



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

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From the Rector

Dear friends,

This March will be a very busy month in our parishes!

On March 1st our senior Youth Club are having their first get together, for a movie and pizza! Our Youth groups will now be on alternate Fridays, with our fantastic existing group from 4th class to 6th class, and then our new group from 1st year upwards.

On Saturday 2nd March we are hosting the Dublin and Glendalough Church's Ministry of Healing Quiet Day, in the Parish Centre in Newcastle. Lydia Monds will be leading us. Further information is on our parish social media and CMH:I. All are very welcome!

On Saturday March 9th, Champagne is the order of the day as our parish play, *Champagne Tours*, arrives on stage for our Theatre Supper! There will be a matinee performance on Mother's Day, Sunday 10th March!

Then we have St. Patrick's Day, followed by Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday! Yet, despite all this busyness, we are still in the season of Lent, when we are called to reflect, to fast, to pray, a season filled with a great sense of expectation and hope, even though there are many difficult days on the path to the cross, before the joy of the Resurrection. Now, as we are at a midpoint in Lent, this hope is mirrored outside, in the wonder of God's creation, as we leave late winter and move towards the joy of spring, to the joy of Easter Sunday, the greatest day of the year. I hope that the weather continues to improve and that you all get time to enjoy it.

On Monday 5th February, we gathered as a community in Newcastle church for a service of thanksgiving for the life of Michael Pettigrew. We extend our deepest sympathies to Margaret and all of Michael's family and friends and we keep them in our prayers.

A huge thank you to June Roe for her very generous donation to Calary Church, towards new chairs for the church room, in memory of her husband Willie.

Our new monthly Youth Service started on Sunday evening, 18th February, at 6pm. The service was led by our confirmation candidates and there was food afterwards in the parish centre. I would just like to express a huge thank you to all our confirmation candidates who led the service - to the musicians, readers, collectors, leaflet distributors, and welcomers. Thank you! You were all amazing! And a huge thank you to everyone who prepared the delicious food afterwards and to everyone who came!

In early February, as part of a community project, Transition year students from East Glendalough School visited some parishioners in and around Newcastle. A huge thank you to them, there was great feedback about their visits! It is a project that I would love to see continue and grow.

Our confirmation candidates will be confirmed by the Archbishop on Sunday 5th May at 10.30 am in Newcastle church. Please keep all of our confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Our prayer course is continuing each Wednesday evening through Lent, at 8pm in the parish centre. If you have not already joined us, there is still time! It is a relaxed evening with an informal exploration of prayer and refreshments. All are most welcome!

I am slowly (but surely!) struggling through my Lenten walking challenge of 6km a day! It has mostly been early morning and late evening but I hope to be able to announce some locations over the next week or so, if people would like to join me! I am hoping to raise some money for Newcastle Church and for Jigsaw, a local Wicklow charity which offers expert mental health advice and support to young people. This walking challenge is a warm up for a bigger challenge later in the year, for the same causes, when I hope to walk the full length of the Wicklow Way, from Marley Park to Clonegal, all 127km!

Our Junior Choir were amazing at our Family Service on February 25th! A huge thank you to all our choir members for your superb singing and to Russell, thank you so much for giving your time and talent to the junior choir, it is hugely appreciated! Junior choir rehearsals take place each Monday at 2.20pm in the Parish Centre. All children welcome to join!

We are delighted that Andy is back with our beloved Parish Choir! The Parish Choir rehearses for upcoming Holy Communion and special services on Monday evenings in the Parish Centre. New members very welcome!

Holy week and Easter services:

Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion, Newcastle Church 8pm

Good Friday: St. Matthew's Church, 3pm
Newcastle Church, 7pm
Calary Church, 8pm

Easter Sunday: Sonrise Service, Newcastle Beach, 6.50am
Holy Communion, Calary Church, 9.30am
Holy Communion, St. Matthew's Church, 10.45am
Family Communion, Newcastle Church, 12pm

Easter Vestry Meetings:

Calary Parish

Wednesday 17th April, 7.30pm, Church Room, Calary Church.

Newcastle and Newtownmountkenedy Parish

Thursday 18th April, 7.30pm, Newcastle Parish Centre.

Fiona, Ben, Ava and I wish you all a peaceful lent and a happy and a blessed Easter.

God bless,
Ross

*Spring bursts to-day,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.
Flash forth, thou Sun,
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.
Winter is past,
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last,
Bud, Fig and Vine,
Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.
Break forth this morn
In roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.*

*Uplift thy head,
O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.
Beside your dams
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.
All Herds and Flocks
Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.
Sing, Creatures, sing,
Angels and Men and Birds and everything.
All notes of Doves
Fill all our world: this is the time of loves.*

Easter Carol by Christina Rossetti

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HOLY WEEK



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|-----------------|---|--|
| Palm Sunday | Calary 9:30am St. Matthews 10:45am Newcastle 12:00pm | Holy Communion |
| Maundy Thursday | Newcastle 8pm | Holy Communion |
| Good Friday | St. Matthews 3pm Newcastle 7pm Calary 8pm | Reflection |
| Easter Sunday | Newcastle Beach 6:50am Calary 9:30am St. Matthew's 10:45am Newcastle 12:00pm | Son rise service Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Communion |

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" I c a n d o a l l t h i s
t h r o u g h h i m w h o
g i v e s m e
s t r e n g t h . "

P h i l i p p i a n s 4 1 3

**World Day of Prayer
1st March**



DUBLIN & GLENDALOUGH MINISTRY OF HEALING

SPRINGTIME QUIET DAY

———— FINDING GOD ————
IN THE IN-BETWEEN PLACES

MARCH 2ND, 10.30AM - 3PM

NEWCASTLE PARISH CENTRE, CHURCH LANE, NEWCASTLE, CO. WICKLOW, A63 X782

Facilitated by Lydia Monds, Ministry Leader with CMH:I

**Closing with Service of Holy Communion
during which prayer ministry will be offered**

Tea/coffee/soup provided. Please bring a packed lunch

**Booking not essential.
Register your interest by emailing Jeanne:
healing.dgdc@gmail.com**

No charge, donations welcome

Church's
Ministry
of Healing
✦ Ireland



Sunday 10th March

Mothering
Sunday
Services

Calary 9:30 St. Matthew's 11am

*Church
Services*

— ST. PATRICK'S —
Day

Calary - 9:30am

Newcastle - 11am



Palm Sunday

March 24th 2024

Calary - 9:30am

St. Matthew's - 10:45am

Newcastle - 12:00pm

*Palm crosses will be available after
each service*

A sunset scene with three crosses on a hill. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow and long rays. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. Three crosses of varying sizes are silhouetted against the sky on a dark hill. The text 'Easter Sunday Services' is written in a cursive font in the lower half of the image.

Easter Sunday Services

06:50am Newcastle Beach - Son rise service

09:30am Calary Church - Holy Communion

10:45am St. Matthew's Church - Holy Communion

12:00pm Newcastle Church - Family Communion



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EASTER

Egg Hunt

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

AFTER EACH CHURCH SERVICE!



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Easter **Vestry**

**Come and be a part of the
important decision making in YOUR
parish!**



Calary - Wednesday 17th April 2024, in
the Calary Church room @ 7:30pm

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
- Thursday 18th April 2024, in the
Parish Centre @ 7:30pm

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6K A DAY!

Lenten Walking Challenge

**Wednesday 14th February to
Saturday 30th March incl.**

For More Info

**Call Ross 087-9892941 or e-mail the Parish Centre
nandnparishoffice@gmail.com**

**Raising
funds for
Newcastle
Church
and
Jigsaw**



SUPPER THEATRE

**NEWCASTLE
PLAYERS**

PRESENT

**CHAMPAGNE
TOURS**



Saturday 9th March 2024

Doors open 7.30pm

SOLD OUT!

Matinee Sunday 10th March 2024 at 5pm

Pay at the door

Adults €10

Children €5

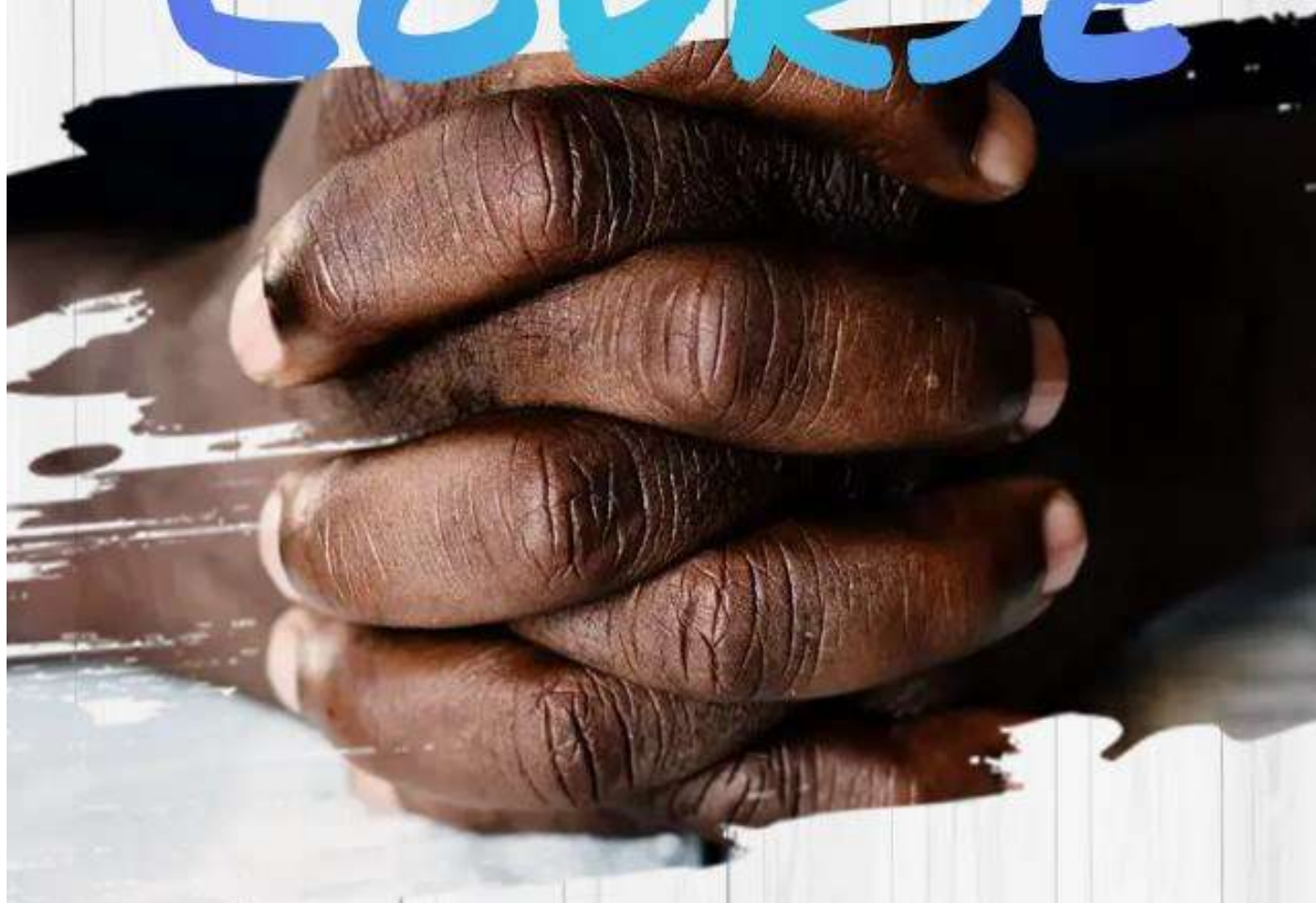


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PRAYER

8 weeks

COURSE



Wednesday 7th February to Wednesday 27th March

Time: 8pm **Venue:** Newcastle Parish Centre

Rerfreshments provided

All are warmly welcome!

Prayer Space

Tuesday mornings from
9:15am

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For children currently in 6th class and 1st year
and to anyone who wishes to be confirmed.

**March Confirmation class:
Sunday 3rd March , 5:15-6pm
In Newcastle Church!**

RECTOR'S *Breakfast*



Tuesdays, from 8:45

During Termtime

in the Parish Centre

All very welcome!

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



Downstairs in the Parish Centre
Friday mornings
10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Everyone very welcome!

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!





ADULT CLUBS



Junior Clubs

Sunday Club

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH
AT 12NOON, NEWCASTLE CHURCH

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR FUN,
GAMES, CRAFTS AND MORE!!

Monday afternoons during term time
Junior Infants to 2nd Class 2.20pm—2.50pm
3rd to 6th Class 2.20pm—3.20pm

Junior Choir

YOUTH CLUB

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 22nd March

Junior Table Tennis
Mondays 7 - 8pm
at the Parish
Centre.

All aged 9 and over
very welcome!

from 4th Class to 1st year

PONG

POSTPONED TO 15th MARCH



Join us for a

PIZZA & MOVIE

Senior Youth Group!

From 1st Year up!



*Friday, March, 1st 2024
From 7pm - 9pm
The Youth Room
Newcastle Parish Centre*

The background of the entire poster is a soft, painterly landscape. It depicts rolling green hills under a pale, hazy sky. In the foreground, a valley is filled with dense, rounded bushes and a small, light-colored building with a dark roof. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Songs of Praise

and Dedication to the late
William Roe.

Calary Parish Church

Sunday 21st April @ 7:30

This will be a service of remembrance and
thanksgiving for the late William Roe, who was a loyal organist
in Calary for over 50 years.

All are welcome to join us.
Refreshments after the service.

Around the parish 2024 so far...

Youth Club



Junior Choir



Sunday Club



Refreshments after the Youth Service



Pub Quiz The final fundraiser!



Friday 1st March @ 8pm
Burnaby pub, Greystones (opposite the Dart station)
€10 entry



Quizmaster : Brian Harris

Raffle: Golf Fourball tickets, wellness hampers, vouchers, bottles of wine plus much more

Wildlife in March

Hedgehogs

From beneath leaf piles and undergrowth, hedgehogs begin to wake from their hibernation towards the end of March. Leaving out food and water can help support them as they rise from their winter slumber. Hedgehogs mainly eat invertebrates, with worms, beetles and caterpillars making up a large portion of their diet.



Bumblebee Queens

In bumblebee colonies, it is only the queen that overwinters. Drones and workers die off in the autumn, leaving the queen to bury herself beneath the soil to endure the cold weather. In March, the queen will begin to emerge and look for food. She will be attracted to early sources of nectar to regain her strength before seeking out an appropriate nest site. They typically like small, abandoned burrows, bird boxes or gaps under sheds. The queen will then focus on creating a new colony, bringing pollen and nectar to her nest site to build up reserves before laying her first clutch of eggs. Make sure you leave those early blooming flowers such as dandelions, daisies and lesser celandine so queens can seek out the food sources they desperately need.



Irish Hares

The Irish hare *Lepus timidus hibernicus* is an endemic sub-species of the arctic hare. Unlike its continental cousins, which are restricted to high mountains and Arctic tundra, Irish hares are found from sea level right up to the tops of the highest Irish mountains. Sadly, this species is threatened by agricultural intensification and competition with the introduced brown hare *Lepus europaeus*, which is found in mid-Ulster.



March is the mating season of hares when “mad March hares” are often seen boxing each other. Contrary to popular belief, the fighting is not typically of males fighting over the opportunity to fight over a female but is in fact females fighting off the advances of unwanted males.



Colouring

SERVICES IN MARCH

| DATE | CHURCH | TIME | ? | SERVICE | READING |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|---|---|
| Sunday 3rd <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> | Calary St Matthew's Newcastle | 9.30 10.45 12.00 | RS | Holy Communion | Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 19 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22 |
| Sunday 10th <i>4th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday</i> | Calary St Matthew's | 9.30 11.00 | RS | Morning Prayer | 1 Samuel 1: 20-28 Psalm 34: 11-20 Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-27 |
| Sunday 17th <i>5th Sunday in Lent St Patrick's Day</i> | Calary Newcastle | 9.30 11.00 | RS | Service of the Word | Deuteronomy 32: 1-9 Psalm 145: 1-13 2 Corinthians 4: 1-12 John 4: 31-38 |
| Sunday 24th <i>6th Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday</i> | Calary St Matthew's Newcastle | 9.30 10.45 12.00 | RS | Holy Communion | Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47 |
| Thursday 28th <i>Maundy Thursday</i> | Newcastle | 20.00 | RS | Holy Communion | Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10), Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 1 Cor. 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35 |
| Friday 29th <i>Good Friday</i> | St Matthew's Newcastle Calary | 15.00 19.00 20.00 | CT RS MT | Reflection | Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1 - 19: 42 |
| Sunday 31st <i>1st Sunday of Easter Easter Day</i> | Newcastle Beach Calary St Matthew's Newcastle | 6.50 9.30 10.45 12.00 | RS | Son Rise Service HC HC Family HC | Acts 10: 34-43 Easter Anthems 1 Cor. 15: 1-11 John 20: 1-18 |



**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.**