



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

JUNE 2023



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Dear friends,

Our Alpha course began on Wednesday 19th April and is running for ten weeks. We are enjoying exploring our faith in an open and informal environment. This course is for everyone, across the community, and offers a very gentle and approachable way to explore faith, while enjoying good company and refreshments! If you are interested, please join us, we have three more Wednesdays in June.

We had our Rogation service in Dunran on Sunday 14th May. Many thanks to Martin & Avril Kelly for inviting us to hold our service in the most picturesque setting! Many thanks also to Ed and William, who set up, and to everyone who tidied up, to our readers, to Charlotte for providing our music and to everyone who came. It was a lovely day. Hopefully we'll get more sunshine next year!

Summer is now here, with many of us enjoying time in our gardens! This month we are continuing our parish summer garden theme, as we will be holding a flower festival in Newcastle church! The flowers will be on show on Saturday 24th June and Sunday 25th June. These floral arrangements will be based on one of the arrangers favourite hymns. On Sunday 26th June we will then hold a 'Songs of Praise' service in Newcastle Church with some of these hymns. On Thursday 22nd June before the flower festival we will hold our 'Gardener's Question Time' again, it was great fun last year!

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Elsie Coleshill, whose funeral was held in Calary Church on Friday 12th May.

Willie Roe was a much loved member of our community, a true gentleman. For many years Willie was the organist in Calary. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife June and all his family. Willie's funeral was held in Powerscourt church on Wednesday 17th May.

Once again I would like to express my thanks to everyone who supported our 10 peaks challenge, in aid of Calary's windows and the WH Five Loaves charity in Bray. We have raised over €3,200. Thank you so much!

God bless,
Ross

A festive BBQ event poster. The background is a large black silhouette of a BBQ grill, decorated with colorful confetti and a string of multi-colored bunting flags along the top edge. Inside the grill, there are illustrations of BBQ tools: a white spatula, a metal fork, and several red-handled skewers. The text is arranged as follows: 'PLEASE JOIN US FOR A' in white at the top; 'BBQ' in large, yellow, hand-drawn letters in the center; a red banner with white text 'following our Family Service' below that; a dotted white line; 'Sunday, 18th June 12noon' in yellow; 'Newcastle Church' in blue; 'INCLUDING PRIZGIVING FOR SUNDAY CLUB, YOUTH GROUP & JUNIOR CHOIR' in white; and 'ALL very welcome!' in blue at the bottom. A red charcoal grill with three legs and a grey top is positioned at the bottom right, with smoke rising from it. The bottom of the poster features a strip of green grass.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

BBQ

following our Family Service

Sunday, 18th June 12noon

Newcastle Church

INCLUDING PRIZGIVING FOR SUNDAY
CLUB, YOUTH GROUP & JUNIOR CHOIR

ALL very welcome!

*Parish of Newcastle and
Newtownmountkennedy with Galary*



For children currently in 5th and 6th class
and to anyone who wishes to be confirmed.
Please contact Ross to register your interest!

Confirmation 2024
Classes commencing Autumn 2023

Gardeners' Question Time

Thursday 22nd June at 7.30pm

Newcastle Parish Centre


Admission €5



**Answering your questions:
Ross Styles, Cherry Sleeman, John Stephenson**



Newcastle Flower Festival



**Newcastle Church
Newcastle, Co Wicklow
A63 AK73**

Saturday 24th June 10am - 5pm

Sunday 25th June 2pm - 5pm

**Admission €10
Refreshments available**



Parish Centre
Friday mornings
10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Everyone very welcome!



SUMMER OUTING

The background of this section is a light blue sky with white clouds and a yellow sun. Below the sky, there are green hills and mountains. A red steam train is pulling several white tank cars along a track that curves through the landscape.

**We're off to Rosslare on the train
for lunch, fun and surprises**

Thursday 29th June
Book with Karen

RECTOR'S *Breakfast*



Tuesdays, from 8:45

During Termtime

in the Parish Centre

All very welcome!

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

Prayer Space

Tuesday mornings from
9:15am



Please join us

Newcastle Church

Sunday 25th June

5pm

Newcastle Church Keys

We still haven't found the flower arranging key for Newcastle Church. Please have a hunt around for it if you were on cleaning or flower arranging last year. It's really easy to forget it's in your car or bag.

In future the keys will be signed out from the office so we can keep track of them.



Junior Table Tennis

Will's
PLAYGROUND

How to donate:

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IBAN IE61 AIBK 9335 5416 3871 12

BIC AIBKIE2D

Sort code: 93-35-54

Account number: 16387112

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/willsplayground>

Clubs and Organisations



Bowls finished on
Thursday 25th May.
Back for the new season on
Thursday 7th September.

Bowls Club

TABLE TENNIS



Mondays 8pm in the Parish Centre.
The club will take a break for July and August.
Back again in September.

Choir

The Choir
is taking a well-
earned rest at
the moment.
Thanks to
Andy and all
the members
for the
beautiful
singing all year.

Sunday CLUB

4TH JUNE & 18TH JUNE

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

Junior Choir



YOUTH GROUP

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 9th June & Friday 23rd June



from 4th Class up

Junior Table Tennis
Mondays 7 - 8pm
at the Parish Centre.
All aged 9 and over
very welcome!
Closed for the
school holidays.



PONG
PONG

CALARY NEWS

Music in Calary

We had a tremendous start to our 2023 Season of concerts in Calary Church. Musici Ireland delighted the audience to an excellent programme on 11th May. The church was once again almost full and everyone enjoyed meeting up to enjoy a musical evening amongst the Wicklow Hills.

Parish BBQ

We are having our annual parish BBQ and plant sale on 1st July from 6:30 onwards. The venue is Diarmuid and Charlotte O'Brien's, The Paddock. A98 D579. If you need directions or would like any info please call Charlotte on 086 835 4394. This year we are not charging but if you would like to make a donation it will go towards the refurbishment of the windows. June will have her plant sale set up and the proceeds from the sale will go to Fields of Life Child Sponsorship Programme. Hope the weather will be kind to us. All are welcome and bring a friend or two! See you all on 1st.

William (Willie) Roe of Killough Farm, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, was called home on Sunday 14th May 2023, after a life well lived. Mourned and missed by his loving wife June, children Philip, Arlene and Sandra, daughter-in-law Pamela, sons-in-law Richard and David, grandchildren Jordan, Jack and Alex, Ava and Nessa, Alannah and Daniel, sister Rosie, brother Victor, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Willie was a familiar face at the organ in Calary Church for many years. His funeral was held at St. Patrick's Church, Powerscourt, Enniskerry followed by burial in the adjoining churchyard. Donations in memory of Willie can be made to Wicklow Homelessness.

CALARY PARISH

Summer BBQ and Plant Sale

Saturday 1st July @ 6:30pm

in O'Brien's garden A98 D579

(tel 086 835 4394)



Admission Free and All Welcome

Donations towards Calary Windows Refurbishment
and Fields of Life Child Sponsorship

Music in Calary

June Concerts



Wednesday, June 21st

Kalle Peura and Barbara Grzybek (piano)

Friday, June 23rd Trio Lyrica -

Fionnuala Moynahan (piano) Kieran Moynahan (flute) and Ciara Glasaheen-Artem (oboe)

Sunday, June 25th

Yue Tang (cello) and Feargal Caulfield (piano)

Thursday, June 29th

Brendan Kennedy (piano)

CONCERTS BEGIN AT 8:00PM SHARP

R755 (exit 8 off N11) A98 H766 Free parking

Information & Booking

01 2818146 or

derekneilson11@gmail.com



Music in Calary is
kindly sponsored by
Wicklow Co. Co. Arts



Kimberley Boxall

William Byrne

Elliot Gethings

Alana Gray

David Gray

Adam Hall

Charlie McElwain

Orianna Menzies

Zara O'Gorman

Siobhán O'Neill

Anna O'Toole

Alex Roe

Josh Ryan

Jessica Simpson Kelly

Ben Styles

The staff and pupils of St Francis' NS would like to wish their 6th class pupils all the very best in their next big step to Secondary school.



Goodbye!

Wishing all our boys and girls going to school in September good luck on their big new adventure.

**Alexis, Arthur, Ava Rose, Aurora,
Grace, Jessica, Léon and Nikki.**

We are so proud of you and will miss you all.

West End Singing Star

Chris Holland

in Concert



Chris Holland (Les Miserables, We Will Rock You, Miss Saigon) is coming to Newcastle following his sold-out show in The Whale Theatre. Chris will be singing songs from the greatest musicals, and other all time classics. It's the perfect way to spend a Summer evening.

Saturday 29th July at 7.30pm

Newcastle Parish Centre A63 X782

Tickets €25 to include complimentary glass of wine, cheese and nibbles.

Book a table of 12 and 1 guest comes free.

Available from Eventbrite or Parish Office

Raffle tickets: €5 Prizes: €500, 2 x €250

Information from Caroline Tindal at 086 2553001

HOLLYWOOD SUMMER FAIR

**Saturday
26th 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

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



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 2023

Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy
Treasurer's Report
Summary Statement of Accounts year ended 31st December 2022

The year 2022 thankfully marked a welcome return to pre-COVID practices with Church and Parish activities back in full swing, although St Matthews did delay its return until December 2022 having undergone a little bit of a much-needed cosmetic uplift. The Parish itself had an overall surplus of €10,074- whilst this is in line with 2021 figures, being post pandemic, it would have been expected for this figure to have been higher.

Giving in the form of cash collections, weekly envelopes and sustentation amounted to €44,658 which is up a fraction from 2021 figures but still down approx. 7% on 2020 and 16% on 2019 figures.

Sustentation fund figures decreased in 2022 by 12% on 2021 figs however with the return to normal church services, giving via cash collections and the weekly envelope scheme compensated for this fall.

A decrease in church attendance numbers along with the current cost-of-living crisis means that as a Parish we are now facing a situation where not even giving on a regular basis will be able to sustain the rising costs within the Parish.

I would like to sincerely thank those parishioners who give regularly either by bank transfer, standing order or weekly envelopes- these donations have been and continue to be indispensable to Parish life.

Collections and sponsorships for specific charities nearly doubled in 2022 compared to 2021 with the Fields of Life Sponsorship Program, very successful with collections of €4,604. If any Parishioner would like to sponsor a child through this worthy program, please contact Karen in the Parish Office for more details.

2022 also witnessed the breakout of war in the Ukraine and the Parish contributed towards relief efforts by raising €780 for the Red Cross Ukraine appeal and providing some clothing for a Ukrainian family new to our community and school.

Fundraising for the Parish continued to be successful in 2022 with €14,752 raised - the most successful of which was the triumphant return of the Summer Fair. As Treasurer and on behalf of the Select Vestry I would like to extend my thanks to Karen Reynolds and all those on the Parish Fundraising Committee who put in so much time and effort into organising not only the Summer Fair but all other events throughout the year.

As a Parish we are in a privileged position to have ownership of properties and land from which we can earn income. In 2022 Rental Income from such assets, on paper, look to have increased significantly from previous years however, it must be noted that this is slightly inflated due to the receipt of €16,516 from Vantage Towers for the rental of St Matthews tower. The €16,516 was in fact rent for 2 years - €8,016 for 2021 and €8,500 for 2022. Vantage Towers also made contributions towards the costs of electricity – the Parish received €3,836 in 2021 and in April of this year we also received a payment of more than €5,000 as a contribution towards electricity costs in 2022 and up to and including May 2023, when their own electricity meter has been installed, this will mean that Vantage Towers will be billed directly for their electricity usage going forward.

Rounding up the summary on incomes, collections of tax rebates for 2020 and 2021 along with the receipt of the Heritage Grant for St Matthews helped bolster overall total receipts.

In 2022 the focus of expenditure was of course the repairs to the roof in St Matthews. The previously mentioned Heritage Grant of €40,000 covered a significant proportion of the overall estimated project cost of €56,000. Fundraising and an Insurance claim pay out received in early 2023 will further alleviate the overall cost to the Parish which is looking at approx. €6,000. There is still the project of plastering the walls in St Matthews and we will be proceeding with this once the survey of works required is completed. The wall and tower in Newcastle will then be addressed and further grant funding will be sought.

The financial position was helped in 2022 as the Rectory and other rental properties did not require as much expense as in previous years. Running costs for these were down considerably compared to 2021- but it must be remembered that the cottages are old buildings and with this comes inevitable costs.

Before including the Parish Centre and CastleKidz in the accounts, the Parish made a loss in 2022 of €4,782- which is an improvement on 2021 figures of a loss of €16,327, however it does show how important it is for us to continue our fundraising efforts in 2023.

Looking at the Parish Centre as a separate entity from CastleKidz- room rental has greatly increased with income of €14,447 in 2022. Indeed, the Parish Centre is always busy during the week, but we also need to be looking at maximising the rental capacity and to do this we have to target the rental of the main hall for events at the weekend, in particular on Saturdays.

When you incorporate CastleKidz with the Parish Centre we see that an overall profit of €14,855 was made and, as in previous years, it is this excess alone that

is financing the rest of Parish activities. The playschool in CastleKidz was not operating at full capacity in 2022 and this can be seen in the first slight decrease of annual income for the playschool at €41,549. On the other hand, demand for the afterschool facility has soared with incomes up 200% to €33,399. Both the playschool and afterschool are proving to be invaluable assets to local families and we as a Parish, should be proud of what has been built. Having said that – this facility would not be where it is today without the trojan work put in by its members of staff – at this point I would like to thank Joanne and all the staff at CastleKidz and also Karen for their enthusiasm and hard work over the past 12 months- it could not have been easy to deal with the introduction of new regulations and government schemes which have seen an increase in administration work.

With utility costs remaining high- €5,747 was paid in utility costs for the Parish Centre, I would ask that all who use the centre keep this in mind.

The Parish Development project – we still have not been able to complete the tarmac on Glebe Lane and subsequently reclaim the €50,000 bond from Wicklow County Council. The final site has been bought but development works are yet to commence. Once building on this site has been completed, we will be able to lay the final layer of tarmac on the road.

For 2023 and onwards our focus as a Parish must be sustainability- both in terms of financial sustainability and environmental sustainability- the world is changing and so too must we. As an organisation we will have much more demanded from us in the coming months and years. As the adoption of Charity Regulations is essential, we need to be fully transparent in all aspects of how the Parish operates. This will mean policies and procedures being implemented to ensure that we are fully compliant under the regulations – we have begun this process but much more is required.

As Treasurer I would like to thank all who have and continue to support the Parish – from church collections, monthly bank debits to sponsorship donations. Your generosity has meant that the Parish can continue to support the community. For those who give so generously of their time and enthusiasm I also extend my thanks- this is exactly what a Parish community is about.

I would like to thank John and Laura Langrell who record and lodge the church collections all year, Jean Harris who orders and distributes the weekly envelopes, Karen for dealing with the day to day running of the Parish and finally to Mark and Jackie Reade for their help in auditing these final accounts.

Tina Donohoe
Hon Treasurer

Givers to the Parish in 2022

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.

Allison, Patricia	Norse, James & Muriel
Beare, Gillian	O'Herlihy, Jane
Beauge, Ludovic & Ciara	O'Leary, Conor & Caroline
Bishop, Craig & Annick	O'Neill, Denis & Ann
Breen, Nick & Cooke, Paula	O'Neill, Paul & Mary
Byrne, Deirdre & Sheehan, Peter	O'Sullivan, Pat & Pauline
Byrne, Billy & Joanna	O'Toole, Huw & Costigan, Caroline
Campbell, John & Terri	Pettigrew, Michael & Margaret
Carnegie, Jill & Herman, Eric	Pike, Birgit
Carvalhais, Antonio	Power, Edward & Fiona
Carvalhais, Luisa	Rae, Joan
Chance, Alexander & Michelle	Reade, Mark & Jackie
Clarke, S	Reynolds, Gerry & Karen
Codd, Graham & Stephanie	Roberts, Flo
Condell, Edward & Janine	Roe, Philip & Pamela
Cross, Heather	Rountree, Fred
Cullen, Niall & Helen	Ryder, J & L
Donohoe, Tina	Sleeman, Andy and Cherry
Garrett, Anne	Smith, Annick
Gethings, Christina & Pepper, James	Smith, Billy & Jane
Gray, Leighton & Sharon	Smyth, Brian & Jennifer
Hamilton, Ross & Orla	Spence, Rodney & June
Harris, Brian & Jean	Stringer, Carol
Horne, Ralph & Margaret	Stringer, Jenny
Jennings, Clodagh	Stringer, Keith & Josephine
Jennings, Robert & Irene	Stringer, Torry
Johnston, Evelyn	Stringer, Ruth
Johnston, Peter & Miriam	Sykes, Ruth
Jones, Lucy & Wright, Tony	Thornton, Alan & Kennedy, Siobhan
Kearon, David & Gladys	Tindal, Caroline
Langrell, John & Laura	Valentine, Peter & Mary
Leeson, Andrew & Julie	Walker, Geoff & Rachel
Madden, Maurice & Mary	Watchorn, Colin & Melanie
McElwain, Matthew & Lorraine	Watchorn, Jonathan & Sandra
Murphy, Margaret	Watchorn, Yvonne
Murphy, Kim	Wheatley, Edie
Newcastle Garage	White, Des & Erika
Noonan, Dennis & Evelyn	Williamson, Ronnie & Norma
Noonan, Tony & June	

KIDS

Name: _____

Date: _____



FLOWER POWER

Word Search



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the flower names in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

F	I	E	L	K	C	U	S	Y	E	N	O	H
N	P	B	C	A	G	Z	Q	T	T	P	F	Y
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P	O	I	F	G	O	Y	T	E	L	O	I	V
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C	K	V	C	E	X	S	U	R	M	M	X	E
D	A	F	F	O	D	I	L	S	D	M	S	R

ASTER

HONEYSUCKLE

ORCHID

CROCUS

LAVENDER

PANSY

DAFFODIL

LILAC

SUNFLOWER

DAISY

LILY

TULIP

GERANIUM

MARIGOLD

VIOLET

SERVICES IN JUNE

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Trinity Sunday 4th	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	HC	
Sunday 11th 1st Sunday after Trinity	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Genesis 12: 1-9 Psalm 33: 1-12 Romans 4: 13-25 Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	MP	
Sunday 18th 2nd Sunday After Trinity	Calary	9.30	RS	FS	Genesis 18: 1-15, Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8, (9-23)
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	FS	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	FS	
Sunday 25th 3rd Sunday After Trinity	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	
	Newcastle	17.00	RS	Songs of Praise	



**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**