

PARISH INFORMATION NEW SHEET
Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary



MARCH

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

Items must be received by Tuesday 27th March for publication

Please note that times of services and events can vary.
If you lose your copy of PINS check out the parish website:
www.newcastleparish.org www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org
www.calaryparish.org and click on 'Calendar of Events'.

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I have often heard people remark, where has the summer gone? This year I think we could be hearing, where has the winter gone? I know there have been the cold days but what a mild winter we've had! As we get into the spring lots of things really do take on new life. Nature ensures that the gardens are bursting into colour, the birds are getting busy and the spring work is well underway across the country.

Our new Rectory building site is about to become a hive of activity once again. A new team of builders has been appointed and the work to finish the Rectory will begin immediately. Do pray for the safety of all involved.

March 4th. is an important day in the life of our Parishes. We look forward to welcoming our 19 confirmation candidates who will publically profess their faith in God and their desire to follow in his ways. Please remember to pray for each of them as they make this important commitment:

Alana Massey, Jordan Grant-Roe, Jordan Reynolds, Luke Thompson, Jennifer Massey, Felix Carter, Sam Molloy, Laura Sibley, Gary O'Sullivan, Olivia Boxall, Steven Connolly, Dylan Delamere, Robert Norse, Harry Noonan, Sorcha Dowd, Joanna Codd, Claudia Bond, Cormac Shannon, Kate Gemmell.

With this large number of candidates space will be limited in the church. Please note that services will be at the usual times in Calary and St.Matthews on that morning.

God Bless,

William



N and N PARISH NEWS

Burial at Newcastle

16 February, Annie Violet Roberts, late of Kilpeddar and Corsilla. Violet spent the last years of her life in Blainroe Nursing Home where she was happy and well cared for. Even though she had not enjoyed good health for a long time her fairly sudden end was unexpected. We extend our sympathy to George and Flo and to her neighbours and friends.

Sincere sympathy to Ed Power on the death of his sister Linda Furney and to Judy Stringer on the death of her brother Ian Wallace.

Coffee in the Cottage

Coffee and tea are served in Rectory Cottage every Tuesday from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a chat.



Lunch

Lunch in the cottage this month will take place on Thursday 15th at 1pm. With St Patrick's Day just around the corner diners can expect an Irish flavour to the meal. Regretfully (and very reluctantly) the cost for lunch will be raised to €7.50 from now on. As usual it is a great help, for catering purposes, to know how many intend to dine.

Contact Karen 087-2866889.

Meeting of Select Vestry

Next meeting of Select Vestry will take place on Thursday 1st March at 8pm in the McLean Room

****Cottage Outing****

An outing is planned for Wednesday 23rd May. We hope to travel by bus to see the matinee performance of Rodgers & Hammerstein's stage musical 'The King and I', followed by afternoon tea at the Radisson Blu St Helen's Hotel. Contact Karen as soon as possible if you are interested in going—time and spaces are limited. Regular cottage visitors will have priority where places are over-subscribed, but everyone very welcome to join us. Cost €50.

Lenten Charity Envelopes

Your Lenten charity envelopes are enclosed with your copy of PINS. Please indicate which charity you want to support and put on the plate in church, or post to Andy Sleeman, Greenacres, Blackditch, Newcastle, Co Wicklow. The following is a short description of the work of each nominated charity.

Fields of Life

The Fields of Life Trust builds schools, drills wells and provides health education and income generating projects in some of the poorest areas in East Africa, including Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya, the Congo and Uganda. Our parish has a strong connection with this charity, having been heavily involved in building a school in Uganda and fostering many children. Recently we have been following the progress of the wells drilled in memory of Janet Ashe. Almost 5 years ago, a group from the parish visited Uganda to see the work carried out by Fields of Life and meet the wonderful people from this area of the world.

Protestant Aid

Protestant Aid was established as a charity over 170 years ago to relieve the horrors of poverty and deprivation in the Republic of Ireland on a strictly non-denominational basis, treating all genuine calls for help equally, regardless of religious, ethnic or social backgrounds. Working in tandem with other aid agencies, Protestant Aid helps people whose difficulties have been brought to its attention through social workers, subscribers, caring neighbours and local clergy.

Its primary activities include: grants to alleviate poverty or distress, annuities for the elderly, allowances for coal/gas/electricity costs, school expenses, second-level education grants (to attend Protestant schools), interest-free third-level education loan scheme, and sheltered housing for over 200 elderly people through The Brabazon Trust.

Bishop's Appeal

Bishops' Appeal works through partner Non-Governmental Organisations and Mission Agencies to implement Christ's "Mission Statement" to feed the hungry, lift the burden of poverty from the poor and bring freedom and hope to the oppressed. Bishops' Appeal contributes to relief of suffering in time of emergencies whether natural or man-made. However, its main concern is to support ongoing development in the fields of sustainable agriculture, health, including HIV/AIDS, and education in many parts of the world. Its aim is to enable people to have more control over their own lives and futures so that they are less dependent on others than they are today.

Clubs and Organisations

Table Tennis

We had a visit from Greystones Parish Table Tennis club on Monday the 6th February. Thirteen of their members arrived, so outnumbered our seven, but nevertheless a very enjoyable night was had by all. Five rounds were played making in all about 30 games in a round robin format very efficiently organised by our match referee Heather Simpson and which gave everyone a chance to play. Albert Kemp, Vivienne Adams, Billy Markham from Greystones were announced as winners and Victor Bennett was the top singles. Rev William presented the prizes, played all his matches and had time to make the cocktail sausages!!! A special thank you to St Francis school for allowing us to use the hall and to Keith Stringer for the use of his table tennis table. A big thank you to Heather Simpson and all concerned for the excellent after-match food and refreshments and to Billy Byrne and all those who provided prizes. We really do need a second table and a larger room - so roll on the new Parish hall so that more parishioners will come along on Mondays (8pm in the McLean Room).

Choir

Sunday March 4th is a special day, being Confirmation and Communion, and the choir will lead the congregation in singing a new Sanctus from the hymn book – no. 715, to an Argentinian melody, as well as the modern hymn “Here I am Lord” by Daniel Schutte, and Rutter’s “The Lord Bless you”.

Sunday March 11th we will sing “Lord for thy tender mercy’s sake” by Richard Farrant and on Sunday March 25th Mozart’s “Jesus Word of God Incarnate” (better known as Ave verum corpus).

The Palm Sunday (April 1st) marks the start of Holy Week and we will be rehearsing special music for the week including Communion in Newcastle on Maundy Thursday and a service of Tenebrae in Calary on Good Friday. Tenebrae is a very special meditative service originally held on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Holy Week, with readings from the Psalms, Lamentations and New Testament interspersed with musical responses focussed on the passion narrative.

Andy Sleeman

Bowls

Bowls continues every Thursday at 8pm in St Francis School. New members always welcome.

Drama Group

The play 'The Sands of Romance' will be performed on 13th and 14th April featuring a large cast of local luminaries. Rehearsals continue in the school on Sundays. Please note that there will be no rehearsal on Sunday 4th March.

Time Out

Time Out continues on Tuesdays in Rectory Cottage at 8pm.
Information from the Rector.

Parent and Toddler Group

Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to come along to Rectory Cottage from 10.30am on a Monday morning for a play and a chat.
Information from Wendy 086-8478415

Youth Club

The Youth Club dates for March are Friday 2nd and Friday 16th .
Meet at the cottage at 8pm. For information text Paul at 085 7871541.

Sunday School

The Sunday School continues to thrive and has been split in to junior and senior classes. This arrangement gives more opportunity for the teachers to work with the children on material suited to their age group. Many thanks to all the Sunday School teachers who put in time and effort so that our children can avail of this important resource in the parish. .

No Sunday School on 4th March (Confirmation) or on Family Service Sunday.

Creche

The crèche is open in Rectory Cottage every Sunday during church service in Newcastle Church. All pre-Sunday Schoolers welcome.

CALARY NEWS

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer will take place in St Mochohog's Church, Kilmacanogue at 8pm on Friday 2nd March. The programme for the service has been prepared by the women of Malaysia.

Roundwood Historical Society

At 8.30pm in the Old School, Roundwood on Monday 26 March, there will be a talk on the artist Patrick Tuohy by Patrick Murphy. Tuohy's mother was one of the Murphys who previously owned the Wicklow Hills Hotel (now the Roundwood Inn).

Music in Calary

The first concert of the 2012 programme takes place on Wednesday 28 March at 8pm, when there will be a concert for 4 cellos. Ben Cashell, Paul Grennan, Peggy Nolan & Aoife Dennedy will play pieces by, among others, Rossini, Mozart, Scott Joplin, Prokofiev and a number of works arranged by Michael Doherty. Tickets are €15 (€10 for concessions) and can be booked by emailing derekneilson@eircom.net or ringing John at (01) 2818146.

Bishops' Appeal Envelopes

This month, we have included envelopes for Bishops' Appeal. The focus of Bishops' Appeal for 2012 is Educate for Life. This covers agricultural training for farmers and dairy workers in Haiti who need to secure income, building training centres for community leaders in Rwanda, the renovating of 26 Anglican schools in Swaziland, a Mother's Union literacy and development programme throughout Burundi and Sudan, a Tearfund women's literacy and community empowerment programme in Myanmar and a SAMS youth training programme in Peru. Please return your donations on the Church Plate or to Charlotte O'Brien or the Churchwardens.

Sunday School

Sunday School is held for children of all ages in the Church Room every Sunday, except when there is a Family Service.

After Service

We continue to meet and have tea, coffee and juice after Service each Sunday. It gives a great opportunity for a chat and to catch up with friends. Come and join us. for Mother's Day — we have something special and not to be missed !!

Table Tennis

Table tennis is played in the Church Room every Thursday, with juniors between 7pm and 8pm and adults from 8pm on.

Church Review

The cost this year is €40, which should be given to Ethni Seymour.



Dinner Dance

Saturday 28th April

Parkview Hotel

Dance the night away to a live band!

Tickets €30

Information from Colin Watchorn at 087 2612868

In aid of Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkenny



NOTICEBOARD

The Cyril Stringer Cup

Congratulations to:

Winners: Mark Davis & Roger Conroy

Runners-up: Victor Bennett & Noel Golden

Well done to everyone involved on raising €3,600 for charity

Newcastle Historical and Archaeological Society

is pleased to welcome noted historian Chris Corlett

who will give a talk on houses in the area..

March 15th at 8pm

Newcastle Community Centre

Children's Page

COLOURING



**Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name**

How do we know Moses wore a wig?

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SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 4th				
SS	Calary	9.30	MP	Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Rom. 4:13-25
	Newcastle	11.00	Confirmation Service	Mk. 8:31-38
Sunday 11th				
SS	Calary	9.30	MP	Ex. 20:1-7
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	1Cor. 1:18-25
SS	Newcastle	12.00	MP	Jn. 2:13-22
Sunday 18th (Mothering Sunday)				
	Calary	9.30	FS	Col. 3:12-17
	St Matthews	10.45	HC	Lk. 2:33-35
	Newcastle	12.00	FS	
Sunday 25th				
SS	Calary	9.30	HC	Jer. 31:31-34
	St Matthews	10.45	FS	Heb. 5:5-10
SS	Newcastle	12.00	MP	Jn. 12:20-33



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 and chat in the McLean Room. All welcome!

Tea and coffee are served in the McLean Room after each service in St Matthew's.