

PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Fun, food and funds, that is what the dinner dance in the Parish Centre, Newcastle on the 13th of February had to offer. Oh! and something else - a lot of hard work and planning was an intrinsic ingredient of a most enjoyable night! Weeks of meetings and discussions by the social committee ensured that every detail was planned from publicity to menu, décor and entertainment ensuring those present had a memorable and pleasant evening. Special thanks to Karen and members of the committee for investing themselves in time and talent guaranteeing the success of this first major event run by that committee in the new Centre. Thanks to Gerry for his masterly contribution as MC and disc jockey for the night, to a bright and efficient team of waiters who looked after the 103 happy diners - you can surely add this one to your CV!!! The net amount made for parish funds was €2290. Well done to all involved.

The Parish Centre gets busier by the week and if you wish to book space in any part of the premises then please contact Karen, the parish administrator, ASAP. She is in the office Monday to Friday most weeks from 1pm to 6pm at 01 2819300.

The Bell Tower at Calary Church has undergone major repairs. Considerable damage was caused due to water leaking through the roof of the tower over a long period of time. This meant that on a number of occasions, during heavy rainfall, the middle hall was flooded and the walls had become very damp. We hope the repairs just completed will alleviate the problem for many years to come.

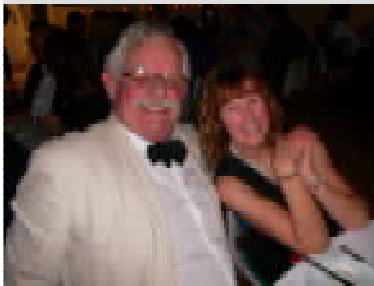
A lively programme of events has been planned to take place in Calary during the year. Please see the Calary news in PINS each month to keep up to date with the planned events and as usual there is always a warm welcome to those who wish to attend any event planned.

As numbers grow in the Youth Club in Newcastle we desperately need more volunteers who have been through the Safeguarding Trust training to come forward. Since moving into the new premises numbers have grown very quickly. We are deeply indebted to those who generously give their time freely in leadership roles but need more leaders urgently - can you help?

As we approach Easter and remembering the resurrection of Jesus Christ I am reminded of those famous words uttered by a dedicated missionary; "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him".

May we know His blessing.

William



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Clubs and Organisations

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dates for March are Sundays 1st, 8th and 22nd.

CRECHE

Unfortunately there will no longer be a supervised crèche available during morning services in Newcastle Church as so very few parents were using the facility.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS

The parent and toddler group meets every Monday morning from 10.30am in the playroom and sitting room at the parish centre. Everyone who is a parent, grandparent or minder of a baby or toddler is welcome to come along for tea/coffee and a chat while the little ones play.

BOWLS

The bowls club meets for practice every Thursday at 8pm in the hall at the parish centre.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The choir practises after school on a Wednesday in the upstairs meeting room at the centre. We look forward to hearing them at the family service.

TIME OUT

The prayer group continues to meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the sitting room at the centre. Everyone is welcome to take a little quiet time away from the hustle and bustle to pray for the needs of the world.

BIBLE CLUB

The bible club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 8pm in the sitting room. The study of St Peter is shaping up to be very interesting. Feel free to join in at any time. It is an informal group.

YOUTH FILM CLUB

The film club aimed at 12 to 16 year olds continues to meet every Saturday at 6.30pm upstairs in the parish centre.

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FRIDAY 6th March
FRIDAY 20th March
8.00—9.30pm

MEET AT THE PARISH CENTRE

TABLE TENNIS

The club is up and running again on a Monday night from 8.30pm in the hall at the parish centre. A match is planned for Monday 2nd March against either Calary or Enniskerry. All welcome!

PARISH CHOIR

The choir meets for practice on Monday nights at 8pm in the upstairs meeting room at the centre. New members are always welcome. Contact Andy at 086 - 1591873



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

During Lent, instead of giving something up, why not do something different instead?

Consider giving your time as a volunteer to lighten the load of the leaders and helpers in clubs, organisations and activities in the parish.

There are a wide variety of ways in which you can help and it would be very much appreciated.

Drop in to Karen in the Parish Office for a list of suggestions.

EASTER VESTRY

An important date for your diary.

The Annual Easter Vestry will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

N & N NEWS

FUNERAL AT NEWCASTLE

There was a full church in Newcastle on the 5th February for the funeral service for Mrs Nora Royds, Timore Lane, Newcastle. Nora had been a loyal and faithful member of Newcastle Parish for many years and shared the, very much appreciated, duties of organist where she played approximately twice a month for many decades. As well as sharing her musical skills she also taught Sunday School and was a ready and willing person to help in any way she could. Nora will be remembered for her gentle spirit and kindness which has left an indelible impression on all who knew her. We express our sympathy to her family circle, but especially to John, Beth and Charlotte.

COFFEE

The coffee morning continues every Tuesday from 10.30am. Stories, chat, laughs with tea, coffee and toast.

LUNCH

Lunch in March will take place on Thursday 19th. Book early.

BREAKFAST

Pop in to the centre for breakfast from 8.40am on the morning of school assembly in the church.

THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Boxes at St Matthew's Church in the run up to Christmas. Your generosity this year was much appreciated. Special thanks to Marie Brassington who organises the boxes each year.

ROTAS

A gentle reminder to put your name down for cleaning and flower arranging at Newcastle Church. The rotas are on the notice board in the church porch. Thank you!

DINNER DANCE

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Dinner Dance on 13th February, and to the 25 people who helped make it all possible. Special thanks to the committee and the cooks. A fantastic night and an amount of €2,290 raised for parish funds to date. See you all again next year. *KR*

CALARY NEWS

World Day of Prayer

This year, the event will be held in Calary at 8pm on Friday 6 March and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is invited to come and participate in this service.

Easter Vestry

The annual Easter Vestry will take place at 8pm on Monday 13 April. All members are asked to come and hear the plans for the church in the coming year.

Table Tennis

Table tennis continues each Thursday at 8pm in the Church Room.

Sunday School

Sunday School takes place each Sunday except when there is Family Service.



Many thanks to all who supported the Fields of Life Sponsorship Scheme in the past year. We are supporting 8 children at the present time. We start the new year in April and you can sponsor a child by direct debit, by freewill offering at the monthly Family Service (any small change would be welcome) or by contacting June Roe tel. no. 2866030. We also run plant and country produce sales in conjunction with Parish events throughout the year to top up the funds. Once again, many thanks.

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

Items must be received by MONDAY 23rd March



CastleKidz

PLAYSCHOOL

Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle

Opening 1st September

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
2015/2016**

**Monday to Friday
2016/2017**

9am—12 noon

2½yrs to Primary School Age

Lovely purpose-built premises

Very experienced staff team

**Information and Enrolment Forms from:
parishcastlekidz@gmail.com
or phone Karen at 087 2866889**

PARISH CENTRE

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	Sunday School		
Monday	Parents & Tots	After-School	Choir Table Tennis Keep Fit
Tuesday	Coffee	After-School	Time Out Bible Club Slimming World
Wednesday		After-School Junior Choir	Bowls Match
Thursday	Lunch	After-School	Bowls
Friday	Chair Yoga	After-School	Youth Club
Saturday			Youth Film Club



**FAMILY
SERVICE
WITH THE JUNIOR CHOIR**

**SUNDAY 15th MARCH
12 NOON
NEWCASTLE CHURCH**

Children's Page



COLOURING

Q. Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A. He only had two worms.

Q. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

A. Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Ex. 20:1-17</i> <i>Matt. 5:43-48</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB/CM	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB/CM	HC	
Sunday 8th	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Eph. 2:1-10</i> <i>John 3:14-21</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	MP	
Sunday 15th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Col. 3:12-17</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
Sunday 22nd	Calary SS	9.30	MC	MP	<i>Jer. 31:31-34</i> <i>Heb 5:5-10</i> <i>John 12:20-33</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	MC	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	MC	MP	
Palm Sunday 29th	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Mark 11:1-11</i> <i>John 12:12-16</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	



**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 in the McLean Room.
All welcome!**