



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

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From the Rector

By the time you read this letter it will be more than two months since the Every Decade Service and launch of the Five Year Parish Plan. I do hope you have read the booklet and I sincerely urge all parishioners to invest in this plan in whatever way you can. By invest, I don't just mean in financial terms but in thought, prayer, time, talent and involvement wherever and whenever possible.

Long thought, communication and prayer have gone into devising the plan which we believe is both realistic and possible as well as being visionary. If we all, as parishioners, take this seriously then these parishes will undoubtedly be positioned positively to serve the community, and that means our children and grand children, as well as all of us in whatever decade we were born, for many years to come. Please have a look at the vision for year one in the booklet and see if you can help to make the vision a reality. The big concern for most families is in the area of our children and young people. We now have the facility to cater well for these people in a safe, secure environment, but leaders are essential.

We are forced into needing to employ an overall leader who will head up the youth department but this means financial outlay. If you feel this is an important part of our ministry to the youth within our care we would very much appreciate any help you can give.

The first item we engage in, which is listed for year one, is the forum on the future of St Matthews in Newtownmountkennedy. A meeting of all interested parties has been called for Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm in the McLean Room. The purpose of this forum is to have discussion, hear views and plan for the future in the areas of pastoral ministry and outreach.

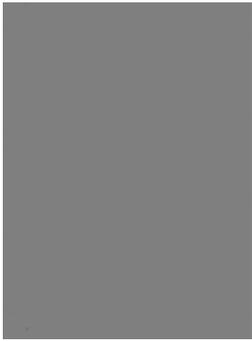
Newtownmountkennedy is a very rapidly growing area and we need to be proactive in planning if we are to be in any way positioned to meet the growing need of the area.

The Alpha Course, which it was hoped would run between Christmas and Easter, has been postponed until the Autumn. This was due in some measure to lots of sickness which also added to the lack of time to plan properly for this excellent course. Watch this space - we would love if a good group from our community attends.

Do please look at the weekly calendar in PINS and see if you can be involved in any of the events - your presence is always valued!

William

THANKS!



Huge thanks to everyone for the good wishes and offers of help while I was sick. Particularly special thanks to Pauline O'Sullivan and Maurice Madden who manned the office. You were life-savers.

Karen

Jess, the parish cat, doing her bit to help out in the office

Forum on the future of St Matthew's Church

**Wednesday 22nd February
at 7.30pm
in the McLean Room**

**Come along and join the discussion
on the future of pastoral ministry
and outreach in the area**

N & N NEWS

Baptisms at Newcastle

11th December 2016

Kai Murphy Grant son of Niamh Murphy and Alan Grant, 39 Druids Brook, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow
Victoria Bobbi Stringer daughter of Emma and Peter Stringer, Tooman Farm, Tooman Road, Kilpedder, Co Wicklow

We send our heartiest congratulations to Niamh, Alan, Emma and Peter and wish them God's blessing as they bring up their little children. We pray that they will grow to honour the promises made for them at baptism.

Coffee

Everyone is welcome to drop in to the sitting room at the Parish Centre on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am for coffee/tea, toast and treats. Good company, lots of chat and a warm room - what more could you want?

Lunch

The February lunch will take place on Thursday 16th at the Parish Centre. The cost as usual is €10 per head for main course, dessert and tea/coffee. Please book ahead with Karen.

Flower and Cleaning Rotas

Please lend a hand by volunteering to take on cleaning in Newcastle Church or doing the flowers for a month. The rotas are on the notice board at the back of the church with a very convenient pen to sign your name.

Next Meeting of Select Vestry

The next meeting of the Select Vestry for Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy will take place in the Parish Centre on Friday 10th February at 8pm.

Car Park at the Parish Centre

Many of you will have seen that the car park at the centre has been lined for parking spaces and traffic direction. The layout was planned by an expert in the area of traffic management and health and safety, with the object of minimising the risk of accidents.

Church Review Notes

Lynn Stringer has sent in the monthly parish notes to the Church Review for a number of years. She would now like to take a break and so we are looking for someone new to take over the task. Many thanks to Lynn for her years of collating our news for the diocese.

Creche for Newcastle

One of the things which we hope to achieve in the parish this year is to re-open the crèche for 'pre-Sundayschoolers' during morning service at Newcastle Church. All that's needed is a list of parents willing to take a turn at supervising in pairs on a Sunday morning and someone to organise the rota. We have plenty of space and lots of toys and equipment at the Parish Centre. If you would be willing to organise the rota or take a turn at supervising now and then please contact Karen at the Parish Office.



St Francis' School Parents' Association



PUB QUIZ
in
The Castle Inn
on
Friday 3rd February
at 7.30pm

€5 per head

With Quizmaster Brian Harris

SHEILA DOES IT AGAIN!

**Well done to Sheila Cleary on raising €600
in aid of Fields of Life at her annual
Christmas Flower Demonstration**

**As usual it was a morning of fun,
flowers and festive frivolity**

Thanks Sheila!



CALARY NEWS

Sister Mary Killeen visits Calary

Sister Mary Killen paid us a visit on Sunday, 15th January. A large congregation was there to greet her and catch up on her work. It is amazing how much can get done by this dynamic lady with such limited resources in the Mukuru slums of Nairobi. It was very humbling to hear all that she manages to do against such odds, including now the threat of jail



Boys from Sr. Mary's school in Mukuru say thank you to Calary.

Matt Taylor

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Matt Taylor, who died on 22 January, just over a year after the death of his beloved wife, Ann. Both of them had been in St Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum for a number of years but, prior to that had lived in a cottage in Mullinaveigh. Matt was a wonderful gardener and did tremendous work maintaining and planting shrubs in Calary graveyard.

Christmas Communion Lunch

Our pre-Christmas communion followed by lunch is now a 'tradition' in Calary. The service is appreciated all who attend, especially by those in the area with reduced mobility who have difficulty coming to our 9.30 Sunday services. We would like to thank everyone who came and made it such a joyous occasion.

Carol Service

The church looked fabulous for the annual candlelit Carol service on 21st December. Young and old joined in the well-known favourite carols. It is good to have the rafters raised for good causes. The collection was divided between the Dublin Simon community and Tiglin Ashford. Cheques for €400 were dispatched to each.



Calary ladies prepare the refreshments after the Carol Service.

Sunday School

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

Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays at 8 pm in the Church Room. New members are always welcome.

N & N Clubs and Organisations

Sunday School

There will be Sunday School on the 12th February. All children of primary school age welcome.

Parents and Toddlers

We would love to see some new faces at the group. There's always room for more! We meet every Monday from 10.30am in the main hall at the Parish Centre. Tea, coffee, toast, chat and play.

Time Out

The prayer group will meet on Tuesdays 7th and 21st February.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir meets to practise every Wednesday after school and sings at the Family Service and special services.

Bowls

Two matches have been played already this year. The first against Aughrim which we won handsomely and the second against Wicklow, over the result of which we will draw a veil!

The next excitement will be the return match against Annamoe on Wed, 1st. at home closely followed by a League Trio Competition on Saturday, 4th.

This involves teams of three players from each Club and will commence at 12 noon and continue until the winning Club has been decided. This takes place in the Parish Centre so it will be a busy week for our Catering committee.

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis Club meets every Monday at 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre. The team is doing very well in the league at the moment. New members always welcome.

Prayer Space

Prayer Space is 15 minutes of prayer every Monday morning in the sitting room at the Parish Centre. The format is simple, following a set of prayers with a little time to bless the week ahead. Everyone welcome to pop in.



Christmas Outing

Twelve of us set out by minibus for the annual mystery Christmas Outing on Thursday 8th December. First stop was the Frascati Shopping Centre in Blackrock for a spot of Christmas shopping and morning coffee for those who didn't want to browse.

Then we headed for the city centre, with William assuring everyone that they would need lots of warm clothes for ice skating! The minibus brought us as far as City Hall where we joined the Vintage Tea Tours double decker bus. The bus, 'Pauline', is a vintage bus from the late 1960's and has been adapted for its current use. We had booked the lower deck and were settled at tables for afternoon tea.

The tea was delicious and, as we ate, we were treated to an hour's tour of the city ranging from Phoenix Park to Stephen's Green, by way of the cathedrals, Trinity College and O'Connell Street. A charming young man explained the history and told anecdotes of the various attractions. However he most definitely had several more to add to his collection by the time we left—it seems that some of our number knew more about the city than he did!

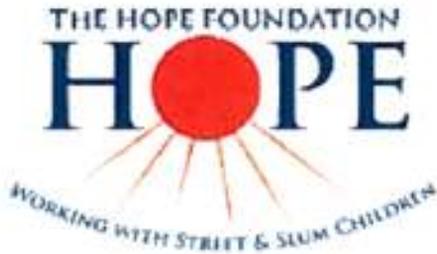
A lovely nostalgic afternoon.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Dinner

Saturday 29th April



NEWCASTLE'S BRAINIEST FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF THE HOPE FOUNDATION.

WHEN: FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

WHERE: THE CASTLE INN

HI, MY NAME IS BETH O'NEILL FROM SEA ROAD, NEWCASTLE. I AM 15 YEARS OLD IN TRANSITION YEAR IN SCHOOL AND HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO TRAVEL TO INDIA TO WORK WITH THE HOPE FOUNDATION. THIS APRIL I WILL SEE FIRST HAND THE INCREDIBLE WORK THE CHARITY DOES FOR THE STREET CHILDREN IN CALCUTTA. I AM HOLDING THIS QUIZ TO FUNDRAISE FOR BOTH THE JOURNEY AND THE HOPE FOUNDATION.

20 Euro per team
of 4

All table entries
go towards Beth's
collection for the
Hope Foundation.

Bring your brains
for 8pm.

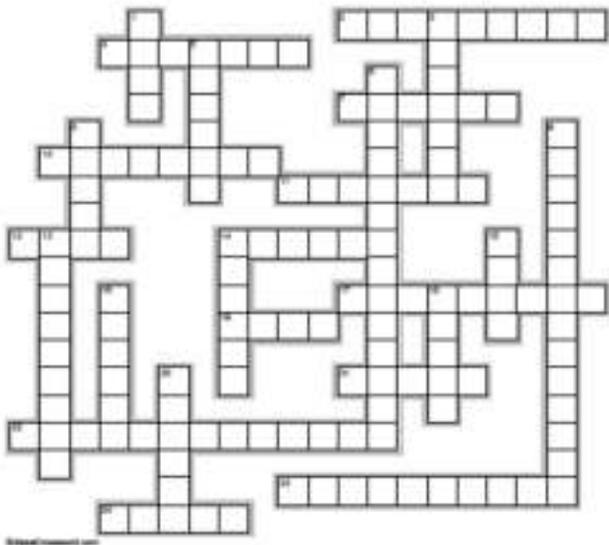
NEWCASTLE'S BRAINIEST FAMILY

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Crossword

Characters in the Gospels

How many of these people from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John do you know?
Clues appear on the next page.



Across:

2. Mother of John the Baptist
4. Man whom Jesus raised from the dead
7. The earthly father of Jesus
10. Short tax collector
11. Tax collector who wrote became a disciple
12. Temple propheteess
14. He found no guilt in Jesus, yet sentenced him to death
17. Father of John the Baptist
19. Doctor and New Testament writer
21. The disciple who was also called Peter
22. Betrayer of Jesus (2 wds)
23. Blind beggar healed by Jesus
24. The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Down:

1. The mother of Jesus
3. Father of disciples James and John
5. Peter's brother
6. The forerunner of Jesus (3 wds)
8. The tempter
9. Man who issued decree for census (2 wds)
13. He asked, "How can a man be born again?"
14. The disciple who called Nathanael to follow Jesus
15. Writer of the second gospel
16. Mary's very busy sister
18. He had John the Baptist beheaded
20. Official whose daughter was healed by Jesus

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 5 th <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Is. 58:1-12</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>1 Cor. 2:1-12</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	<i>Matt. 5:13-20</i>
Sunday 12 th <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Deut. 30:15-20</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	<i>1 Cor. 3:1-9</i>
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	<i>Matt. 5:21-37</i>
Sunday 19 th <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Gen. 1:1-2:3</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>Rom. 8:18-25</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	<i>Matt. 6:25-34</i>
Sunday 26 th <i>1st Sunday before Lent</i>	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>2 Peter 1:16-21</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	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. All welcome!

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

Items must be received by MONDAY 20th February for publication