



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

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From the Rector

Dear friends,

This February marks two years since Fiona, Ben, Ava and I came to the parish, it seems like it's only been two months! Time flies when you're having fun! Sadly February also marked a year since Russian invasion of Ukraine and we continue to hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

On Sunday 19th February I was delighted to baptise Samuel Elliott Stringer, with the assistance of his granny, Caroline! I wish Sam and his family every blessing in their journey of faith together.

February 22nd was Ash Wednesday. 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, earthquakes in Syria and Turkey are leading to a humanitarian crisis. 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.

Thank you to everyone who attended our coffee morning after communion in St. Matthew's, the Friday pop up tearoom in the Parish Centre and the fantastic coffee morning and sale in Calary on Saturday 25th, all to raise funds for the Turkey – Syria earthquake appeal. All these, along with our collections in all three churches on Sunday 12th February, have raised several thousand euro for those in need.

The Theatre Dinner on Saturday 25th February was a great success, many thanks to our organiser, director and playwright Karen, all the cast, Peter, Jacky, Brian and all the crew, to all the volunteers who set up and cleaned up and a big thank you to Anne, Caroline, Carol and Karen who prepared a beautiful meal for us all. A huge thank you to everyone who came on the Saturday, and on the Sunday evening, it was great fun to be on the stage again!

I am looking forward to welcoming people to our lenten reflections on Wednesdays, from 8pm in the parish centre, starting on Wednesday 1st March, with our final one on Wednesday 29th March. These are a very gentle way to explore what Lent means for us on our own personal journeys of faith. I am also looking forward to our Alpha course after Easter!

God bless,
Ross



Baptism of Sam Stringer. Rev Ross, Mark, Sam and Caroline

LENTEN SERIES

**PARISH OF NEWCASTLE AND
NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY WITH CALARY**



Wednesday's from 8pm

PARISH CENTRE, NEWCASTLE

ALL VERY WELCOME



April 10th
to
April 16th
2023

Rev. Ross' 10 peaks Challenge

Please feel free to join Ross along the way
You can also do the challenge yourself -
sponsorship forms will be available from the
Parish office

Follow us on: Facebook
Instagram
YouTube

In aid of Calary parish church window restoration and W.H Five Loaves

CALARY NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer will take place in Kilbride Church of Ireland, Bray at 8 pm on Friday 3 March. The service is titled "I have heard about your Faith" and has been written by the Christian women of Taiwan. Everyone is welcome.

FIELDS OF LIFE

Please see the note on the sponsorship scheme and details of how you can contribute.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School in Calary takes place every Sunday in the Church Room, except when there is Family Service.

A poster for a flower arranging demonstration. The background is a light blue surface with scattered flowers, including purple and yellow blooms. The text is written in a cursive font.

Flower Arranging Demonstration

by Sheila Cleary

Thursday 9th March @ 10:30

Calary Church Room

Don't miss it! Coffee and Cake too!



EVERY GIRL HAS THE
RIGHT TO BE A CHILD



Fields of Life – Child Sponsorship Scheme

Calary parish supports the education of 7 children in East Africa through the Fields of Life Child Education Sponsorship programme by sending them €200 every month. We couldn't do this without your generosity. Thank you to all of you for contributing last year and indeed some of you have already made your donations for 2023.

When you provide a child with access to quality education you give them the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Fields of life are partners with over 125 schools across East Africa delivering educational opportunities. Its thanks to people like you, who support the scheme that communities have skills and tools to sustain their communities into the future.

The children sponsored by Calary are of varying ages – from junior infants up to late teens learning a trade. This year two young boys Geoffrey and Ibrahim have graduated and are working in their communities making a huge difference. We were asked would we like to take on the education of two little twin girls. Of course, we agreed. Miriam and Judith are now attending Kawondwe Primary and Nursery School and they are thriving.

If you would like to contribute to a child's education please contact June 089 401 3356 or Charlotte 086 835 43





Theatre Weekend



The last weekend in February marked our theatre weekend in the parish. We kicked off with a Theatre Dinner on Saturday 25th, which was a very enjoyable night including a 3 course dinner followed by a one act play 'Arizona Smith and the Shrine of Destruction'. This was attended by 108 diners. A matinee followed on Sunday with an audience of over 100 who made the most of the popcorn and candy floss.

A small army of people was involved in the preparations for the weekend. Anne Garrett prepared the soup course and the vegetarian main course, Caroline Tindal and Karen Reynolds cooked the meat options, and Carol Stringer provided the desserts. They were aided in the kitchen by Lynn Stringer, Ruth O'Toole and Anita Molloy. On the floor were the hardworking waiters - Daniel, Ella, Emily, Victoria, Barra and Fiona, and the barman Josh. John Langrell was on the door and Gerry Reynolds ran the raffle. Two crews of volunteers helped with set up on the Friday and clean up on the Sunday morning. There were also numerous 'runners' who ferried goods to the Centre.



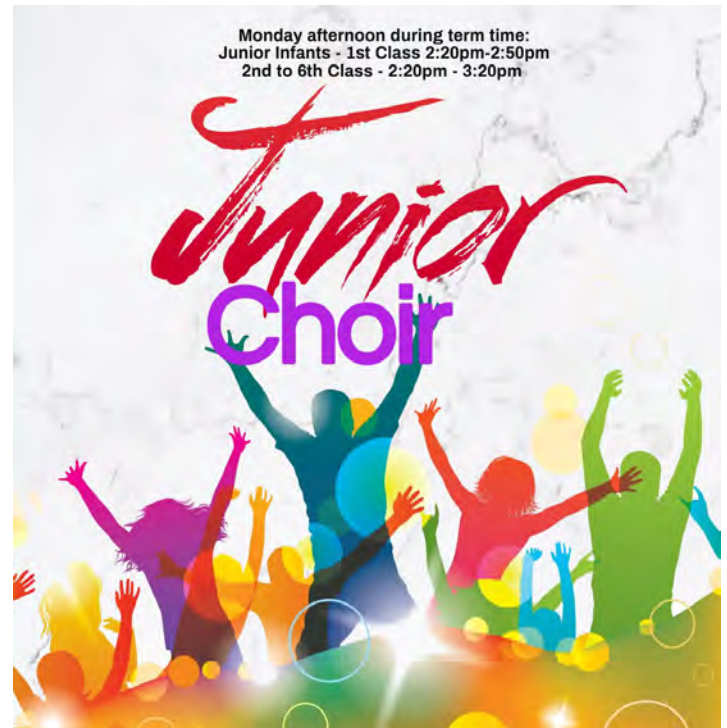
The play was huge fun to rehearse and perform, and we were so lucky to have an outstanding cast. It would not have been possible to stage without the amazing talents of our Technical Director, Peter Johnston, and Artistic Director, Jacky van Zyl, aided by Brian Harris, Lynn Stringer and Kim Harris. Many thanks to those who lent us props, scenery, etc, especially Jonathan Baker for the very popular 'rope bridge' and John Vickers who lent us sound equipment. Lastly, nothing happens without the crew backstage - Ruth O'Toole, Jacky van Zyl, Shana Boama and Jack Leeson. Thank you all! *Karen, Director*



Clubs and Organisations



SUNDAY CLUB
SUNDAY FUNDAY
5TH MARCH
19TH MARCH
GAMES, CRAFTS, STORIES,
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND MORE
NEWCASTLE - 12 NOON



Monday afternoon during term time:
Junior Infants - 1st Class 2:20pm-2:50pm
2nd to 6th Class - 2:20pm - 3:20pm

Junior Choir

YOUTH GROUP

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 10th March - 7:30-9pm
Friday 24th March - 7:30-9pm



from 4th Class up

Junior Table Tennis

Mondays 7 - 8pm
at the Parish Centre.
All aged 9 and over
very welcome!



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Bowls Club

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



Everyone very 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 8pm upstairs in the Parish Centre.

New members very welcome.

Come and enjoy a sing!

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 but also I am in my office at the parish centre each Tuesday morning, please feel free to drop in and say hello!
Ross

Baptism at Newcastle Church

19th February 2023. Samuel Stringer, son of Mark and Veronica Stringer, Leabeg Middle, Newcastle, Co Wicklow.

We welcome Sam to our church community and pray that he will bring joy and laughter to his family. Congratulations.

We're going out for

Easter Lunch

on Thursday 6th April

Please let Karen know by 28th March latest

if you'd like to attend



Upstairs in the Parish Centre

Friday mornings

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Everyone very welcome!



*Rector's
Breakfast*

*Tuesday's from
8:45
(termtime)*

Prayer Space

*Tuesday mornings from
9:15am*



Will's Playground

The Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and acting Minister for Justice, Simon Harris TD, recently visited St. Francis National School and the parish centre. He very kindly joined us to discuss a very special project for the school and community, a playground which will be built on the school grounds in memory of Will Leeson. This will be named Will's Playground. Our plans are at an early stage and we have a lot of hard work and fundraising ahead but when completed this playground will be a lasting testament to Will and a great addition for the school community. I would like to thank Julie and Andrew Leeson for their vision for this playground and their determination to bring us to this stage. Together, as a community, we will make this happen. – Ross



KIDS



Genesis Bible Word Search

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Bible Word Search by BiblePuzzles.com

ABEL
ABRAHAM
ADAM
ARK
BABEL
BEGINNING
BENJAMIN
BROTHERS
CAIN
COVENANT
CREATION
DREAMS
EGYPT
EVE
FAMINE
FLOOD
GARDEN OF EDEN
ISAAC
ISRAEL
JACOB
JOSEPH
LIGHT

MAN
MOON
PHARAOH
RAINBOW
SABBATH
SARAH
SERPENT
SEVEN DAYS

SIN
STARS

TREE OF LIFE
WOMAN



SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 5th Second Sunday in Lent	Calary	9.30	RS	HC	Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 121
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	HC	Romans 4: 1-5 13-17
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	HC	John 3: 1-17
Sunday 12th Third Sunday in Lent	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	Romans 5: 1-11
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	John 4: 5-42
Mothering Sunday 19th Fourth Sunday in Lent	Calary	9.30	RS	Service of the Word	1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS		Ephesians 5: 8-14
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		John 9: 1-41
Sunday 26th Fifth Sunday in Lent	Calary	9.30	RS	FS	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	FS	Romans 8: 6-11
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	FS	John 11: 1-45



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.