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

**MARCH
2017**

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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Springtime tells us that Winter is nearly over and new life is appearing all around us. The great array of early daffodils with their bright colours and lots of snowdrops and crocuses are always a reminder of new life and a new season. I do hope that we can all join together in these parishes to do our part to ensure we see a breath of new life in our parishes.

It's always good to assess what we do and how we do it, and how we can improve or change the way we do things. This is what a group meeting in St Matthew's was about. We called it a forum to discuss ministry in that area, and a very positive meeting was held on the 22nd February in the McLean Room. Ideas were shared, suggestions were made, and a follow-up meeting is planned for 24th May.

We ask your prayers for others who are ill or who have been bereaved. Our sympathy to Stephanie Codd and her family on the passing away of her father, Bishop Samuel Poyntz. Also our sympathy to Lesley Cassidy and her family and to Hugh Valentine on the passing of their mother Doris.

As we approach Easter we ask that you take note of the programme planned for Lent. As planned in Year One of our Parish vision document, 'Catch the Vision', we will be focussing on the local charity, Tiglin, to help those suffering from addiction and homelessness. To this end I ask you to please take note of more information in the centre pages of this issue. Our short series of Lenten studies begins on the first Tuesday in Lent and will be on every second Tuesday leading up to Easter in the Parish Centre at 8pm.

Wishing you God's blessing.
William

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



HELP NEEDED

Cleaning Rota Newcastle Church

Flower Arranging Rota Newcastle Church

Person to Collate Notes for the Church Review

Setting Up a Creche for Newcastle Church

N & N NEWS

Coffee

Coffee/tea as usual on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am in the Parish Centre sitting room.

Lunch

The March lunch, with an Irish feel to it, will take place on Thursday 16th. Book with Karen. €10 per person.

Select Vestry

The next meeting of the Select Vestry will take place on Friday 10th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Easter Vestry

Put the date for the annual Easter Vestry in your diary - Friday 28th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre. This is an important meeting in the life of the parish.

Garden Tools Required

The people of St Matthew's Church are looking for second-hand garden tools in good condition for their Tús worker to use. They need a shovel, spade, fork, leaf rake, hoe, loppers and a wheelbarrow. Contact Caroline Tindal (086-2553001) or Ian Fleming (087-9701173).

Sunday School

There will be Sunday School on 5th and 12th March.

Time Out

The prayer group will meet on Tuesdays 7th and 21st March.

Prayer Space

Prayers to kick off the week on a Monday morning for about 15 minutes in the sitting room at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Parents and Toddlers

Every Monday morning from 10.30am in the main hall at the Parish Centre. Tea, coffee, toast, chat and play.

Table Tennis

Monday nights from 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre.

Bowls

Thursday nights from 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre.

Junior Choir

Choir practise on Wednesdays after school.

Parish Choir

Practise on Mondays at 8pm upstairs in the Parish Centre.

St Francis PA Dates

Friday 3rd March

Clothing Swap Night
8pm at St Francis School
Admission €10
Wine and refreshments served
Lots of clothes & accessories

Thursday 9th March

NCBI Clothing Collection
Leave unwanted old clothes at
school gate in morning

Friday 31st March

School drama
At Newcastle Parish Centre

Yoga

With Gina

*Learn to still the mind through breath and movement
while also improving strength and flexibility.*

A hatha based practice intended for beginners and improvers.

Thursday at 7.30pm

Ongoing 10 week courses

Newcastle Parish Centre

€100 for Full Course

€12 per class for block of classes

€14 Drop-in

Contact Gina on 0871332499

LENTEN C

**This Lent we're cha
of your comfort zone**

**We want every association,
club, regular gathering,
family, group of friends,
and any collection of
people you can think of
—young and old—
to come up with an idea to
raise money for Tiglin**

**Every amount, big or small,
can make a difference**

**We'll publicise each idea
and follow your progress**

So get thinking!

NGE

Get out
reference!

Listen to God
Newcastle Church
will be open every day
from 12—4pm through Lent
Plenty of opportunity to grab
a quiet moment with God

Talk to God
Every week
in Lent
we'll be
sending out a
prayer via
social media
and email.

God's Word
Join the
Lenten Study
on four
Tuesdays
in Lent
at 8pm in the
Parish Centre.

CALARY NEWS

Fields of Life

Many thanks to all who subscribed to the Child Sponsorship Scheme in the past year, it is much appreciated. We have been sponsoring children through Fields of Life since 2003 and, at the moment, Calary is sponsoring 8 children. If anyone wishes to sponsor a child or give a donation, please contact June Roe (01) 286 6030.

Music in Calary

The committee are finalising the list of concerts for the 2017 series and this will be sent out to those on our email list shortly. If anyone would like to get notices about the marvellous music events that take place in Calary over the summer months, please email derekneilson@eircom.net

Sunday School

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

Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays at 8 pm in the Church Room. New members are always welcome.

World Day of Prayer 2017

We invite you to come by yourself.....

.....or with a friend.....

.....or with some of our family.....

It lasts no more than an hour and
a Warm Welcome awaits you



Powerscourt Church, Enniskerry Friday, 3rd March at 8:00pm



Every year, on or near the first Friday in March, Christians around the world of all ages, (women, men, young people and children) gather in small groups and large congregations, using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year, on a theme chosen by the World Day of Prayer International Committee.

This year we pray with the women of Philippines around **FAIRNESS** and **JUSTICE** as they ask the question:

"Am I Being UNFAIR to YOU"?

The scripture focus is on the parable of the workers who stood waiting to be hired (Matt. 20:1-16) Links are made with the 'hiring fair' which used to happen in rural Ireland where people and often children stood around in desperate hope of work.

"Am I Being Unfair To You?"



**FAMILY SERVICE
WITH THE JUNIOR CHOIR**

**SUNDAY 19th MARCH
12 NOON
NEWCASTLE CHURCH**

Come and Sing your Loudest!

Unity Gospel Choir

singing in

Newcastle Church

**Sunday 26th
at 11am**

Bring your friends!

Children's Page



COLOURING



SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 5th 1st Sunday in Lent	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7</i> <i>Rom. 5:12-19</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 12th 2nd Sunday in Lent	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Gen. 12:1-4a</i> <i>Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17</i> <i>John 3:1-17</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	
Sunday 19th 3rd Sunday in Lent	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>John 4:5-42</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	FS	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
Sunday 26th 4th Sunday In Lent	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Gen. 2:1-10</i> <i>Col. 3:12-17</i> <i>Luke 2:33-35</i>
	Newcastle	11.00	WB	Unity Gospel Choir	



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.

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

Items must be received by MONDAY 23rd March