Watchorn and his family on the death of Colin's mother in Wexford last week.

### Calary Parish Supper

Calary parish are holding a candlelit hot supper on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Church Room. The cost is €15 per head to include a glass of wine. There will also be a raffle on the night. All proceeds are in aid of repairs to the stained glass windows in the church. Book early as numbers are limited. To reserve a place contact Eithni 2862030 or Derek 28188118 or any member of the Select Vestry by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## MUSIC IN CALARY



On Friday March 12 at 8.00pm **Katherine Hunka** a brilliant violinist and leader of the Irish Chamber Orchestra will be joined by leading Irish accordionist, **Dermot Dunne**. They will play celebrated classics and virtuoso show pieces with a strong Latin flavour in Calary Church.

Tickets €15, concessions €10, from 01-2818146 or email [derekneilson@eircom.net](mailto:derekneilson@eircom.net).

This will be Calary's opening concert for 2010 and we hope to have several other very interesting evenings later in the year.

### Parish Choir



Many thanks to all the choir for your commitment and hard work last term which I'm sure was much appreciated by all. It was a busy term with music for Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, the memorial Service for Robert Stringer, Advent Communion and Carol Service and Christmas Eve, as well as carol singing at the Christmas Fayre.

Rehearsals will commence on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8pm in Newcastle Church for music during Lent and for Easter. I look forward to seeing you all for a good sing.

I will be delighted to see some more new faces, particularly men, so if you would like to sing or know of anyone who might be persuaded, please come along or let me know.

Andy Sleeman

## **TUESDAY CLUB**

Our Christmas party went with its usual swing and Canon Bob arrived in time to play 'Santa'. We were especially pleased to have some former members with us as Muriel Richardson and Joyce Bate joined us for the occasion so we were 20 in all.

Because of the bad weather we had to cancel the January meeting which was to have been a Beetle Drive but we hope to be able to hold that on **March 9th** instead.

Denis has been sorting out his films again and has promised to show us some of Australia and the Great Ocean Road in February – provided he can remember how he overcame the technology last time!

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** will be the date for this and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

## **Parent and Toddler Group**

Anybody with a preschool child or baby welcome. The P&T meet every Monday morning from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Rectory cottage. Come along for some tea, chat, play and company. €2 per family.

## **Coffee in the Cottage**

Anyone who is free on Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 12.30 is welcome to come to the Rectory Cottage for coffee and tea. The cottage will be open each Tuesday in February except the 9<sup>th</sup> when we will relocate to Jean and Brian Harris's house to support their coffee morning in aid of Haiti. Hope to see you there!

## **Leisurely Lunch**

February's lunch in the cottage will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> from 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome - just let Karen or Clodagh know if you intend to be there. The charge is €5 a head.

## **St. Francis' National School Parents' Association**

### **PUB QUIZ**

**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** at 8pm!!

Come join us for a fun evening at the Newcastle Pub for a Pub Quiz! There will be prizes for the winners as well as a raffle for great items! Cost is €5 a head and tables can be up to 6! If you have any raffle items we might use, please let any P.A. member know and thanks!

Why don't you encourage any St. Francis' graduates you might know to put together a table with their friends! The more the merrier.....

### **TRAD NIGHT**

**Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 8 pm!!

Back by popular demand!! This year St. Francis' P.A. will host our Irish Traditional Night on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the school. Come celebrate everything Irish --there will be fun and laughter, music and dancing, singing and merriment. Please come join us! We

will be serving teas and coffees at intermission. And we will have a raffle with all prizes for the children! If you have anything you wish to donate please let Lisa, Karen, or Mary know. Thanks!!

### **FIELDS OF LIFE (NEWCASTLE)**

Belated thanks to all who support our student sponsorship scheme with Fields of Life, either through direct debit or by throwing your loose change into the bowl at the back of the church. All contributions are very welcome. Newcastle parish and community sponsor 12 children (that I know of – there may be more privately sponsored). We would be delighted to take on more children but due to the erratic nature of the collection system we have to ensure that the children currently in our care are given the opportunity to complete their education.

For more information about the incredible work being done by Trevor and Ruth Stevenson in Africa, check out [www.fieldsoflife.com](http://www.fieldsoflife.com)

Again many thanks – we are of course aware that there is less and less money available for an ever increasing call from charities everywhere. If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact me at 01 2819709.

Brian Harris

### **Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy – message from the Treasurer**

The preliminary accounts for 2009 show that, in the very difficult economic situation, giving by parishioners actually increased by nearly 5% over the previous year. This is despite contributions to the sustentation fund being down by 17% with about 20 people who contributed in 2008 missing from the list in 2009.

It is very humbling to find that, despite the hardship that everyone faced in 2009, most people found it possible to maintain their support for the parish and also that there were almost as many people who managed to increase their giving as were forced to reduce it. It is a remarkable result and I want to thank everyone who has contributed in the year, both small and large (remembering that the small is often a greater sacrifice for the giver). Praise the Lord for touching your hearts to make you so generous.

Weekly Free Will Offering envelopes for the year starting February are available and if anyone who is not currently using the envelopes would like to do so this year, could they please fill in one of the forms which you will find at the back of the churches and hand the form to a church warden or phone the Treasurer on 0862346021.

### **Christmas Festival**



Many thanks to all who helped or supported the Christmas Festival in any way. Just as well that we did not know in advance of the storm that broke over our heads at 7.05pm precisely! What timing! Many thanks also to those who braved the downpour, thunder and lightening to get everything under cover!

€535 was raised, after costs, which was then divided equally between parish and school funds.



Just a reminder that if you want to have PINS posted to you this year please send €5.00 (to cover postage) to Clodagh Jennings, 66 Seacourt, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow for Newcastle and Newtown parishioners or to June Roe, Killough, Kilmacanogue for Calary parishioners.



### 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.....!!

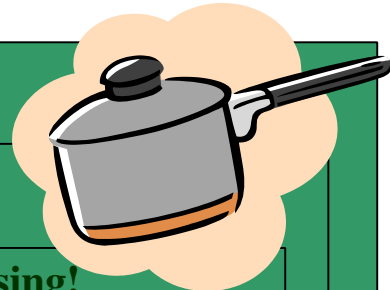


**Coffee Morning**  
at Beechmount (Jean and Brian Harris's house)  
Newcastle  
on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
from 10.30am  
*all proceeds in aid of Haiti Earthquake*  
Please come - and bring a friend

## Dates for your Diary

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| Pub Quiz                      | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Castle Inn                                                    |
| Candlelit Supper              | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Church Room                                      |
| Youth Service                 | Newcastle Church 4.00pm Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February                                           |
| Concert in Calary             | Friday March 12 <sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in Calary Church                                           |
| Trad Night                    | St. Francis' N.S. Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                                                   |
| General Easter Vestry         | Calary Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Church Room                                |
| General Easter Vestry         | Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy at 8.00pm on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April in the McLean Room |
| 'The Ghosts at Marvin Grange' | Play being staged by the parish drama group on April 10 <sup>th</sup> in St. Francis' N.S.         |
| Confirmation                  | Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June in Newcastle Parish Church                                            |

I often say my prayers  
 But do I ever pray?  
 Or do the wishes of my heart  
 Dictate the words I say?  
 I might as well kneel down and  
 worship gods of stone  
 As offer to the Living God  
 A prayer of words alone.  
 For words without the heart  
 The Lord will never hear  
 Nor will he e'er that child regard  
 Whose prayers are insincere



### Missing!

There is a medium sized non-stick saucepan and also a baking tray missing from the kitchen in the Rectory cottage. If anyone knows where they are, may we have them back please?!

On the other side of the coin, there are various plastic boxes, bowls and metal tongs in the kitchen awaiting collection by their owners. If you think any of them might be yours feel

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

### Newcastle Tidy Towns

A short meeting will be held at **9.00 p.m. next Monday 1st February 2010** in Newcastle Community Centre, to re-start Newcastle Tidy Towns.

If you are interested in getting involved, at any level, please come along to the meeting.

### North Wicklow Country Markets

#### COMPETITION

This year..... **GROW THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER**

Or ..... **GROW THE HEAVIEST MARROW**

This competition is being run by North Wicklow Country Markets as part of their 40th anniversary celebrations and is open to all our customers.

Free seeds (while stocks last!) and entry forms will be available from the Country Market from Saturday the 6th of March. Entry forms are to be returned to the Country Market any Saturday up to Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August.



Measuring of Sunflowers will take place during the week beginning 30th August. Prizewinning marrows are to be brought to the Market held on Saturday 4th of September and the winners of both categories will be announced at that market.

Competition open to all – young and old!

Prizes for children under 12 and for adults

North Wicklow Country Market is held every Saturday morning in the Community Centre, Newcastle between 10:30am and 12:30pm.

### Thursday Club



A talk will be given by Dr. Brendan Cuddihy in the Old School House, Delgany on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Subscription €5 (to Wicklow Hospice Fund) followed by tea.

### **Greystones Active Retirement**

February walk will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 10.30am at car park at St. Killian's Family Centre.

January get together is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> from 10.30-12.00noon at St. Killian's Hall. Food demonstration by "Oakhouse Foods Ireland".

Booking for holiday in Germany in April will be taken by Ann Redmond from 10.30-11.30am Tuesday mornings from February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Watch our website at [www.greystonesara.com](http://www.greystonesara.com) for upcoming events.

All our weekly activities resumed on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

National Concert Hall Rathmines & Rathgar Musical Society presents an evening of music by Rodgers & Hammerstein.

Cost €34.00. Coach will leave Park and Ride Greystones at 1.00pm on the day.

Booking at St. Killian's Family Centre Tuesdays from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30-11.30am.