

**PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET**  
**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy  
with Calary**

**FEBRUARY**  
**2013**



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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I read an article recently which made me realise how fortunate we are in that we have way above the average person's lifestyle. We indulge ourselves with rich food to the extent of harming our bodies. We look forward to seeing our children educated and securing good jobs for their future, and we never have to give a thought about the fear of not having a warm safe home to live in.

Currently 13 per cent of the world's population, that is the equivalent of the total population of the United States, Canada and the European Union, go to bed hungry every night. They simply do not have enough food to feed themselves or their families.

This statistic really astounded me and the problem is massive. One could easily conclude that the plight of so many people is way beyond our ability to change or even have the slightest effect to give some hope.

My firm belief is that it is not always the massive efforts which result in significant change, but it is when individuals take on what they can , and go with positive attitude and vision, that real change happens.

We have been enriched by the visit of Godwin from Ghana who spent a month in Ireland. A young man, 24 years of age, caught a vision for starting a school to help children in his area. That vision and Godwin's willingness to follow God in a positive way now results in a school with 800 attending.

One of the big threats to our planet, it is generally agreed, is the reality of Global Warming. More and more people are being pushed away from coastal homes because of the rise in sea levels. De-forestation, as we all know, has serious repercussions for the whole world.

This is an important year for our small country as we hold the presidency of the Council of the European Union. In this capacity, Ireland can influence decisions which can have some effect on the plight of our planet and make life a little more tolerable for billions of unfortunates who are among the 13 per cent who do not have a meal today. Pray for leaders who can bring change, and let's do our little bit to help people like Godwin as they bring real change and hope to billions of people.

As we go through the period of Lent and approach Easter perhaps we could ask ourselves what part we are playing, or could play, in empathising with those in real need and what can we do, even in a small way, to make life more hopeful for others.

God Bless,

*William*



## THE ANGLICAN RECORD PROJECT

The Anglican Record Project, which is the work of Mark Williams, is an ongoing endeavour to make the registers of baptism, marriage and burial from Church of Ireland parishes available in a digital format. The online version is hosted by the Representative Church Body Library.

Mark Williams was born and brought up in Ireland (Rathfarnham Parish), but has lived abroad since leaving school nearly 40 years ago, mainly in England but also for short periods in Germany and France. He has been interested in tracing his family history since getting married and having children, but he wanted to do more than just consult the records, such

as parish registers, he wanted to give something back. He now records registers in both the UK and Ireland.

His reasons for recording this information are that it makes it more easily accessible, it protects the original registers from excessive handling and it preserves the information should the registers be damaged or destroyed.

It may be of interest to know that so far the online version hosted by the RCB library comprises the registers of Delgany Parish and Bunclody(Newtownbarry) Union. They can be viewed by going on to the Church of Ireland website and clicking on the RCB library page - [www.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.ireland.anglican.org)

# Select Vestry Meeting—Wednesday 20th February at 8pm

## Christening at Newcastle

20th January 2013, Emily Elizabeth Birchall, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca, 111 Clarkes Wood, Mount Oval, Rochestown, Co Cork. Congratulations to Jonathan and Becki. We pray that Emily will grow up to honour the promises made for her at baptism and bring lots of fun to her family.

## Coffee at the Cottage

Coffee at the Cottage is back in full swing for 2013. Drop in any Tuesday morning from 10.30 and enjoy a warm fire, interesting chat, a cup of coffee or tea, toast and a range of edible treats.

Everyone welcome.

## Lunch at the Cottage

This month's lunch will be served at 1pm on 21st February. Book with Karen to be certain of your place. Cost is €7.50 and everyone is welcome. Come a little early to choose your seat and enjoy a glass of sherry.

## PINS

If you know of someone who would like to receive PINS please pass on their name and address to Karen. Or if someone is new to the parish do ask them if they would like to be added to the PINS list.

## Are You Missing A Coat?

Having finally found owners for various plates and bowls, we now have two adult size and two child size coats abandoned in the cottage. If you think you might own one of them, drop in on a Tuesday morning to claim it. Oxfam will benefit otherwise!

## Thanks!

Mark and Lesley Cassidy would like to thank everyone who offered them support and help while Lucy-Ann was ill and in hospital. Your concern was very much appreciated. Thank you all.

## More Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who visited Sunrise throughout the day during Ethan's Christmas Extravaganza on 8th December, and to all who gave so generously towards the new Cardiac Unit at the children's hospital in Crumlin. A total of €3,800 was raised from donations on the day, donations on the Facebook page, and monies donated by those who couldn't make it on the day. Not forgetting those who donated raffle prizes, baked and helped on the day. Thank you!



## And More Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who donated food items to the Christmas Box Appeal at St Matthew's. People were especially generous this time round and it was much appreciated.



### Church Clutter

Newcastle Church is starting to resemble a left-luggage bureau. Looking for owners at the moment are a couple of spectacle cases, several umbrellas, a toy car, and various baskets, bowls, receptacles for flower-arranging. Please feel free to claim any item.



### Rotas

Below are the rotas for February. There are cleaning and flower arranging rotas for 2013 in the church porch. Please put your name down to help—the more people help, the less each has to do. If you can help out in the cottage with coffee or lunches from time to time it would be very much appreciated—talk to Karen. Thanks to all January volunteers.

## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER ROTAS

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>				
<b>CHURCH FLOWERS</b>	Flo Roberts	Flo Roberts	Flo Roberts	Flo Roberts
<b>SUNDAY CRECHE</b>	Janet J-Moore Gillian O'Neill	Julie Bond Joanna Byrne	Pauline O'Sullivan Wendy Lundy	Lorraine McElwain Pamela Roe
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Karen Kissane Pam Roe Erika White Lorraine Byrne	Karen Kissane Siohhan Kennedy Sandra Behan Fiona Power Lorraine Byrne	<b>N/A</b>	Karen Kissane Erika White Sandra Behan Ruth Stewart Lorraine Byrne
<b>COFFEE @ COTTAGE</b>	Karen Reynolds Jean Harris	Karen Reynolds Annick Smith	Karen Reynolds	Karen Reynolds Grace Norse
<b>LUNCH @ COTTAGE</b>	N/A	N/A	Karen Reynolds	N/A

# Clubs and Organisations

## Choir

Choir rehearsals for Lent and Holy Week will start on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Newcastle Church. The choir will lead the singing at Holy Communion in Newcastle on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> and then sing again on February 24<sup>th</sup>, the second Sunday in Lent.

We will be rehearsing some new music this term as well as singing some old favourites in our repertoire. It would be good to hear some new voices in the choir, particularly altos, tenors or basses. Please try us out if you enjoy a good sing.

*Andy Sleeman*

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★ **Youth Club** ★  
★ 8pm ★  
★ Friday 1st February ★  
★ Friday 15th February ★  
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## Sunday School

Sunday School is held for children of school-going age in St Francis school during morning service in Newcastle Church on most Sundays, except during family service (see PINS for details). A very successful Christmas outing was organised in December.

(See right)

## Table Tennis

Table tennis continues in the McLean Room every Monday night from 8pm. A fun tournament was held recently which was enjoyed by all. Numbers are growing slowly, including some new younger players. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a game. Information from Heather at 087-9422172



## Bowls

Drop in to the school hall on a Thursday night at 8pm and try your hand at bowls. Everyone welcome.

## Parent and Toddlers

Anyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to come to Parent and Toddlers on a Monday morning at Rectory Cottage from 10.30am. for tea, coffee, chat and a play. Special congratulations from everyone at the group to Lorraine and Deirdre on the birth of Holly and Fia.



### **Time Out**

The Time Out group has resumed its meetings on a Tuesday night at 8pm in Rectory Cottage. They're a friendly lot so call in any Tuesday and see what they're up to!

### **Drama**

Once more in to the breach - we are going to have another attempt at finally staging the play which has been postponed twice. Look out for publicity in late Spring.



### **Feeling Unfit?**

Would you be interested in being part of an informal walking club based around Newcastle with a view to getting fit in easy stages? If the gym is not for you but you would enjoy some fresh air, a bit of craic, and some nice walks get in touch with Karen. If there is enough interest we'll get together.



### **Creche**

A crèche for all toddlers and children of a pre-Sunday School age is open during services in Newcastle Church on a Sunday. It is located in Rectory Cottage and is supervised by two parents on a rota basis. It's a great service for those who want to attend church without the hassle of trying to keep their little ones quiet - and let's face it, the toddlers probably much prefer it to church. Parents are welcome to stay with their children at first to help them settle.



*New volunteers always very welcome. Contact Julie Bond at 087-2378613*

## **Quiet Time in Lent**

During Lent, Newcastle Church will be open each Friday, starting Friday 15th, from 9am to 1pm for those who wish to spend some time in quiet meditation and prayer. More than ever, in this noisy rushed world, we all need an opportunity to listen for 'the still small voice of calm'.

## **Breakfast in the Cottage**

**Breakfast in the cottage is served from 8.40am on the last Thursday of the month before school assembly in the church**

# CALARY NEWS

## **Calary Carol Service**

The parishioners at Calary would like to thank all of their friends and neighbours for joining them at the annual Carol Service on Sunday 23 December and to let them know that the collection amounted to over €1,200, which has been sent to Simon. Thanks to Grainne, Ann-Marie, the Newcastle Choir and the Sunday School and other children for taking part and adding greatly to the enjoyment of the event.

## **Thanks**

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the tea after the Carol Service and also with the decoration of the church for Christmas.

## **Christening**

Lucy, daughter of Karen and Micheal Guiney and granddaughter of Jean and Patrick Wall was christened in Calary on Sunday 6th January. Karen, Micheal and Lucy live in the UK and it was lovely to see them back in Calary again.

## **Burial**

The funeral of Edit Zinn-Collis, who lived in Bray, took place on Sunday 30 December, after which

she was buried in Calary graveyard. Edit died less than a month after her brother, Zoltan.

## **World Day of Prayer**

This event will be held in Kilbride Church at 8pm on Friday 1st March.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School takes place every week, except when there is Family Service.

## **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](mailto:derekneilson@eircom.net)

## **Enniskerry Ploughing Association**

Enniskerry Ploughing Association are holding a table quiz in the Powerscourt Arms, Enniskerry on Friday 22nd February at 8 pm Table of four €40. Prizes and raffle on the night; for enquiries please contact Philip Roe 086 608 66 45



## Visitor from Ghana

We were privileged this Christmas to have Godwin Agudey staying with our family. My son Ross met Godwin when he volunteered in the school run by Godwin in Segga, Ghana, and he decided to bring him over for a holiday in Ireland. Godwin is the son of a minister and is the eldest of seven children. He was lucky to get an education as his parents sent him to stay with an aunt and uncle in the city. He studied for a qualification in agricultural studies and then obtained a job in the Ministry of Agriculture. During this time he visited his home area and realised that there was a desperate need for a school. He gave up his career to start the school with 9 pupils. He was 24 years old. Today his school has 40 teachers and 800 pupils. It is a heavy responsibility for a 35 year old and keeping the school going financially is a constant worry. Godwin enjoyed his month here. He is enthusiastic and keen to learn about everything around him. Things like a PH soil tester were a great source of fascination to him as he had heard of them but never seen one. He also greatly enjoyed seeing the Avoca modern weaving machines at work. The fish farm at Woodenbridge was of interest as he is considering starting a fish

farm on his local river to help finance the school. He is a giggler and has a powerful singing voice as anyone who was in church over the Christmas period can attest to!

He spoke in Newcastle Church several times and also in St Matthew's Church. While staying with Ross in Rathmines he got to experience Dublin, including typical nights out on the town (he survived). He also had visits from former volunteers from his school who travelled to Dublin to meet up with him from the UK, Spain and Canada. He even managed to see Galway and the Cliffs of Moher. He was very grateful for the interest that people took in his school and in his country and its culture. I am now the owner of some lovely paintings on fabric and a wooden sculpture of a man playing the talking drums. The school use the drums to call the children for assembly etc as it is a language in itself. I may pass on the fabric which is worn for fertility though! Please keep Godwin and his work in the school in Segga in your prayers.



*Karen Reynolds*

## Cottage Christmas Outing

On Tuesday 4th December ten of us set off by minibus from the cottage on the Christmas outing. It was a good-humoured trip to town with much speculation as to what the promised surprise could be. This was fuelled by a certain rector on board who managed to hint that it could be both swimming and ice skating.

Shopping in Grafton Street was the first objective with Marks and Spencer the main focus. Most people had no trouble acquiring several purchases, and arrived with bulging bags at the designated meeting place at the Trinity end of Grafton Street. In fact William was kind enough to carry a full-size cricket bat around all day, thus endangering the general shopping public and giving himself a less than comfortable shopping experience.



Waiting for the group were two horse-and-carriages bedecked with Christmas

decorations and driven by two amiable brothers. Avoiding the gathered groups of tourists with cameras, everyone squeezed in to the carriages and were further wedged by bags of shopping. At this point it became clear that William



would have to ride up front with one of the drivers, an outcome which we suspected wasn't too unwelcome. We were then treated to a slightly chilly, but very



enjoyable, half-hour ride around Dublin finishing up at the door of the Westbury Hotel.



The Westbury had reserved some lovely sofas in the gallery by the fire, and beside the grand piano. There followed

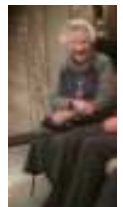


a very pleasant and civilised afternoon involving mulled wine, champagne, scones, sandwiches, cakes and music.



After that we were just about able for stumbling on to the bus for home which was thankfully waiting at the door. All that remained was to break out the Santa sack and distribute the gifts.

A great day out, to be repeated.



# St Francis NS

We are delighted to report that work has finally started on our new classroom. The builders arrived last Thursday and we are gradually getting used to all the action going on around us. These will be a lot of disruption over the coming months but it will be worth it when we have our new permanent classroom. A temporary entrance has been opened to give the builders access to the site. The wall will be reinstated when the building work

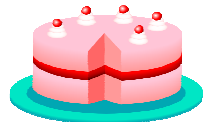
is finished.

On a different unrelated note the five large trees along the road have to be cut down. They have been examined by a number of experts who all agree that some of the trees are in a very unsafe condition and must be taken down before they fall on a child or passing car. While nobody wants to see trees being cut down, for safety reasons we have no choice but to have them felled.

## St Francis Parents' Association



**CAKE SALE**  
**Friday 8th February**  
**From 1pm**



*Recycle and support your  
local National School*

Your school will receive €5.50 per each 10kg bag of clothes  
and €2.00 per each old mobile phone.

Where: Your Local National School

*we're having a New &  
Used clothing collection!*



We collect:  
NEW & USED MEN'S,  
WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S  
CLOTHING, SHOES, BELTS,  
HANDBAGS, TIES, LINENS  
HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES,  
STUFFED TOYS, etc.

*(Any condition once they are clean).*

**MOBILE PHONES**

*(placed in a separate bag)*

**Collection Day - Tuesday 26th February**

## Freewill Offering Envelopes & Sustentation Fund

Freewill offering envelopes for 2013 can now be collected from the back of St Matthews and Newcastle Churches as appropriate.

*Please note* that there has been a tax change, starting January 2013, in relation to reclaim of income tax for charitable giving. Up to December 2012 the Parish could only claim a tax rebate from parishioners who are solely PAYE at their marginal tax rate (i.e.: 20% or 41%). Self-employed and self-assessed taxpayers could reclaim the tax themselves. From now on, the tax paid on all giving to the Parish which can be identified through the envelope and sustentation schemes, whether you are self-employed, self-assessed or PAYE, can now be reclaimed by the Parish at a blended rate of 31%. It remains to be seen whether this an advantage or disadvantage to the Parish, but tax reclaimed has been falling for the past few years. Giving has also been falling with recessionary times and for the first time the Parish will show a deficit for 2012. We will likely end this year with another deficit even if the 2012 level of giving is maintained. For those of you who may be experiencing hard times please give what you are able but for those of you who are in a position to maintain or even increase your giving it will make a real difference to the running of the Parish this year.

*Andy Sleeman – Hon. Treasurer*

## Forever Living

Have a Forever Living aloe vera products party!  
Fantastic range of skincare, health and beauty products  
Suitable for the whole family - even your pets!

Invite your friends around to find out why our products are the best quality, thus provide the best results. All our products are completely natural, not tested on animals and have a 60 day money back guarantee.

As a host you will receive 20% off your order plus a free gift.

I am also available for fundraising, table top sales ,  
Christmas fairs, fetes and events.

Contact me to book your date.

**Fiona Rae**

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# Children's Page

## THE BUTTERFLY POEM



I caught a little wormy  
a crawling up a tree.

He wiggled here  
he wiggled there  
he wiggled right at me.

I put him in a shoebox  
and told him **STAY RIGHT  
THERE.**

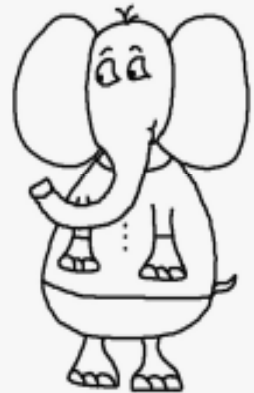
But when I opened up the box  
a butterfly was there.

I don't know how it happened  
I couldn't if I tried  
cause only the great Lord  
above  
can make a butterfly.

**JOHN 14:6**

Jesus answered,  
"I am the way  
and the truth and  
the life. No one  
comes to the  
Father except  
through me."

## Jesus Loves Me



Church House Collection ©

**Q: What man in the Bible had no parents?**

**A: Joshua, the son of Nun.**

**UNITED DIOCESES of DUBLIN and GLENDALOUGH**

Parish: *Newcastle and Newtownmountkenedy*

**NOTICE of the ANNUAL REVISION of the  
REGISTER of VESTRY MEMBERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE SELECT VESTRY  
OF THIS PARISH HAS BEEN ARRANGED for *Wednesday* the *20* day  
of *February*, 2013 in the *Medean Room*  
at *8:00* o'clock, to **REVISE THE REGISTER OF VESTRY MEMBERS,**  
**BY ADDING THE NAMES OF ANY QUALIFIED PERSONS, and**  
**REMOVING THE NAMES OF THOSE NO LONGER QUALIFIED, since the**  
**last revision of the register.**

Signed *William Bennett*

Date: *24 January 2013*

**Parish Centre**



The start date for the construction of the new parish centre is getting closer. With that in mind we need to begin thinking ahead, and so we are asking each organisation that will be using the centre to plan some fundraising to help fit out its area or room. Karen will be very glad to advise or help out with ideas. But be

warned, the Parent and Toddler group are way ahead of the game!

# *Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme*

## **What is the Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme?**

Better Energy Warmer Homes (BEWH), administered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), funds energy efficiency improvements in the homes of the elderly and vulnerable, making their homes more comfortable, healthier and more cost effective to run.

## **What services are available?**

The service involves the installation of standard energy efficiency measures appropriate to the eligible household subject to SEAI survey, budget allocation and available capacity. The service is provided at **no cost to the household** and the measures currently available under this scheme are:

- Attic insulation;
- Draught proofing;
- Lagging jackets;
- Low energy light bulbs;
- Cavity wall insulation;
- Energy advice.

## **Who can avail of the Scheme?**

This scheme is available to homes which meet the following criteria:

- Owner occupied, non-Local Authority homes
- Constructed before 2002
- The owner is in receipt of one of the following:
  - Fuel Allowance as part of the National Fuel Scheme
  - Job Seekers Allowance for over six months and with a child under seven years of age
  - Family Income Supplement

Landlords can avail of grants from Better Energy Homes if they have tenants in, or at risk of, energy poverty. See [www.seai.ie/BetterEnergyHomes](http://www.seai.ie/BetterEnergyHomes) for more information.

## **How do you apply to the Better Energy Warmer Homes scheme?**

Contact Warmer Homes Bray @ 2866080  
or email [warmehomes@braycommunityenterprise.ie](mailto:warmehomes@braycommunityenterprise.ie)

# SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Luke 8:22-25</i>
	Newcastle (United Service)	12.00	WB	MP with Gospel Choir	
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	Calary	9.30	MC	MP	<i>Ex. 34:29-35</i>  <i>2Cor. 3:12 - 4:2</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	MC/WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	MC/WB	HC	
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	Calary	9.30	CT	FS	<i>Luke 4:1-13</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS + Baptism	
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Gen. 15:1-12 &amp; 17-18</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
	St Matthew's	19.00	WB	Healing Service	<i>Phil. 3:17 - 4:1</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!

Please send any items for inclusion in March PINS to:  
[information.pins@gmail.com](mailto:information.pins@gmail.com)

**Items must be received by MONDAY 18th February for publication**