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PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin another year I do hope you feel encouraged. I know that many of you will have concerns about health, finance and family, etc but overall I hope you are in a positive mood about the future.

You are the custodians of parishes which many people can only dream of. We have three beautiful churches and wonderful facilities which means we can do things which would be impossible in many of the parishes in the country. This is the case due to the faithful support and commitment of you, the parishioners.

With continued commitment and support you are laying the foundation for the generations to come as well as helping to meet the current needs of all ages in these parishes.

We have made real progress in many areas and want to build on that progress as we move closer to the end of the decade. What might Newcastle, Newtown and Calary be like in 2020? The answer lies firmly in the hands of us all. It is what we do, how we use what we have, and this depends largely on our vision for the future.

Building for the future will take prime place this year and I would love each parishioner to feel you have an important part to play in that building. No one should feel excluded and your involvement and ideas will be greatly valued.

My invitation to one and all is to "Come on Board". With your help, encouragement, support and prayers we will see things we never dreamed of!

God Bless,
William

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE



**Friday 13th February
at 8pm
Parish Centre, Newcastle**



**Tickets €25
to include:
Glass of Wine
3 Course Dinner
with Coffee/Tea**

**Available from
Parish Office 2819300
Karen 087-2866889
or any member of
the events committee**

Chair Yoga Classes

Chair yoga is mostly practiced sitting on a chair or standing with the chair as support if needed. Classes are relaxing and fun and suitable for all ages and mobility.

Great Benefits:

keep your joints mobile
strengthen your muscles
improve your balance and posture
stimulate your circulation and your heart
expand and improve your breathing
calm and relax your mind

When: Fridays 10.30am -11.15am
Parish Centre Newcastle

Cost: €7 per class

Starting: 13th February



For more information contact: **Angelika 087 2176068**

Angelika is a fully qualified Yoga Teacher and Back Care
Yoga Specialist as well as a Physical Therapist.

Clubs and Organisations

Choir

Choir practices for Lent and Easter will start again on Monday February 9th at 8pm. PLEASE NOTE - practices will now take place upstairs in the Parish Centre. New singers in all voices will be very welcome.

Time Out

The prayer group meets every first and third Tuesday from 8pm in the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

Bible Club

Having finished the 'Called to Live' series the group now embarks on a new course. This time we will examine the life of St Peter, which promises to be very interesting. We would love to see some new faces in this very informal setting. Drop in to the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre any second or fourth Tuesday from 8pm.

Bowls

It's very busy in the bowls club with regular matches at the moment. The club meets in the hall at the Parish Centre every Thursday at 8pm to practice.

Table Tennis

Please contact Heather Simpson for details of club nights at 087-9422172

Creche

Creche continues for pre-schoolers during morning service in Newcastle Church except when there is family service. Please use this brilliant service which gives parents a chance to give church services their full attention knowing the children are well-cared for in the Parish Centre.

Sunday School

Sunday School dates for February are the 1st and 8th. Look forward to seeing all children of primary school age there.

Parent and Toddler Group

The very busy Parent and Toddler group meets every Monday morning from 10.30am in the Parish Centre, with the toddlers using the Playroom and the adults relaxing in the Sitting Room.

Youth Film Club

Saturdays 6.30 –9.30 pm (latest)
Youth Room, Parish Centre.
For 12 to 16 year olds.
Garda vetted adults needed for a rota. Contact Felix 086-3842728

**Next Meeting of Select Vestry
Thurs. 26th February at 8pm**

YOUTH CLUB

**FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY
8.00—9.30pm**

MEET AT THE PARISH CENTRE

Junior Choir

Rehearsals continue each Wednesday after school, now taking place in the upstairs meeting room in the Parish Centre, where the choir can take advantage of the new keyboard, and the heat! We look forward to hearing them again at the family service on the 22nd.

Junior Table Tennis

There is a slot free in the hall at the Parish Centre every second Friday (when there is no Youth Club). It is hoped to re-start the Junior Table Tennis Club at this time. However garda-vetted volunteers are needed to go on a rota to supervise—not too onerous when there is a very nice kitchen for making coffee and a nice supply of biscuits in the cupboard. Please consider volunteering for a session every couple of months. See Karen in the Parish Office.

Fields of Life Newcastle

I want to offer enormous thanks to the children of Newcastle Parish Sunday School for €140.00 which Karen Kissane passed on to me at the end of the year. This money is collected in small change every week throughout the year and it builds up to a very tidy sum, which is always needed.

On behalf of Fields of Life I would also like to thank all of you from the Parish and the Community who have contributed in any way in 2014 towards the cost of sponsoring the education of our nine students in Uganda. Since 2003 we have been sponsoring these children, giving them an opportunity to progress in an otherwise hopeless situation.

We in this community also contributed handsomely towards the cost of the Glendalough School in Mbale, Uganda for FoL in 2006.

If you would like to learn more about FoL, to sponsor a child or to help with the ongoing costs please contact me at **01 2819709 / 086 3449043** or check out the Website at www.fieldsoflife.org. Again many, many thanks to Sunday School and all of our supporters.

Brian Harris

(brianharris@eircom.net)

N & N NEWS

Wedding at Newcastle

5th December 2014

Jonathan Watchorn and Sandra O'Connor, Beechbrook Lodge, Prospect, Newcastle.

Congratulations to the happy couple. We wish Jonathan and Sandra every happiness in their life together

Holy Baptism at Newcastle

28th December 2014

Matilda Anne Adams, daughter of Claire and Corrie Adams, 44 Garden Village Crescent, Kilpeddar.

We congratulate Tilly's parents and pray that she will grow to honour the promises made for her at baptism.

Funeral at Newcastle

13th January 2015

Margaret McVitty
Church Road, Newcastle
Margaret passed away peacefully in the Blackrock Hospice after a period of illness. Following the funeral service in Newcastle Parish church her mortal remains were laid to rest in Kilquade cemetery. We extend our sympathy to her many friends in the area.

Coffee

Join in the Tuesday morning conviviality from 10.30am. in the sitting room at the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome for tea/coffee, toast and a chat.

Lunch

The February lunch will take place on Thursday 19th. The cost remains at €10 per head for a two course lunch and tea/coffee. Please book ahead with Karen to be sure of a place. Come and try out our new lift!

Church Review

If anyone is interested in a copy of the Church Review for the coming year please contact Pauline O'Sullivan. The magazine is published once a month and the amount is €40 for the year. It is a great way of finding out what the other parishes in our diocese are 'up to'. A good read. *PO'S*

Breakfast

Drop in to the parish centre for breakfast at 8.40am on the morning of the February school assembly in Newcastle church. Nice start to the day!

CALARY NEWS

Calary Belltower

The work that has is being carried out to make the Belltower watertight is nearly complete. However some exterior work still needs to be finished which is dependant on the weather.

Sunday School

Sunday School takes place each Sunday except when there is Family Service.

World Day of Prayer,

This year, the event will be held in Calary at 8pm on Friday 6 March and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is invited to come and participate in this service.

Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Church for Christmas and assisted or participated at any of the services and at the tea after the Carol Service.

Table Tennis

Table tennis continues each Thursday at 8pm in the Church Room.

Music in Calary

The programme for 2015 is being finalised and will be announced shortly.



‘Christmas’ Outing



Most of the group who travelled to Newbridge Silver and lunched at Rathsallagh House on 22nd Jan. Fun day!

The Carers Association are providing
 QQI (FETAC) Healthcare Support Major Award
 training in your area
 For more information contact the training unit on
 057 93 70221.

PARISH CENTRE

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	Sunday School Creche		
Monday	Parents & Tots	After-School	Choir Table Tennis Keep Fit
Tuesday	Coffee	After-School	Time Out Bible Club Slimming World
Wednesday		After-School Junior Choir	Bowls Match
Thursday	Lunch	After-School	Bowls French Lessons
Friday	Chair Yoga	After-School	Youth Club
Saturday			Youth Film Club

St Francis Parents' Association

Lenrec Clothes Collection

**9th February
St Francis School
Unwanted clothes
and textiles collected
Drop off a bag 8.30-9.15am**

Cake Sale

**13th February
St Francis School
1-2.30pm**

Institutions of Interest

Of interest to parishioners

Our former Rector, Rev Brian O'Rourke, was instituted as new Rector of Portlaoise on Friday 9th January. Brian had been Rector of Shandon Parish in Cork city. We wish him well.

Of interest to former pupils of East Glendalough School

Rev Adrienne Galligan was instituted as the new Rector of Rathfarnham Parish on Friday 16th January. Adrienne had been Rector of St Mary's Crumlin and St Laurence's Chapelizod,. She is also Taney Rural Dean. Previously she taught in EGS.



**FAMILY
SERVICE
WITH THE JUNIOR CHOIR
SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
12 NOON
NEWCASTLE CHURCH**

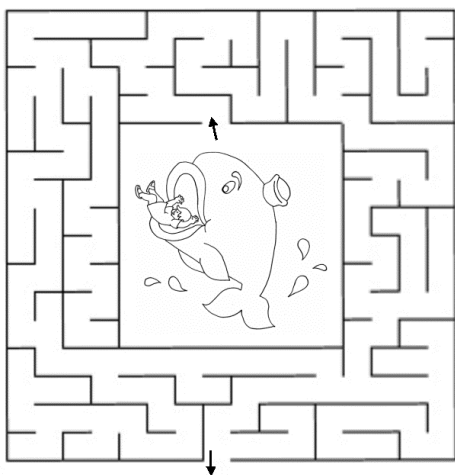
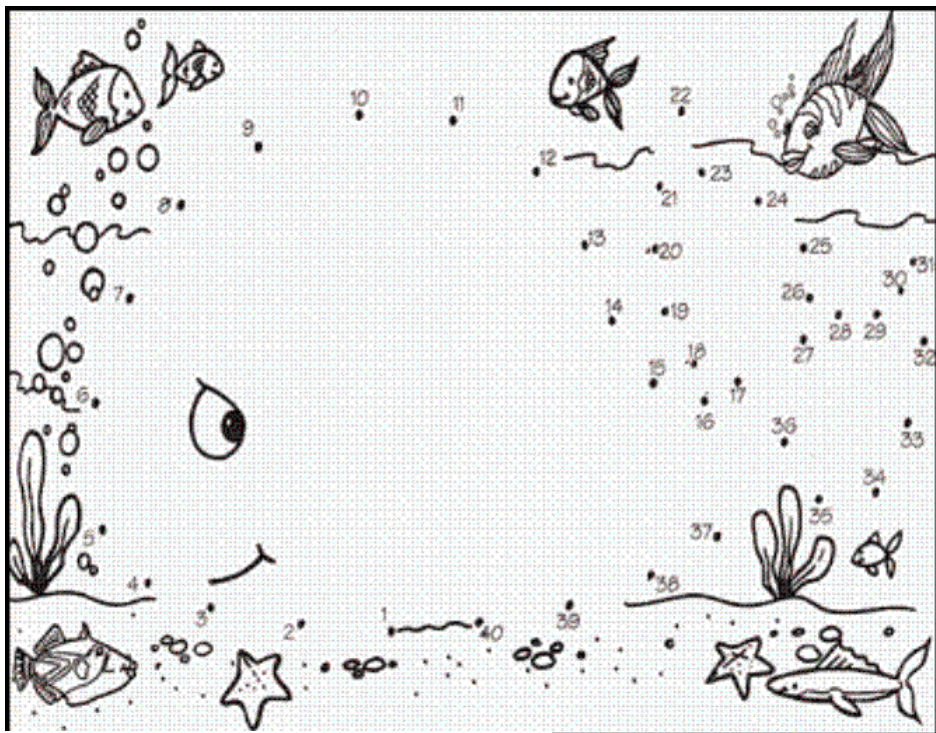
Some people asked for a copy of this prayer used at the January Family Service when our theme was 'Jesus'.

Dear Lord,

I give you my hands to do your work; I give you my feet to go your way; I give you my eyes to see as you see; I give you my tongue to speak your words; I give you my mind that you may think in me; I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me – love the Father and love all humankind. I give you my whole self, Lord, that you may grow in me, so that it is you who lives, works and prays in me. Amen.

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**JONAH
AND
THE
WHALE**

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	<i>1 Cor. 8:1-13</i> <i>Mark 1:21-28</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 8th	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Is. 40:21-31</i> <i>1 Cor. 9:16-23</i> <i>Mark 1:29-39</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	
Sunday 15th	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	<i>2 Kings 5:1-14</i> <i>Mark 1:40-45</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
Sunday 22nd	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Is. 43:18-25</i> <i>Mark 2:1-12</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	



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.

Please send any items for inclusion in March PINS to:
information.pins@gmail.com

Items must be received by MONDAY 16th February