



**PARISH INFORMATION NEWSS
SHEET**

**Parish of Newcastle and
Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary
MARCH 2009**

General Easter Vestries

**Tuesday 31st March for Newcastle and
Newtownmountkennedy in the McLean Room at 8.00pm.**

**Thursday 2nd April for Calary in the Church Room at
8.00pm**

Please send any items for inclusion in April PINS to:

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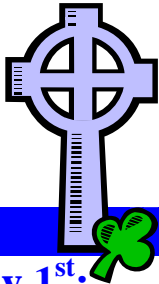
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or email info@newcastleparish.org

(Items need to be received by Wednesday 18th for publication on Sunday 22nd.)

If you would like a lift to anything happening in the parish, in particular the coffee mornings or the lunch, please don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers above.

For further information visit:



Services in March

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	1 Peter 3:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	18 - 22
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Holy Communion	Mark 1: 9-15
Friday 6th:				
	Calary	8.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	
Sunday 8th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Gen. 17: 1 - 7
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Holy Communion	Romans 8:
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	13 - 25
Sunday 15th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Family Service	1 Corinthians 1:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	18 - 25
<i>Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Family Service	John 2:13-22
Sunday 22nd: <i>Mothering Sunday</i>				
<i>Sunday School</i>	Calary	9.30 am	Holy Communion	John 3: 14-21
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Family Service	Ephesians 2:
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	1 - 10

Sunday 29th:

Crèche Newcastle 3.00 pm United Songs of Praise

Special Guests; Archdeacon Ricky Rountree, Sheila Cleary and John Dexter

This service is being held in honour of our very faithful and loyal organists and will be followed by tea in St. Francis' School Hall. All welcome!

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30 am in St Matthew's followed by a cup of tea and a chat in the McLean Room.



Tea and coffee will be available in the McLean Room after the Family Service in St. Matthew's on Sunday 22nd.

Select Vestry Meetings

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting on **Tuesday 10th March** at 8pm in the McLean Room.

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Do mark these dates in your diary and if possible plan to attend which ever meeting applies to you and your family.

The Annual Easter Vestry is our A.G.M. and a time for hearing reports, electing a new Select Vestry for the coming year and sharing ideas and vision for our parishes as we look forward to a positive future. A good attendance is always an encouragement to those who have faithfully served the parish for the past year.

The Rector

Bereavement

24th January, Desmond (Dezzie) Adams, 49 Kiladreenan Close, Newtownmountkennedy. Dezzie passed away following a very brief illness even though he had not enjoyed good health for many years. His funeral service was held in St. Matthew's followed by cremation in Tallaght. We express our sympathy to Jessica his daughter, to Linda and his circle of friends.



St. Francis' National School

St. Francis' N.S. Parents' Association is having a **Traditional Irish Night** on Friday 13th March in the school hall. The programme will consist of local talent. There will be singing, live session music, poetry and lots more!

If you would like to participate or come along and join in please contact; Muriel Norse 086-8593936, Lisa Ward 085-1138312, Mary O'Neill 087-2200094 or any member of the Parents' Association.

Tuesday Club

The February meeting brought out the experienced 'Beetle' players and an exciting tournament was eventually won by Margaret Murphy with Janet (Birthday Girl) Ashe in second place. The highlight of the tea party which followed was one of Flo's magnificent sponge cakes, complete with candles which Janet blew out and the remainder was kept to share at the usual Wednesday morning gathering after service.

10th. March will be the date for our next meeting, again in the McLean Room at 2.30pm. when we hope to have a film trip to California.

April 20 will be the date for the customary **Bring and Buy Sale** in aid of the Wicklow Branch of the Alzheimer Society but more of that in next month's PINS.

Sunday School Scene

The Sunday School Society for Ireland has launched a special project to celebrate their 200th anniversary. Linked to Sightsavers International, this Lenten Project aims to make a difference to children in Africa, Bangladesh and India through the provision of various treatments for eye disorders. At our last meeting we decided to set a target of €6 - the amount of money needed to enable one child to undergo a cataract operation. Children with cataracts who are not treated before the age of seven are unlikely ever to regain their

sight. Newcastle Sunday School is extending the project beyond Easter in order to help us reach our goal.

The Newcastle Sunday School Team

Rectory Cottage Activities

Coffee, tea and chat every **Tuesday** morning (except for St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th) between 10.30 and 12.30. All welcome. €2 per head.

Lunch in the cottage for March will be on Thursday 19th. Lunch for €5 a head between 12.30 and 2.30pm. All welcome!

Tea and toast between 1.20pm and 2.30pm every Friday in March. €2 per family.

On **Friday 27th February** and **Friday 27th March** the cottage will be open for tea and coffee from 8.30am for those waiting to attend assembly in church.

Parent and Toddler Group every **Monday** from 10.30am to 12.30pm. As usual *anyone* with a baby or preschool child is welcome to come along for tea, play, chat and company.

Fields of Life – Newcastle Sponsorship.

Since May 2003 Newcastle Parish has been sponsoring ten Ugandan students through the Fields of Life Trust. Letters and Photos from our sponsored children are always on show in a folder at the back of the Church. The cost of sponsoring a child is €20.00 per month. The money is collected via direct debit for five students, cash in an envelope for two more and the rest through cash donations in the bowl at the back of the church. Over the past two years these small cash donations have dribbled to a very small amount – indeed, were it not for the Fields of Life Golfing Association run by Parishioners and their friends in the Community we would have had to default on sponsoring some of our students.

We are urgently looking for more families to sponsor the remaining children - €20.00 per month is not a huge amount but with the recession we realise there is very little spare money and there are many other very worthy charities looking for your contributions. Please contact Brian Harris at 2819709 or Billy Smith at 2810362.

The Child Sponsorship is run separately to the Glendalough School Building for Fields of Life in Mbale, Uganda and must not be confused with fundraising events for that project. For more information about the work of Fields of Life, check out www.fieldsoflife.com



MUSIC IN CALARY

The first concert in Calary Church for 2009 will take place on **Saturday April 25th** at 8.00pm when the St Cecilia Singers will perform. The concert will include works for harp, flute and violin. Full details in April PINS.

Further concerts will be held on **Friday May 15th** when Ben Cashell, Paul Grennan and three other students from the Northern College of Music, Manchester will perform Schubert's great Quintet in C Major and other works.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Nuns Cross School (Killiskey Parish) will be having a Cookery Demonstration by Lalie Hayes of Avoca on 26th March in the Grand Hotel in Wicklow. It promises to be a great night and a large attendance is expected. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Joe Barrett (0404 49923 or 086 814 3216).

Cyril Stringer Cup

Congratulations to Niall Ferns and Tim Hazelton, this year's winners of the Cyril Stringer Cup. Runners-up were Eamonn Murphy and Wes Connaughton.

Altogether there were 101 snooker players involved in the tournament, including the first woman player, Niamh Murphy, and the youngest player to date, Josh Reynolds. The sum of €2600 was raised for the charities Co Wicklow Alzheimers and Greystones Cancer. Well done to organisers of the tournament, Gerry Reynolds and Keith Stringer.