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

**FEBRUARY 2023**



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## From the Rector

St. Brigid's Day, February 1<sup>st</sup>, marks a traditional start to spring, even though it usually signals no change to the weather! However it gives us a glimpse of new growth, as the daffodils are starting to emerge, heralding new hope and new life in the natural world.

It is this sign of new growth and lengthening days in late January and early February that, for me, truly marks the start of a new year, with new hope and fresh beginnings. As this year develops before us, I would like to take this moment to thank everyone in our parishes for all the hard work they did in 2022, for all those countless jobs that are done and the time that is so freely given, all in order to make our parishes work and create the special gift of this wonderful community of faith. 2022 saw us gradually emerging from the shadow of the pandemic, and returning to normality. We were able to gather at events again, seeing the return of our Summer Fair in Newcastle, full concerts in Calary and, following the first phase of repair works, our Christmas community event in St. Matthew's, which brought in over €1100! In February I am looking forward to another first in our parishes for me, the parish Theatre Dinner in Newcastle, even though I am slightly concerned as I am on stage!!

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December we gathered in Newcastle Church to celebrate the life of Grace Norse and to say farewell. Grace was a much loved member of our community, very aptly named, who brought grace, love and kindness to all those she knew. We will all miss her.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Grace's family: her children Philip, Patricia and William, her grandchildren Conor, Keira, Emma, William, Juliette, Fionn, Markus, Andrew and Alice, her daughters-in-law Isabelle and Aisling and son-in-law Brendan and her extended family and friends. May they know the peace of Christ, till you meet again and may grace and mercy be with us all.

In April, just after Easter, I am putting on my walking boots again and doing a 10 peak challenge, walking the ten highest peaks in Wicklow over a week! This is to raise funds for window repairs in Calary Church and for a homeless charity in Bray, W. H. Five Loaves, which offers help and support to those who are homeless and to those who are struggling to pay for food and other essentials. All are welcome to join me! In April, also after Easter, we will be starting an Alpha course in the Parish Centre, offering an opportunity to come together and explore our faith. We are planning lots of other events and fund raisers during the year, so watch this space!

May I wish you, and all whom you love, every blessing for this St. Brigid's Day and the year ahead:

May God bless the house wherein you dwell,  
Bless every fireside, every wall and door,  
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof,  
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy,  
Bless every foot that walks its portals through,  
May God bless the house that shelters you.

Thank you and God bless,  
Ross

As you know, you can  
contact me by phone  
or e-mail at any time  
and we can meet  
anywhere for a chat or  
prayer but also I am in  
my office at the parish  
centre each Tuesday  
morning, please feel  
free to drop in and  
say hello!  
Ross

# **THEATRE DINNER**



**Parish Centre, Newcastle  
Saturday 25th February  
Meal at 7.30pm sharp**



**Tickets €40**

**3 Course Dinner  
with Coffee/Tea**

**Followed by one act play  
'Arizona Smith and the  
Shrine of Destruction'**

**Tickets available from  
Parish Office 2819300  
Karen 087-2866889**

**Book early to avoid  
going on the waiting list!**

## Waiters Wanted

We are looking for waiters to work at the Theatre Dinner on Saturday 25th February. Hours of work are 7pm to 11pm. We pay minimum wage and you must be over sixteen. Contact Karen at the office or 087-2866889

### Lunch

There will be no monthly lunch at the Centre in February. Instead we hope to see you all in your finery at the Theatre Dinner on Saturday 25th February.

### Cleaning Rota

Please help by putting your name on the rota for cleaning of Newcastle Church. We'll take individuals, groups of friends or families—we're not fussy. It's a beautiful little church and deserves to be kept spic and span.



### Flower Arranging

Flowers are a wonderful way to display God's glory and enhance the beauty of the church. Please put your name on the Newcastle flower arranging rota. You don't have to be a Sheila Cleary! A simple arrangement of flowers in a jug can be very lovely.



### Wedding at Newcastle Church

*Friday 16th December 2022*

Simon Reynolds and  
Lilia Collazo-Pakholiuk

Simon and Lilia, and their families, had a wonderful day celebrating their marriage. The church, all dressed up for Christmas, was a beautiful backdrop to the ceremony. The reception was held at Ballybeg House near Avoca.





**Upstairs in the Parish Centre**  
**Friday mornings**  
**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**  
**Everyone very welcome!**

***No Tearoom on Friday 24th February due  
to preparations for the Theatre Dinner***

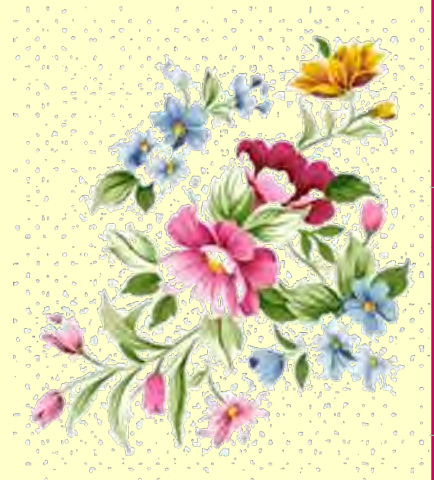
*Flower Festival*

*in*

*Newcastle Church*

*24/25<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

If you would like to contribute a flower arrangement  
please contact Sheila Cleary or Muriel Norse





# Breakfast

*Rector's  
Breakfast*

*Tuesday's from  
8:45  
(termtime)*



# Prayer Space

*Tuesday mornings from  
9:15am*

# Clubs and Organisations

## YOUTH GROUP

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

The leaders will be in touch  
with February dates!



SUNDAY CLUB

# SUNDAY FUNDAY

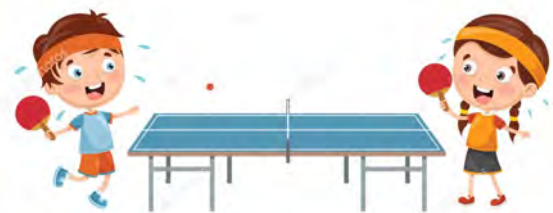
5TH FEBRUARY  
19TH FEBRUARY

GAMES, CRAFTS, STORIES,  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND MORE

NEWCASTLE - 12 NOON

Monday afternoon during term time:  
Junior Infants - 1st Class 2:20pm-2:50pm  
2nd to 6th Class - 2:20pm - 3:20pm

# Junior Choir



Junior  
Table Tennis  
Mondays  
7—8 pm





## Parish Choir

The Parish Choir rehearses for upcoming Holy Communion and special services on Monday evenings in the Parish Centre. New members very welcome.



## Table Tennis

This lively club meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

All welcome to join.

## Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets on Thursdays at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome



## Parish Register

*Wednesday 21st December 2022*

Funeral at Newcastle Church followed by burial in the churchyard

Grace Norse (nee Taylor) of Kilmartin, Newcastle, beloved wife of the late Billy, much loved mother of Philip, Patricia and William, adored grandmother of Conor, Keira, Emma, William, Juliette, Fionn, Markus, Andrew and Alice, lovingly remembered by her daughters-in-law Isabelle and Aisling and son-in-law Brendan, extended family and friends, fondly remembered by all in the Parish.

## Register of Vestry Persons

If you would like to be added to the register of vestry persons in the parish please contact the Parish Office for a form. Only registered persons are eligible to vote at the Annual General Vestry meeting or to stand for election to the Select Vestry.

# CALARY NEWS



## **MUSIC IN SCHOOLS**

The Music in Schools project took place in January. Organised by Music in Calary together with musician Eamonn Sweeney and funded by Wicklow County Council's Arts Office, musical programmes for students were produced in 3 local schools, Roundwood National School, Moneystown National School and St Francis National School. The feedback has been extremely positive and has allowed us to bring music to the younger generation.

## **MUSIC IN CALARY**

An exciting programme of concerts for 2023 is being worked on. If anyone would like to add their name to the email list for information on future events, please contact [derekneilson11@gmail.com](mailto:derekneilson11@gmail.com)

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School in Calary takes place every Sunday in the Church Room, except when there is Family Service.



April 10th  
to  
April 16th  
2023

# Rev. Ross's 10 peaks Challenge

Please feel free to join Ross along the way  
You can also do the challenge yourself -  
sponsorship forms will be available from the  
Parish office

Follow us on: Facebook  
Instagram  
YouTube

In aid of Calary parish church window restoration and W.H Five Loaves



Many thanks to the parishioners who sponsor children in Newcastle and St Matthew's churches. Without your help these fourteen children would miss out on an education and a chance at a better life.

If you donate to the Parish sponsorship fund on an annual basis your contribution will fall due in February/March. If you donate on a monthly basis by bank transfer please check that this arrangement will continue in 2023.

Not everyone can commit to helping year round, but you can still help by buying from the Fields of Life online shop, where you can choose from items to help with the work in Africa such as a bible, a solar lamp, a handwashing kit, poultry, pigs, all the way up to a computer.



*Pius who is sponsored by Sheila Cleary.*



*You can help with the Schools' Piggery Project for €60 by logging in to the Fields of Life online shop at [www.fieldsoflife.org](http://www.fieldsoflife.org)*



**Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle**

**Playschool**

**Open 9am to 12 noon**

**5 days a week**

**Full-time and Part-time places**

**ECCE and non-ECCE**

**Excellent facilities indoors and outdoors**

**Afterschool**

**Open 1.20pm to 6pm**

**5 days a week**

**Full-time and Part-time**

**Limited places available**

**For information and booking:  
Phone Joanne at 087-7216929**

**Now taking bookings for September 2022**



## Word Search



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# Be Kind!

# SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	Isaiah 58: 1-9 Psalm 112: 1-9 1 Cor. 2: 1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	HC	
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 3 Psalm 136 Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-34
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	MP	
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	Calary	9.30	RS	Service Of The Word	Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS		
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5: 12-19 Matt. 4: 1-11
	St Matthew's (joint service)	11.00	RS	MP	



**Holy Communion is celebrated every  
Wednesday, with prayer for the sick,  
at 10.30am in St Matthew's.**

**Everyone is welcome to tea/coffee in the  
McLean Room after all services at St Matthew's.**

