



PARISH INFORMATION NEWSHEET
**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

By the time you read this letter we will, presumably, have an idea of the probable shape of our new government. Electioneering, debates, arguments, adults getting quite elated shouting down each other on radio and television, and of course the ever increasing list of promises, this is the spectacle that has pre-occupied our media ever since the date for the election was announced. It is also a time when the comics have their 'hey day'. Many stories are told about politicians and governments and one that I thought very smart was that of Paddy saying to Mick "If you think you are getting too much government, just be thankful you're not getting as much as you're paying for"!

Dr Everitt Hale was Chaplain of the American Senate. Once someone asked him, "Do you pray for senators?" He replied, "No, I look at the senators and pray for the country"!!! We are told in Scripture to pray for those in authority, and that means our politicians no matter who they are or what party they belong to. I believe that if those who claim belief in God took it on themselves to pray regularly for our country and leaders we would see great things happen. Following Jesus not only means a head belief in the Divine but demands a positive response of love and reaching out to those in need.

The greatest expression of love is when someone gives his life, not only for his friends, but also for his enemies. This is what we celebrate at Easter and it demands the response that is often very difficult for us humans to make. Scripture calls it dying to self and that is a scary demand. As the country looks back to 1916 and all the memories, stories and history of that rising, what a powerful effect a major rising to pray, and not just pray, but to really try to put the clear demands of following God into practice, would have on our country. What a country we would have in a few years time. Why not join the rising!!!

It is Annual General Easter Vestry time in every parish and please note our dates in this issue of PINS. These annual general meetings are open to all parishioners and everyone is free to contribute in debate or comment. Registered vestry people are eligible to vote and stand for positions on Select Vestry for the coming year. We are deeply indebted to the outgoing members for their work during the year on both Calary and Newcastle/
Newtownmountkenedy Select Vestries.

Most people who attend church or have reason to visit the Parish Office will know that Karen, our parish administrator, had an unfortunate accident. She had a nasty fall on the stairs in their home and has been restricted to bed for two weeks. We wish Karen a good recovery and hope she will soon be back at the nerve centre of parish happenings in the office. Sincere thank you to all who have taken Karen's chair by covering for her in the afternoons at the centre.

William

SERVICES HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Wednesday

Holy Communion at St Matthew's 10.30am

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion at Newcastle 8pm

Good Friday

Meditation at Calary 8pm

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at Newcastle Beach 6.45am

Holy Communion at Calary 9.30am

Holy Communion at St Matthew's 10.45am

Easter Family Praise at Newcastle 12 noon

Hello

Just a little "hello" from an old St. Matthews' family across the pond in Toronto. The Newels emigrated to Canada in 1928 but left their carved names in St Matthews (blush). Right side, third or fourth row/pew from the front....Much water under the bridge but no loss of affection. A much-prized family archive is my father Desmond's cricket score book from 1926 'Mt.Kennedy CC'.

Kindest regards,
Mary Newel

Thank You All So Much

I can't thank you all enough for the good wishes, texts, calls, emails and offers of help while I was stuck in bed after falling on the stairs. It kept me going through two bedridden weeks and meant I didn't have to worry about 'the office'.

Looking forward to being back!

Karen

Lunch

This month's lunch will take place on 24th March. €10 per person as usual for a delicious and convivial meal. Book with Karen.

Easter Flowers

Newcastle Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday

26th . Please do your bit to help decorate and provide flowers.

Coffee

Coffee every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the sitting room at the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome to pop in for tea/coffee and a chat.

Valentine's Dinner

Many thanks to all who supported the Valentine's Dinner, and to the army of people who set up, decorated, cooked, served, cleaned up, and helped in any way. It was a very enjoyable night and €1800 was raised for parish funds.

PARISH OF NEWCASTLE & NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY

**Thursday 21st April
at 8pm**

Newcastle Parish Centre

**Come along and hear what's
happening in the parish and
plans for the future**

Thanks

Joan, Robin and Fiona Rae wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to those who provided and served a delicious afternoon tea in the Parish Centre following the funeral service for Rodney.

BASKETS

BLOOMS

BUNNIES !



**Easter Floral Demonstration
by Sheila**

**Friday 18th March
10 am - 12 noon**

**Newcastle Parish
Centre**

Admission €10

**Including tea/coffee
and Easter biscuits**



**All arrangements will be
raffled or auctioned**

Proceeds to Fields of Life



Clubs and Organisations

Sunday School at Newcastle

March is a very busy month this year so there will only be one Sunday available for Sunday School - Sunday 13th March.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir just gets better and better, and out-sang themselves at the Family Service in February which the Confirmation candidates presented. Rehearsals continue on Wednesdays after school.

Parents & Toddlers

The Parents and Toddlers group meets twice a week - on Monday mornings from 10am and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm. Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in for chat and play. No P & T over the Easter break - back on 3rd April.

Time Out

The prayer group will meet on Tuesdays 1st and 15th March at 8pm in the sitting room at the Parish Centre.

Bible Club

The Bible Club continues its study of Revelation with lively discussion and interesting views. Everyone is welcome to drop in from 8pm on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd upstairs in the Parish Centre.

Table Tennis

There's table tennis every Monday at 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a game.

Newcastle Parish Choir

The choir meets to rehearse on Mondays at 8pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Parish Centre. New members always welcome.

Bowls

The season is winding down now but the club continues to meet every Thursday at 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre.



CALARY NEWS

GENERAL EASTER VESTRY

Monday 4th April
at 8pm

Church Room

All parishioners are
encouraged to come along
and hear the plans for
the coming year

Funeral at Calary

16 January. *Ann Taylor*, Roundwood. Ann passed away in the hospital at Rathdrum where she had been cared for over approx. 6 years. A valued member of the parish, Ann spent many long hours, with her husband Matt, in the grounds of Calary Churchyard where they mowed, trimmed, tidied and planted; they were always willing volunteers. We extend our deep sympathy to Matt and to the extended family.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues in the Church Room during Sunday Service, except when there is Family Service.

Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place each Thursday in the Church Room starting at 8pm.

Parish Supper

There will be a Parish Supper in Calary Church Room at 7.30 pm on Friday 8 April. Please let the following know if you would like to come along and join us: Claire (2818187), June (2866030) or Ethni (28638980).

World Day of Prayer 2016

The World Day of Prayer Service for the Calary area will take place in St Mary's Church, Enniskerry at 7.30 pm on Friday 4th March.

Enniskerry Garden Club

Wednesday 2nd March at 8pm - Talk on Wild Flowers by Zoe Devlin, author of "The Wildflowers of Ireland: A Field Guide" in Powerscourt Parochial Hall (Beside Poppies in Enniskerry) Members Free. Visitors welcome €7 pay at the door.

Wednesday 6th April at 8pm - A Plant Sale and Social Evening with Finger Food and a glass of wine will be held in Powerscourt Parochial Hall (Beside Poppies in Enniskerry). Admission €5.



**CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES
2016**

Kate O'Neill

Sophiemaë Behan

Rachel Power

Lucy-Ann Cassidy

Ruth England

Rosie Carter

Anastasia McAndrew

Ava Massey

Ruth Ireland

Lauren Delamere

Joshua Grant

Jack Jennings

Barra Cullen

Sean Lundy

Gerhard Zdunek

Ari Herman

Harrison Boxall

Howard Noonan

Nicholas Flood

Tom Flood

Sam Ireland



FAMILY SERVICE

**NEWCASTLE
CHURCH**

**SUNDAY
20th MARCH
at
12 NOON**

**SHORT INFORMAL SERVICE
FOR EVERYONE**

WITH THE JUNIOR CHOIR



A Night of Drama



In the Rooks Tower at the Castle Inn
On Thursday 3rd March at 8pm
Following their success
at the Glenealy and Bray One Act Festivals
Ashford ICA and Delgany ICA
Present
'Success Story' a One Act Comedy
and 'Alice at the Reunion' a One Act Play

Newtownmountkenndy Community Notes

There is a public meeting for all community groups
@7pm on Monday March 7th to facilitate all groups
within Newtownmountkenndy.

If representatives would like to attend or have any questions
please email newtowntidytown@gmail.com

Please send any items for inclusion in April PINS to
nandnparishoffice@gmail.com

Items must be received by MONDAY 21st March

Children's Page

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
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APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS

SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 6th	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>2 Cor. 5:16-21</i>
	Newcastle	11.00	WB	Confirmation	
	St Matthew's	19.00	WB	EP	
Sunday 13h	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Is. 43:16-21</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	<i>Phil. 3:4-14</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	<i>John 12:1-8</i>
Palm Sunday 20th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Luke 19:28-40</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
Maundy Thursday	Newcastle	20.00	WB	HC	<i>Ex. 12:1-14</i> <i>1 Cor. 11:23-26</i>
Good Friday	Calary	20.00	WB	Meditation	
Easter Sunday 27th	Newcastle Beach	6.45	WB	Sunrise Service	<i>1 Cor. 15: 19-26</i>
	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Family Praise	



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!