



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

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From the Rector

Dear friends,

It is hard to believe but February 12th 2022 marked a year since Fiona, Ben, Ava and I arrived in the parishes of Newcastle, Newtownmountkennedy with Calary. It doesn't feel like a year, time has flown! We, as a family, arrived to live in the rectory during level 5 lockdown, which led to many curious Garda checkpoints on the N11, querying our movements with yet another car full of personal possessions! We will be forever grateful for the way that we have been so warmly welcomed into this amazing and vibrant community, we are very blessed.

It was a strange twelve month period for everybody but hopefully we have emerged from our shared experiences stronger and better prepared for what the future holds. It is exciting as we prepare to return to normal parish life over the next few months. The lifting of restrictions is giving us an opportunity to reopen and reconnect. As a result, many parish activities resumed in February, with a return of our youth club, Sunday club, coffee mornings, table tennis, confirmation classes and much more! I am looking forward to the year ahead, as we leave restrictions behind us and see our parishes grow and return to what they should be - vibrant, supportive, caring, welcoming, fun, faith based, community centred, living examples of God's love for us all.

This coming Wednesday, 2nd March, is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent:

Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting. At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated through sin. In course of time the Church came to recognize that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

The introduction to the Ash Wednesday service in the Book of Common Prayer highlights why, as Christians, we observe the season of Lent. We are called to keep these days, still our hearts and minds and hear the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness that are proclaimed in the gospel. We are invited to observe a holy Lent, through self examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

Yet Lent is not all about giving things up, fasting or abstaining. In Lent we can also take things up! We can use this period of 40 days to make changes in our lives, to take up new activities, to perhaps give of our time to help others, to help those in our communities or perhaps further afield. Sadly we live in a world that needs help. Events in Ukraine are leading to a humanitarian crisis not seen in Europe since the end of the Second World War. This Lent, let us reflect on the importance of the sacrifice made for us all at Easter but let us also use these 40 days to make our world a better place.

Take care and God bless,

Ross



Dear Lord, we pray for all the people of Ukraine.

We pray for all those who are afraid,
for those who flee for safety,
comfort and protect them.

We pray for those in power,
guide them with wisdom and compassion.

We pray for peace and for justice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.



The church collections on Sunday 6th March will be in aid of the Irish Red Cross in Ukraine

Blossoms Baskets and Hubcaps!



**Friday 1st April
10am - 12noon**

Newcastle Parish Centre

**Sheila is back with a bang!
All you need to know about
Spring flower arranging and more**

Entrance: €10

Refreshments

Sale Table

In aid of Parish funds

Clubs and Organisations

Sunday Club

March 6th and March 20th

40 days of giving

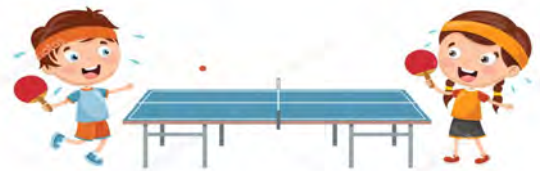
Loving everyone
Eagerness to be kind
Nurturing our spirit
Teaching God's word

Consent forms inside the church door!

SPRING



Junior Table Tennis Club



Mondays 7 - 8pm
Parish Centre

**YOUTH
CLUB**

**FRIDAYS
7.30PM
PARISH CENTRE**

**Parent &
Toddler
Group**



**Monday mornings
10 - 11.15am
Parish Centre**

All welcome!

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets on Thursdays at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.



Everyone welcome to come along

Table Tennis

This lively club meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

All welcome to join.

Parish Choir



The Parish Choir rehearses for upcoming Holy Communion and special services on Monday evenings from 8.15pm in the Parish Centre.

New members very welcome. Come and enjoy a sing!

Coffee

Everyone is welcome to drop in to the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am for tea, coffee, toast, treats and chat.

Lunch

The March lunch will take place on Thursday 24th in the Parish Centre. It's still very good value at €10 per person for main course, dessert and tea/coffee.

Series of Lenten Reflections with Rev Ross



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Tuesdays from 8pm in the Parish Centre during Lent, beginning Tuesday 8th March



As you know, you can contact me by phone or e-mail at any time and we can meet anywhere for a chat or prayer. However I would like to also set aside Tuesday mornings, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, for anyone who would like to drop in for an informal chat.

Therefore I will be in my office at the Parish Centre each Tuesday morning 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, feel free to say hello!
Ross



Mask wearing is no longer mandatory.

However many people are still very nervous so we would ask that you are mindful of others and, if possible, wear masks while in enclosed spaces in the church and church buildings.

Thank you for your continued kindness and consideration.

Defibrillator at the Parish Centre

We now have a defibrillator installed at the main entrance to the Parish Centre. This was jointly funded by the Parish and Newcastle Community First Responders, and brings the number of these vital machines in the village to three (the other two are at the Castle Inn and the Community Centre). Many thanks to the volunteers at NCFR for installing the defibrillator and for offering to train any parishioners in its use. Date to follow.



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

CALARY NEWS

Music in Calary

The fifth concert recorded during last summer in Calary Church is a performance by Kieran Moynihan (flute) and Fionnuala Moynihan (piano), who will play works by Clementi, Mozart, Telemann, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Borne. This concert will be released on YouTube on Friday 14 March for future viewing.

If anyone would like the link, please email derekneilson@eircom.net. It is hoped that those who do view the performance will make a donation in lieu of an entrance fee, which will be used for future concerts.

Opening up of Church

Now that Covid restrictions are lifted, we need to work together to make all parish activities happen again - Sunday school, choir, flowers, teas and cleaning. All offers of help are welcome

Parish Registers

Calary Church

Friday 11th February at 12.00 noon

Karen Guiney (née Wall) of Cobham, Surrey, England and formerly of Roundwood, Co. Wicklow

Wednesday 23rd February at 2.00pm

Norman Geeves of Ballinastoe, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow and formerly of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, England

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of both Karen and Norman.

What's on in the Parish Centre?

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Playschool Parents & Toddlers Pilates	Afterschool WSMD (Guitar)	Junior Table Tennis Senior Table Tennis Choir
Tuesday	Playschool Yoga with Gina Coffee Rev Ross in Centre	Afterschool WSMD (Drums)	Lenten Reflection Vitality Dance
Wednesday	Playschool	Afterschool Kraftworx	Vitality Dance
Thursday	Playschool Yoga with Angelika	Afterschool Lunch (monthly) Move4Parkinsons	Bowls Yoga with Gina
Friday	Playschool	Afterschool Anyone4Science	Confirmation lessons Youth Club
Saturday			
Sunday	Sunday Club		



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St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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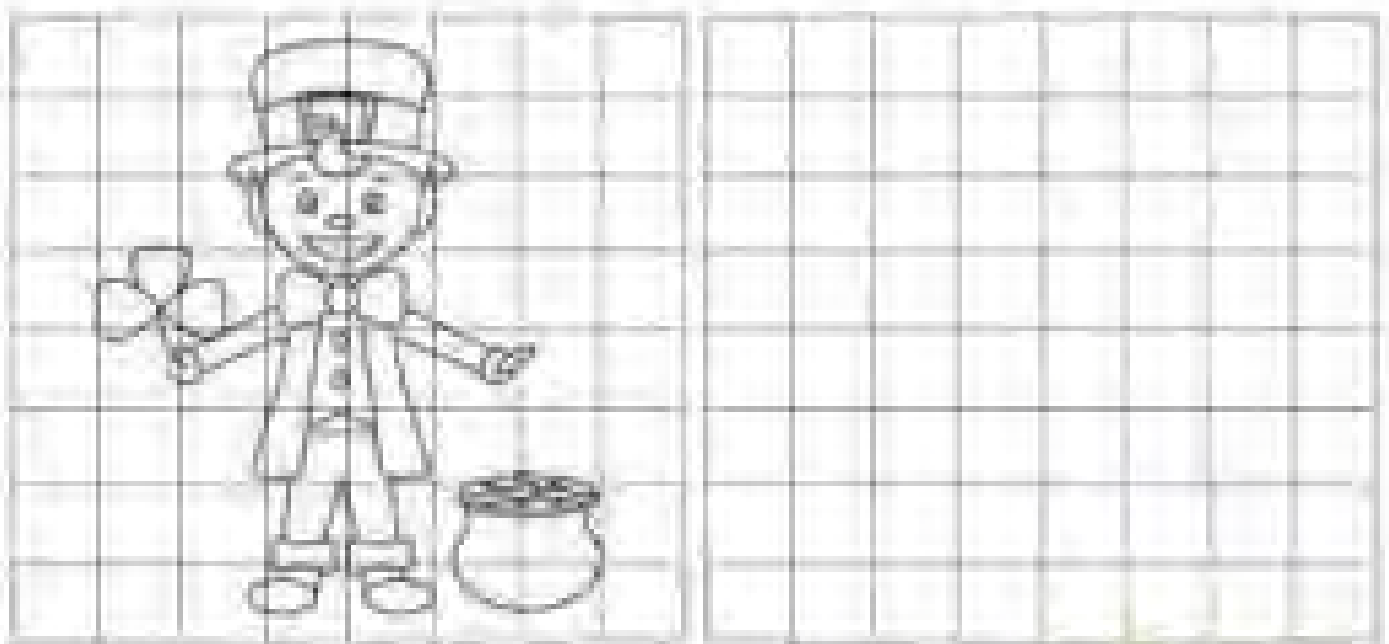
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SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Ash Wed. 2nd	St Matthew's	10.30	RS	HC	2 Cor. 5: 20b-6:10 Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-21
Sunday 6th	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	Deut. 26: 1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	HC	
Sunday 13th	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Gen. 15: 1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Phil. 3: 17 - 4: 1 Luke 13: 31-35
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	MP	
St Patrick's Day	Newcastle	11.00	RS	HC	2 Cor. 4: 1-12 John 4: 31-38
Sunday 20th	Calary	9.30	RS	Service of the Word	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Psalm 63: 1-9 1 Cor. 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS		
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		
Sunday 27th	Calary	9.30	RS	FS	Psalm 32 2 Cor. 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	FS	
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	FS	



**Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday,
with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's.
Everyone is welcome to tea/coffee in the McLean Room
after all services at St Matthew's.**