



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

**FEBRUARY**  
**2016**

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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A relatively new combination of three letters has become familiar to parents when applying to some schools in the area; the letters are A.P.A. This is very important when applying for admission to schools under Church of Ireland or Roman Catholic patronage and is likely to become even more important. What was very important to qualify for first round admission to these schools was a baptism certificate for the child. This practice has come under the spotlight and much discussion and debate has taken place resulting in these three letters A.P.A. which stand for Active Parish Affiliation.

This, in my opinion, is a very positive change in emphasis and frees people to make important decisions for the correct reasons. If put into the admissions criteria for all schools under church patronage it means that when parents wish to talk about baptism for their children it will not be related to possible school entry but will be out of a genuine desire to make baptism an important time of commitment for themselves and the godparents, also to fulfil their promise to do their duty in bringing the child up within the family of the church and to teach that child by word and example to follow God. The practice of infant baptism has been greatly demeaned by having it as an important essential in any schools admissions criteria. Not everyone wishes to have their babies baptised and this can be for a number of different reasons. Such a change will mean that parents can hold to their integrity and not feel pressurised to make promises they may not fully mean or intend to keep but can still be actively affiliated to their parish and fully entitled to the Rector's endorsement regarding school entry.

We in this parish are in the happy position of having a first class play-school for pre-school children. This has proved to be very popular with parents and children, and places are now almost fully booked for September 2016 and 2017. It is vitally important that parishioners, who wish their child/children to be enrolled in future years, fill in the application form which can be had from Karen in the parish office.

God Bless,  
William

# **VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE**



**Saturday 13th February  
at 7.30pm**

**Parish Centre, Newcastle**



**Tickets €25**

**3 Course Dinner  
with Coffee/Tea**

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

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Many thanks to all those who came to the Flower Demonstration on Friday 11th December.

A cheque for €500 has been given to Fields of Life

- thanks to YOU.

*Sheila*



## CHURCH REVIEW

If you have an item for the Church Review send it to Lynn Stringer at [lynnstringer@eircom.net](mailto:lynnstringer@eircom.net) before the 13th of each month, to be published the following month. The editor of the Church Review has the final say on published content.



## CONFIRMATION 2016

**11am  
Sunday  
6th March  
Newcastle**

## **Funeral at Newcastle Volunteers Needed**

18th December 2015

**Rodney Rae,**  
Hazelbrook,  
Killadreenan,  
Newcastle. We offer  
our deepest sympathy  
to his wife Joan, and  
to Robin and Fiona.

## **Blessing**

### ***Zoltan Kenez Allison***

was born on 3rd  
February 2015 to  
Oliver Allison and  
Ester Kenez, The first  
grandson and fourth  
grandchild for Patricia  
Lewis and Norman  
Allison. Zoltan  
received a spiritual  
blessing from Marcus  
Losack in Annamoe.

A few more names are  
needed to fill up the  
rotas for cleaning  
Newcastle Church and  
arranging the Sunday  
flowers. Rotas, and a  
biro, are on the notice  
board at the back of  
the church.

## **Fields of Life**

The fund to drill a  
well now stands at  
€3759, thanks to  
substantial top ups  
from Ian Fleming's  
auction of an Irish  
Jersey (kindly  
arranged by Carmel  
Hughes) which raised  
€650 and Elizabeth  
Kiely's special  
birthday donation of

€750. The target is  
€5000, so only  
another €1241 to go.  
All fundraisers or  
donations welcome!

## **Coffee**

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

## **Lunch**

The February lunch  
will take place on  
Thursday 18th in the  
Parish Centre.  
Everyone welcome.  
Book your place with  
Karen.

## ***Christmas Afternoon Tea***



# **CHRISTMAS WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**



*A visit from Santa*



*Nativity Play*

# Clubs and Organisations

## **Bowls Club**

The Club has a steady stream of members at present. Some more recent than others and some more skilful than others too!

Keith Stringer has decided to liven things up with a new competition which has everyone playing in turn. The rules remain a mystery to most and we are not sure if even he is fully 'au fait' with them, but anything for a laugh and there has certainly been plenty of that these last few weeks!

The Club Championships will soon be starting and we will be hosting the East Coast League Singles in March as well. The usual inter Club matches are ongoing too, usually on Wednesday evenings, while the rest of us meet on Thursdays as usual.

## **Choir**

Choir practices for Lent and Holy Week will commence on Monday February 1st at 8 pm upstairs in the Parish Centre. I look forward to seeing you all. New singers would be most welcome. You don't have to commit to every Sunday. It would be good to have extra voices just for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

*Andy*

## **Table Tennis**

Everyone welcome to pop in to the main hall at the Parish Centre on Mondays from 8pm for a game of table tennis.

## **Time Out**

The prayer group continues to meet in the Parish Centre on the first and third Tuesdays in the month at 8pm.

## **Revelation**

The Bible Club is studying Revelation at the moment. Anyone can come along on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 8pm and give it a try. No need to attend every time. Upstairs in the Parish Centre in the Youth Room—we're using the Playstation and TV.

## **Parents & Toddlers**

Noisy fun and chat over a cup of coffee every Monday from 10am and every Wednesday from 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. Look out for texts over the half term break if a session is on.

Anyone interested in being on a Parents and Toddlers team for the pub quiz in aid of St Francis NS should come along to The Castle Inn on the 5th February.

# CALARY NEWS

## **World Day of Prayer 2016**

The World Day of Prayer Service for the Calary area will take place in St Mary's Church, Enniskerry on Friday 4th March. To celebrate this, RTE will also be broadcasting a special service featuring a children's choir from

Springfield, Tallaght on Sunday 21st February 2016 at 11am.

## **Roundwood and District Historical Society**

The Society has prepared its 1916 Commemoration Centenary Programme, part of which will include a Seminar on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th February in Roundwood Parish Centre, at which 5 prominent historians and writers will give lectures on different aspects of the events of the 1916 Rising. Those speaking will be Professor Kevin Whelan, Dr Mary McAuliffe, Professor Eunan O'Halpin and Pdraig Yeates. This will be followed by a History Ireland Hedge School which will also include Robert Ballagh. Tickets cost €20.00 and are available from [derekneilson@eircom.net](mailto:derekneilson@eircom.net).

## **Sunday School**

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

## **Table Tennis**

Table tennis takes place each Thursday in the Church Room starting at 8pm.

### **Thanks!**

Elizabeth Kiely would like to thank all those who donated so generously to the Fields of Life Well Fund in place of birthday gifts for her recent very special 70th Birthday.

A sum of €750 was raised.

Happy Birthday Elizabeth!



## Adult Art Classes

~€10 per Class~

~Mornings: 10-12.30~

~Six Week Duration~

With

*Patricia Allison*

*A Community-based Artist*



Contact: *Patricia Allison*

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**STARTING FEBRUARY 2016  
IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

**Sunday  
7th February  
12 noon**

**Newcastle Church**

**Come and join in  
some joyful singing**

## QUIZ NIGHT

**The Castle Inn**

**Friday  
5th February  
8pm**

***In aid of St Francis NS***



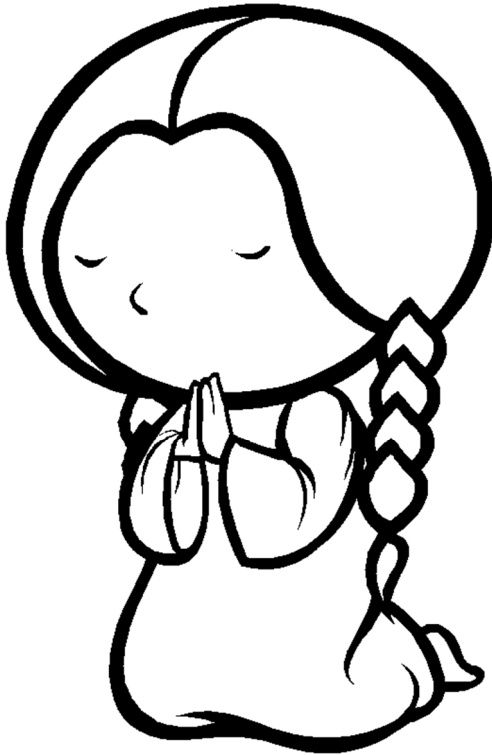
# **FAMILY SERVICE**

**PRESENTED BY THE  
CONFIRMATION  
CANDIDATES**

**WITH THE JUNIOR CHOIR**

**SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY  
12 NOON  
NEWCASTLE CHURCH**

# Children's Page



Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

**Q. Which Bible character had no parents?  
A. Joshua, son of Nun.**

# SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 7th	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Ex. 34:29-35</i>
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	Songs of Praise	<i>2 Cor. 3:12-4:2</i>
Sunday 14th	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Deut. 26:1-11</i> <i>Rom. 10:8-13</i> <i>Luke 4:1-13</i>
	St Matthew's	11.00	CT	MP	
Sunday 21st	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Phil. 3:17-4:1</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
Sunday 28th	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Is. 55:1-9</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>1 Cor. 10:1-13</i>
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	HC	<i>Luke 13:1-9</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  
[nandnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nandnparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Items must be received by MONDAY 22nd February**