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

JUNE 2022



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Dear friends,

May was a busy and eventful month in our Parishes! Sunday 8th May was a very special day as the Archbishop confirmed sixteen candidates in Newcastle Church, fifteen from our parishes and one from Bray, with photographs afterwards in the beautiful sunshine! Our sincere thanks to the Archbishop for joining us and we wish all the candidates every blessing as they continue on their journeys of faith. The confirmation class were all fantastic! We enjoyed a trip to St Patrick's Cathedral and to St Michan's before confirmation and we look forward to our trip to Tayto Park!

On Tuesday 10th May, the children of 3rd and 4th class, St. Francis' National School, gathered to plant a tree in memory of their classmate and friend, Will Leeson. They helped to plant a Rowan tree in the corner of the graveyard in Newcastle. Our thanks to the teachers and staff in the school and to Andrew and Julie Leeson. We continue to pray for Julie, Andrew and Emily.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Carol, Lynn and Angus on the passing of their mother Irvina Ruth Stringer (nee Johnston) on 15th May 2022. Our thoughts are with her children and her sister Anne. A funeral service and celebration of Ruth's life was held in Newcastle church on Friday 20th May. May she rest in peace to rise in glory.

On Thursday 12th May, friends and family gathered for a very special day in Calary Church, the wedding of Angela Flynn and Paul McRedmond. We wish them every blessing for their future together.

Saturday 7th May was a very special day in Calary church, as friends and family gathered for the baptism of Noah Carstairs. We wish Noah and his family every blessing at this special time.

Sunday 29th May will be a very special day in St Matthew's as friends and family gather for the baptism of Evelyn. We wish Evelyn and her family every blessing at this special time.

On Saturday 14th May, at 7.30pm, there was a Gardener's Question Time held in the parish centre in Newcastle. Our sincere thanks to

Cherry Sleeman and John Stephenson who, alongside me, formed the expert panel. A huge thank you to everybody who attended and thank you for all the excellent questions! It is definitely something we will do again!

The community of Newcastle gathered to remember Martin Gibson O’Gara, whose 1st anniversary was on 19th May, at his anniversary memorial service on Sunday 22nd May in Newcastle Oratory. Members of the community, including Martin’s younger brother Patrick’s school friends from St. Francis NS, joined to pray and to share memories of Martin and to support his mum Sarah, dad Marty and brother Patrick. We keep them in our prayers.

On Sunday 22nd May we had our Rogation Sunday service in Dunran, followed by a picnic. It was a lovely day and thankfully the rain held off! My sincere thanks to Martin Kelly for inviting us to Dunran. Many thanks also to Joanna, Andrew, James, Ed, Caroline, Muriel, Derek and Sheila.

We look forward to the 18th June when we are holding an Open Garden Trail in aid of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Parish, with the opportunity to visit five gardens. The tickets are €25 and tickets and maps will be available from the parish centre, 01-2819300, email-nandnparishoffice@gmail.com, or from the gardens on the day. Full details will be on our facebook page and website in due course.

As summer fast approaches, we also begin to look forward to our Summer Fair! This year we will have a Medieval theme, as Newcastle castle is 850 years old this year! It will take place on Saturday 27th August. Full details will be on our facebook page and website in due course.

As we reach the end of May, I would like to wish all those doing exams good luck and every blessing. I hope everything goes well for you all.

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future “ *Jeremiah 29: 11*

Take care and God bless,
Ross

CALARY NEWS

Annual Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry took place on Wednesday 4th May at 8 pm in Calary Church Room and the following were elected:

Rector's Warden: Derek Neilson

People's Warden: Ethni Seymour

Glebe Warden: Ken Townsend.

Select Vestry:

Linda Byrne (secretary), Charlotte O'Brien (treasurer)

Claire Chambers, Eve Holmes, John Medlycott,

Susan Menzies, Gay Nuttall, Joanna Nuttall,

Tempe Pearson, June Roe, Jonathan Sutton,

Rachel Sutton, Marjorie Travers

Ross would like to thank all outgoing members for their hard work and dedication and welcome all our new and returning members.

He looks forward to a productive year ahead.

Music in Calary

The second concert of our 2022 season will take place at 8 pm on Friday 24 June when there will be a performance by Musici Ireland string quartet together with Eamon Sweeney (guitar). If you would like tickets, which are €18 and €15 for concessions, please ring John (01) 2818146 or email derekneilson@eircom.net

Sunday School

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

Music in Calary 2022

Summer Series of concerts

Friday 24th June (TBC)

Musici Ireland string quartet with
Eamon Sweeney (guitar)

Wednesday July 27

Simon Watterton (piano)

Thursday July 28

Duo Formosa from Florida - Violin and Piano

Saturday July 30

Fiachra Garvey (piano) and Patrick Rafter (violin)

Tuesday August 2

Anna Cashell (violin) Aisling Ennis (harp) and Simon
Watterton (piano)

Thursday September 15

Musici Ireland - String quartet with Harp

Friday October 7

Classic Harmony



Concerts start at 8:00pm sharp Tickets €18 / €15

Information & Booking

01 2818146 or

derekneilson11@gmail.com



Calary Church

is on the R755

(Kilmacanogue to Roundwood)

Exit 8 off N11

Free Parking

Music in Calary is kindly
sponsored by

Wicklow Co. Co. Arts





Open Garden Trail



Saturday 18th June 2022

10am to 6pm

5 gardens to visit in one day

Tickets €25

**Available at individual gardens on the day
or from the Parish Office, Newcastle Parish Centre**

Visit:

**Ballydonarea House,
Kilcoole
A63 CF24**

**Warble Bank,
Newtownmountkenendy
A63 X295**

**Beechmount,
Newcastle
A63 TO28**

**Greenacres,
Blackditch, Newcastle
A63 N674**

**Timmore Allotments,
Newcastle
A63 RW84**

In aid of Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy



Confirmation 2022 at Newcastle

RECENT EVENTS IN THE PARISHES



Stanniland Baptism at St Matthew's



Flynn McRedmond Wedding at Calary



Rogation Sunday Service and Picnic at Dunran



Crosse Absalom Wedding at Newcastle

Parish Register

20th May 2022

Funeral at Newcastle Church

Ruth Stringer, Ballyloughlin, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow.

Ruth died on Sunday 15th May after a long illness. She was a regular church-goer and an active member of the Parish for many years. Our sincere sympathies to her daughters Carol and Lynn, her son Angus, her sister Anne, and the very wide circle of extended family and friends. Ruth was buried with her late husband Cyril in Newcastle Church graveyard after a lovely funeral service.

Meeting of Select Vestry

The next meeting of Select Vestry will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 8th June.



Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday from 10.30am
in the Parish Centre
Everyone welcome
for chats and treats.

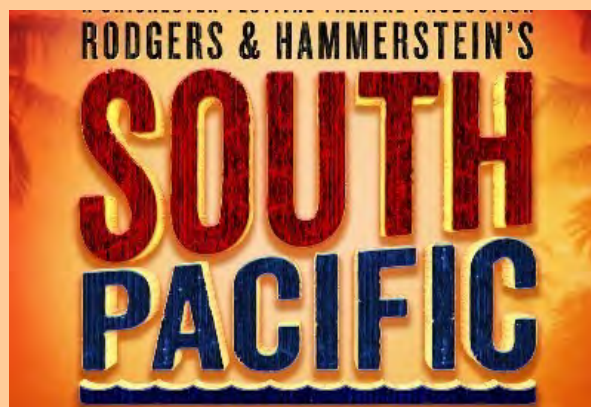
Monthly Lunch

Thursday 16th June
1pm at the
Parish Centre

Cost: €10



We're planning a trip to the
Bord Gáis Energy Theatre
to see the matinee performance
of this well-known classic
musical in mid-September.
Register your interest with Karen.



Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry 2022/2023

Elected at the Easter Vestry on 5th May

Newcastle

Rector's Churchwarden

Joanna Byrne

People's Churchwarden

Andrew Leeson

St Matthew's

Rector's Churchwarden

Lucas Dowling

People's Churchwarden

Jane O'Herlihy

Glebewardens

Rector's

James Norse

People's

Peter Johnston

Vestry Members

Tina Donohoe (Hon. Treasurer)

Lorraine McElwain (Hon. Secretary)

Michael Croly

Leighton Gray

Jean Harris

John Langrell

Margaret Murphy

Conor O'Leary

Ed Power

Billy Smith

Emma Stringer

Caroline Tindal

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and dedication and welcome all our new and returning members.
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Parents & Toddlers

Mondays at 10am
in the Parish Centre

Last meeting before the Summer on 30th May



Sunday 5th June and Sunday 19th June

Sunday 19th June will be the last Sunday Club until September

All children are very welcome to join in the fun!!

**FRIDAY
7:30PM**

During Term Time –
all welcome!



Junior Table Tennis Club



No club over the Summer

**Senior Table Tennis Club will
continue to play over the Summer**



**The Bowls Club has
finished for the Summer.**

**Back on the mats on
Thursday 1st September**

Parish Choir

**The choir will sing in church
on the first two Sundays
in June and then take a
break until September.**

**If you are a soprano Andy
would love to hear from you!**



SUMMER FAIR



SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

We're looking for:

help to man the various stalls

help to set up the tents, etc

help to take down and clear up

Contributions of **GOOD AS NEW**
toys, books, bric a brac, clothes, accessories

Also:
cakes, preserves, bottles, plants, flowers, prizes

Contact Karen to nab your favourite job
(before she contacts you!)

We'd love your help and involvement



Childcare

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

Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

Treasurer's Report

Summary Statement of Accounts Year ended 31st December 2021

2021 marked a new start in the life of the Parish with the arrival of Ross and his family in February. On the downside, lockdowns continued due to Covid-19, substantially influencing how we as a parish worshipped, socialised and fundraised. This in turn had a knock-on effect on the financial situation. The **Parish** had an overall surplus for the year of €10,024, which was a good result given the circumstances. However, this amount masks some varying trends in the account sub-sections.

Giving in the form of cash collections, weekly envelopes and sustentation (twice yearly giving towards the running of the Parish) amounted to €43,026. This continued a downward trend - €48,043 in 2020, €53,291 in 2019. While this is understandable given the lack of services in our churches, and a disconnect with parishes in general during the lockdowns, it is nevertheless a worrying trend and something which needs to be addressed. I would like to thank those parishioners who give regularly by bank transfer or standing order. These payments have been the lifeblood of the parish over the past year.

Fundraising amounted to €18,166 which was an excellent result. We were lucky enough to be able to run several fundraisers, all outdoors, including Go the Distance, the Garden Trail, the Summer Party, and the very successful Gift Day. Many thanks to the Events Committee who organised these events and to everyone who participated and donated.

Collections, fundraisers and sponsorship for **Charity** amounted to €3,794 doubling the figure for 2020.

Income from Properties was €30,785, compared to €38,903 in 2020. This drop was due to a delay in receipt of income from St Matthew's Tower while a new contract is negotiated.

Costs for **Upkeep and Running of the Churches** were €13,570.

Rectory costs were €11,654 down from €20,096 in 2020. This figure includes the last of the refurbishment work on the Rectory and should be substantially reduced in 2022.

Costs for other properties were €14,586, an increase on €6,872 in 2020. This amount includes the cost of upgrading the bathroom in Rectory Cottage.

Office costs were €5,445. The higher than usual costs reflect the large amount of printing which was done during the year when we could not use the hymn and prayer books in church.

The **Parish Centre** made an overall profit of €26,351. This excellent result was entirely driven by the profit made by **Castle Kidz Childcare** which reported a balance of €30,839 at the end of the year. In fact, the Parish as a whole remained financially viable due to this outcome and is in the lucky position of starting 2022 with a stable financial situation. I would like to thank the staff at Castle Kidz for their work and dedication in very difficult circumstances. The pandemic increased their workload substantially. I would also like to thank the Select Vestry for having the foresight to decide to run the service as a Parish venture. Not only has that decision kept the Parish financially afloat over the last two years, but it has also enabled continued contact with very many young families.

Once again the outstanding item still remaining in the **Parish Development Project** is the finishing coat of tarmac at Glebe Lane. An outstanding bond for Glebe Lane of €50,000 is still to be repaid by Wicklow County Council. This amount will then be returned to the segregated accounts which were used to part-fund the project at the initial stages of the development. Hopefully, now that society has opened up again, this can be completed.

Looking forward to **2022:**

The year ahead will be a challenging one. Both of our very old and very beautiful churches require substantial work. We have been lucky enough to receive grant funding for the first phase of work on St Matthew's Church but this represents 80% of the cost and we must find the balance. This will be followed by further phases of work in following years. Newcastle Church also needs a large amount of work on the church tower and the boundary walls and it is intended to apply for grant funding for it also. The upshot is that a large amount of outlay will be required on both churches, aside from any grant funding received.

I am aware that costs have increased for us all, but I would ask, where it is possible, that you continue to support the Parish and I would like to thank all of you who continued your support through 2021, enabling the Parish to pay its way. Our financial situation would have been grave without your generosity.

Sincere thanks to all who support the Parish in any way, both financially and in giving of time and skills. The Parish would not continue without the large number of people who form a support network which allows it to operate day to day.

Particular thanks to John and Laura Langrell who record and lodge the church collections all year, to Tina Donohoe who organises the tax refund on giving by parishioners, to Jean Harris who orders and distributes the weekly envelopes, and to Mark Reade for his help and advice, and for auditing these final accounts.

Karen Reynolds
Hon. Treasurer

Givers to the Parish in 2021

Thank you so much!

*If your name does not appear here it may be that you have not referenced your name on the bank transfer to the parish.
Thanks also to our anonymous donors.*

Allison, Patricia	Condell, Edward & Janine
Beare, Gillian	Croly, Michael & Irene
Bennett, William & Elspeth	Cross, Heather
Bond, Tony & Julie	Crosse, Peter & Rosemary
Breen, Nick & Cooke, Paula	Cullen, Niall & Helen
Byrne, Deirdre & Sheehan, Peter	Donohoe, Tina
Byrne, Billy & Joanna	Dowling, Lucas
Campbell, John & Terri	Flood, Andrew & Louise
Carnegie, Jill & Herman, Eric	Garrett, Mervyn & Anne
Carvalhais, Antonio	Gethings, Christina & Pepper, James
Carvalhais, Luisa	Gray, Leighton & Sharon
Chance, Alexander & Michelle	Hamilton, Ross & Orla
Cleary, Sheila	Harris, Brian & Jean
Codd, Billy	Horne, Ralph & Margaret
Codd, Graham & Stephanie	James, Diana



Jennings, Clodagh	Reade, Mark & Jackie
Johnston, Evelyn	Reynolds, Gerry & Karen
Johnston, Peter & Miriam	Roberts, Flo
Jones, Lucy & Wright, Tony	Roberts, Raymond & Linda
Kearon, David & Gladys	Rountree, Fred
Kelly, David & Gillian	Royds, John & Patricia
Kidd, Andy & Niamh	Ryder, J & L
Langrell, John & Laura	Simpson, Michael & Heather
Leeson, Andrew & Julie	Sleeman, Andy and Cherry
Lippiatt, Rachel	Smith, Annick
Lundy, Peter & Wendy	Smith, Billy & Jane
Madden, Maurice & Mary	Souter-Johnson, Natasha
McAnulty, Mary	Spence, Rodney & June
McElwain, Matthew & Lorraine	Stanniland, Chris & Karen
Murphy, Margaret	Stringer, Carol
Murphy, Kim	Stringer, Jenny
Murray, Essie	Stringer, Lynn
Newcastle Garage	Stringer, Peter & Emma
Noonan, Dennis & Evelyn	Stringer, Torry
Noonan, Tony & June	Styles, Ross & Fiona
Norse, Grace	Sykes, Ruth
Norse, James & Muriel	Thornton, Alan & Kennedy, Siobhan
O'Dwyer, Fergal & Nicola	Tindal, Caroline
O'Herlihy, Jane	Usher
O'Neill, Denis & Ann	Valentine, Peter & Mary
O'Neill, Paul & Mary	Walker, Geoff & Rachel
O'Neill, Shane & Gillian	Watchorn, Colin & Melanie
O'Sullivan, Pat & Pauline	Watchorn, Jonathan & Sandra
O'Toole, Huw & Costigan, Caroline	Watchorn, Yvonne
O'Toole, Sylvia	Wheatley, Edie
Pettigrew, Michael & Margaret	White, Des & Erika
Pike, Birgit	Williamson, Ronnie & Norma
Power, Edward & Fiona	Zdunek, Diethard & Martina
Rae, Joan	

The final accounts for 2021 will be sent to all parishioners who registered their email addresses with the Parish Office under GDPR guidelines.

If you would like a hard copy please let me know and I will happily print one for you. *Karen*

KIDS

Summer Crossword

Across

1. From caterpillar to _____
3. dad's grill
4. A gardener's worst enemy
7. pink juicy fruit
9. In the summer, the weather is _____
11. I have a rod and reel. Let's go _____
12. A long walk

Down

1. Insect with yellow and black stripes
2. Healthy summertime transportation
5. Protective eyewear
6. A patty and a bun. Yum!
8. Favorite drink of young salespeople
10. Playground toy you swoosh down

Q: How does Moses start his morning?

A: Hebrews a pot of coffee!



Q: Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A: No, just an apple.



SERVICES IN JUNE

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 5th	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b Romans 8: 14-17 John 14: 8-17, (25-27)
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	HC	
Sunday 12th	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	MP	
Sunday 19th	Calary	9.30	RS	Service of the Word	1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalms 42; 43 Galatians 3: 23-29 Luke 8: 26-39
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS		
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		
Sunday 26th	Calary	9.30	RS	FS	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-62
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	FS	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	FS	



**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 in St Matthew's.**

**Please send any items for the July/August edition of PINS to
Karen at nandnparishoffice@gmail.com by Monday 20th June**