





### PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

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Dear Friends,

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 gospels. 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. This Lent, let us reflect on the importance of the sacrifice made for us all at Easter and let us also use these 40 days to make our world a better place.

Our Lenten reflection series 2025 starts on Wednesday 5th March at 8pm in the parish centre and continues each Wednesday during lent with our final one on Wednesday 16th April. It is accessible to everyone and all are warmly welcome!

Bishops' appeal and Church of Ireland Youth Department have teamed up for a special Pancakes and Prayer initiative for Lent, focusing on schools in South Sudan within the dioceses of Ibba. They are part of the Fields of Life Thrive programme. With this in mind, on Sunday 2nd, Sunday Club will be having a pancake morning and for the 'youthful at heart' we will have pancakes at our weekly Rector's Breakfast in the Parish centre on Tuesday 4th March! Boxes available both days if you would like to donate to this worthy cause. Please do join us, if you can!

Heat has returned to Newcastle church, sincere thanks to Robert, James, Peter and Ed! Services are back to our normal times in March.

A huge thank you to Kim and her team following the success of the fashion event held in the parish centre on Saturday 22nd February. Thank you also to everybody who supported the event. Nearly €2,500 was raised for the parish and towards the new playground in Newcastle village!

On the evening of Saturday 1st March, at 7pm, Sandy Blackley, who has recently moved to Newcastle, will give a talk on the humanitarian trips that he has taken to Ukraine, and why they continue to need our support. All are very welcome!

On Tuesday, 4th March, the Reverend Natasha Quinn-Thomas will become the Rector of our neighbouring parish of Delgany. We welcome our new neighbour and we wish her every blessing in her new ministry!

Congratulations to our other neighbours in Wicklow, Rev. Jack and Rachael, on their new arrival, baby Rossa! We wish them every blessing!

On Friday 7th March, International Day of Prayer, Newcastle church will be open from 7 pm for personal prayer and reflection.

On St Patrick's Day, we will have a short service in Calary church at 9.30 am, followed at 11.30 am by the St. Patrick's Day parade in Newtownmountkennedy, with our Youth Groups joining the Parade for the first time! Please come and support them, alongside all the other local community groups that will be involved.

On Saturday 22nd March we are looking forward to hosting the Dublin and Glendalough Church's Ministry of Healing Quiet Day, in the parish centre in Newcastle. Lydia Monds from CMH:I will be leading the quiet day, centred on Psalm 23. All are very welcome!

On Friday 28th March we will be holding our regular Friday tea/coffee morning but it will be in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, Daffodil Day appeal. Please come along and bring a friend! All are warmly welcome and all donations gratefully received.

Rehearsals are under way for this years Newcastle Players performance which will take place after Easter!

Wishing you all a blessed Lent.

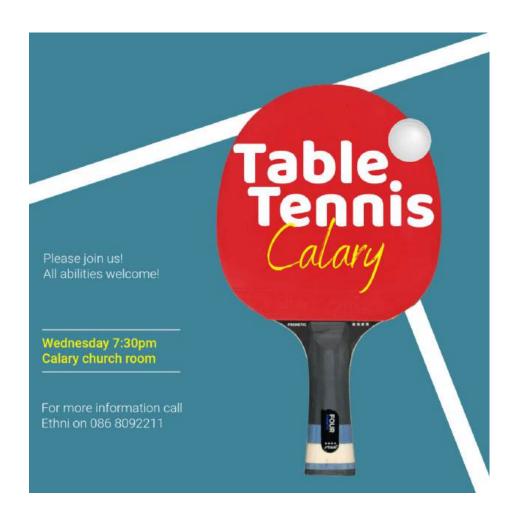
God bless,

## **Calary News**

A World Day of Prayer Service for local parishes, which includes Calary, will be held in Powerscourt Church on Friday 7th March at 7:30pm. All are welcome. As usual we have been asked to supply three readers to take part in the service so if anyone would like to volunteer to do one of the readings please let June or Ethni know asap.

Table Tennis has moved to Wednesday evening, still at 7:30pm. Contact 086 8092211.

The programme for "Music in Calary" for 2025 has now been finalised. Many thanks to Derek, Andrew and Charlotte for all their hard work in getting together an amazing programme for this year.



# Talk on the humanitarian convoy to Ukraine in December 2023

Newcastle Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle, A63 X782

### Saturday 1st March at 7pm

#### by Sandy Blackley

In December 2023, Sandy Blackley, who has recently moved to Newcastle, Co Wicklow, was part of a convoy of 4x4 jeeps carrying Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine.

He received huge support both in cash and medical aids not only in the North Cork area, but from supporters throughout Ireland and abroad.

During the trip which involved 3000km driving through France, Belgium, Germany and Poland he sent back reports to his local newspaper which gave extensive coverage. On returning to Fermoy he put together an edited 45min presentation which has been received by three groups of 60 people in the North Cork area.

With the support of the Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary group of parishes he will be giving this presentation on Saturday 1st March at 7pm in the Parish Centre, Newcastle, A63 X782.

This is not a fundraising exercise but rather an opportunity to thank supporters and to keep the issue of Ukraine alive. No tickets are needed but there will be a basket at the door for contributions for a Ukraine Support group.

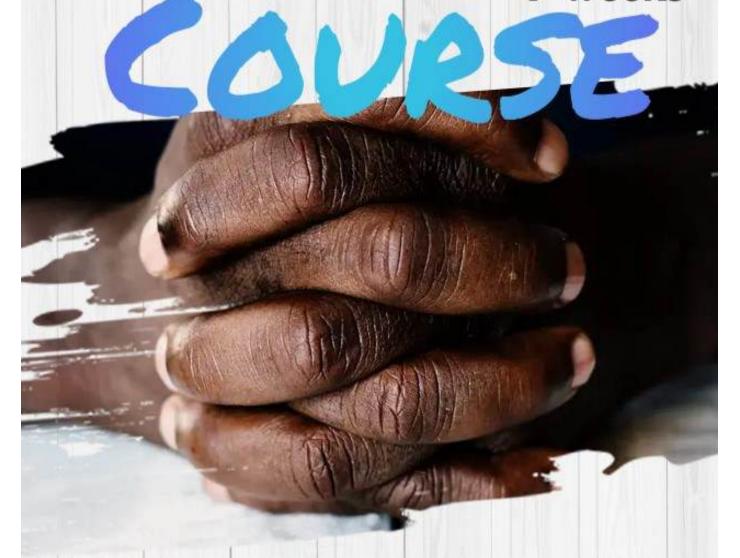




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# PRAYER

7 weeks



Wednesday 5th March to Wednesday 16th April

Time: 8pm

Venue:

Parish Centre, Newcastle

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All are warmly welcome!

## A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

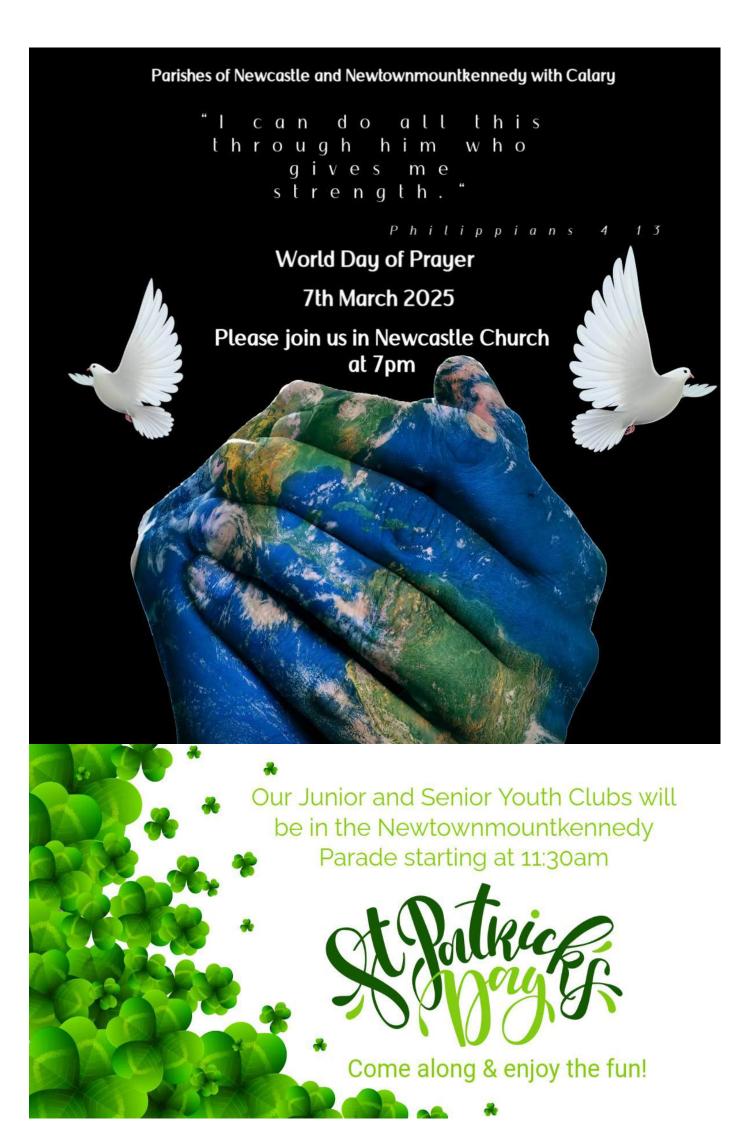
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and souland remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



## 40 Lent Scriptures

### to praw near to god

- Day 1 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8
- Day 2 "And he is the image of the invisible God."
   Colossians 1:15
- Day 3 "Come, all you who are thirsty." Is. 55:1
- Day 4 "And from them will flow streams of living waters." John 7:38
- Day 5 "He is the firstborn over all creation."
   Colossians 1:15
- Day 6 "My ways are not your your ways, nor my thoughts your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8
- Day 7 "There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end, it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12
- Day 8 "Arise and shine for your light has come."
   Isaiah 60:1
- Day 9 "And the people living in darkness have seen a great light." Matthew 4:16
- Day 10 "No servant is greater than His master."
   Matthew 10:24
- Day 11 "That he lays down his life for his friends."
   John 15:13
- Day 12 "In you, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28
- Day 13 "I have set before you an open door which no man can shut." Rev 3:8
- Day 14 "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6
- Day 15 "In the beginning, God created." Genesis 1:1
- Day 16 "I looked and saw a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the Lamb." Rev 7:9
- Day 17 "Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5
- Day 18 "There is no language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3
- Day 19 "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10
- Day 20 "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14

- Day 21 "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."
   Matthew 5:14
- Day 22 "No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
- . Day 23 "I am the beginning and the end." Rev 21:6
- Day 24 "According to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:11
- Day 25 "I was dead, and behold, now I am alive forever more." Rev 1:18
- Day 26 "I hold the keys to death and Hell." Rev 1:18
- Day 27 "There is no one who can snatch them out of my hand." John 10:18
- Day 28 "And we have put our trust in His love."
   1 John 4:16
- Day 29 "And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:24
- Day 30 "How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those that fear you." Psalm 31:19
- Day 31 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:3
- Day 32 "All who come after me must deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow me." Luke 9:23
- Day 33 "In your light, we see light." Psalm 36:9
- Day 34 "But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life and only a few find it." Matthew 7:14
- Day 35 "There is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved." Acts 4:12
- Day 36 "Truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3
- Day 37 "If you seek me, you will find me, if you seek me with your whole heart." Jeremiah 29:13
- Day 38 "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." Romans 10:8
- Day 39 "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32
- Day 40 "When he found one very precious pearl, he sold all he had and bought it." Matthew 13:46



International Women's Day is a holiday celebrated annually as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.

God our Creator, you have built up your Church through the love and devotion of women everywhere. Inspire us to follow their great example that we may, with them, share in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.



In partnership with







Saturday 22nd March, 10am - 3pm Newcastle Parish Centre, Co. Wicklow, A63 X782.

### HE RESTORES MY SOUL



Tea, Coffee & Soup provided. B.Y.O. lunch
Free Event. Donations welcome. To book, contact Jeanne:
healing.dgdc@gmail.com

## On Mothering Sunday



Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you as we celebrate Mothering Sunday; a chance to express thankfulness and joy as we remember our own mothers and the mother figures in our lives. We celebrate their wisdom and their strength. Surround them with your love, hope and comfort. May they feel appreciated and honoured, not just today but everyday.

We also remember and pray for those for whom today will be difficult and sad. We ask that your unfailing love will surround them and that they will feel your presence in their lives. Amen.



Daffodil Day
Coffee Morning
in aid of
Irish Cancer Society
Friday 28th March
10:30-12noon
Parish Centre,
Newcastle A63 X782







## Music in Calary 2025

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

The Seven Last Word of Christ by Joseph Haydn

Arteo Quartet: Sokol Koka (cello) Jisun Min (violin)

Andrew Sheeran (violin) Giammaria Tesei (viola)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May John Medlycott Memorial Concert Anna Cashell (violin) Aisling Ennis (harp)

June Piano Festival with Steinway Grand Piano Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Festival Opens Kalle Peura (piano)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June Janet Ashe Memorial Concert Lorna Breen (soprano) Sarah Kilcoyne (mezzo) and accompanist (piano)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Fionnuala Moynihan (piano) Kieran Moynihan (flute)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June Macdara Ó'Seireadáin (clarinet) with piano and viola

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July Musici Ireland Ioana Petcu-Colan (violin) Beth McNinch (viola) Vourneen Ryan (flute)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September Art Exhibition Chien Buggle (classical guitar)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September Culture night
Andrew Sheeran (violin) Catriona Finnegan (cello)

Information & Booking
01 281 8118 | derekneilson11@gmail.com

Calary Church is on the R766 | Exit 8 off N11 | A98 H766

Concerts start at 8 pm €15 |€18

Music in Calary is Sponsored by Wicklow Co. Co. Arts



## **Around the Parishes in February!**



Happy Birthday Tony!



Celebrating friendship this Valentine's Day 💞











Junior Youth Group Fun



Castle Kidz celebrating St Valentine's Day





St Francis' whole school trip to Newcastle Aerodrome



Sunday Club making St Brigid's Day crosses

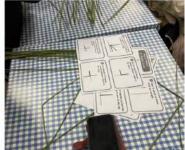






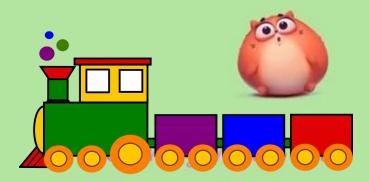








## Stay and Play



WHEN: every Wednesday

WHERE: Parish Centre, Newcastle, A63X782

TIME: 10.00~11.30

FOR: newborns ~under 5's and their adults

All welcome to this friendly, informal group.

Lots of fun for little ones while we grab a

cuppa.

Whatsapp/text 0860659637 for more info or just drop in.

No charge, donations towards tea and biscuits welcome



## Fashion Show











ENTRANCE €25 WITH A GLASS OF BUBBLY INCLUDED **ALL ARE WELCOME** 

7PM TILL LATE | FISHERS, NEWTOWN A63 HW54

PURCHASE TICKETS VIA QRCODE

#### Christmas Tree Recycling

The Christmas tree collection was also another highlight of Term 1. It raised €2,300 and it involved 8 parents from the school and about 10 hours of their time at the end of the Christmas holidays. We feel privileged to have such an active, involved group of parents even outside of the Parents Association. So thank you to everyone involved.



#### Wine Night

I think everyone who attended this event will agree that a great night was had by all. It certainly didn't' feel like a fundraising event - although an amazing €2,370 was raised on the night. A huge thanks to Vaughan & Nicola Yates who worked very hard on putting this together – using their many contacts in the wine industry and offering a very fun and educational evening. The biggest surprise of the night was the joy of realising that all those great bottles of wine could be found at Watchorn's Daybreak (in our very own local shop.)



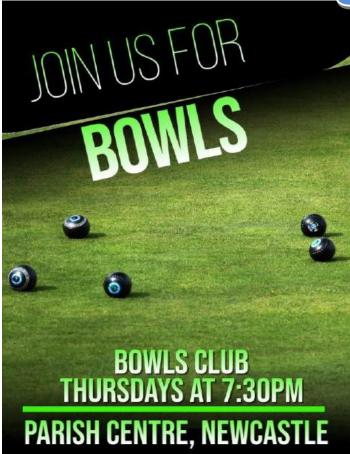


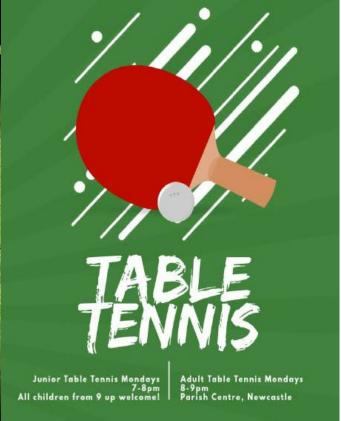


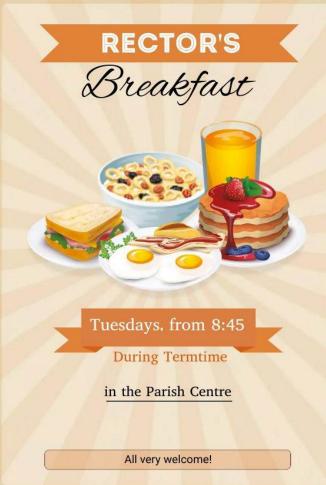
We are delighted to inform you that St Francis NS has been selected to be part of Tesco Community Fund, in Tesco, Kilcoole

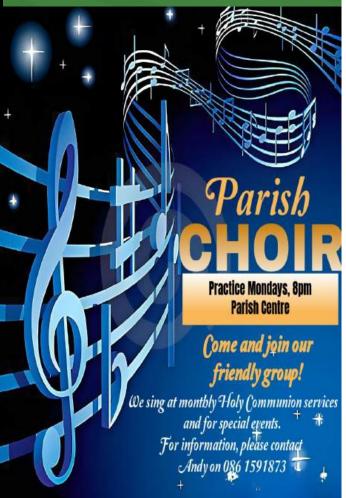
> From Monday 24th of February for 12 weeks

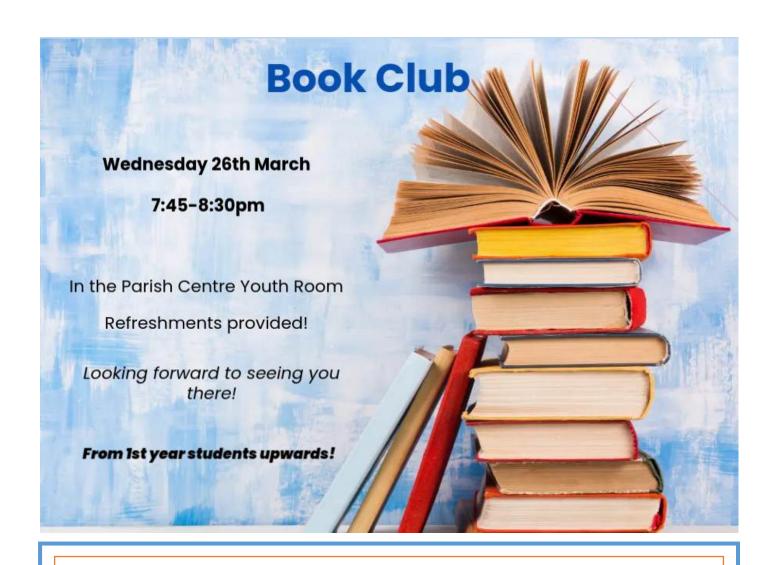
Clubs & Organisations



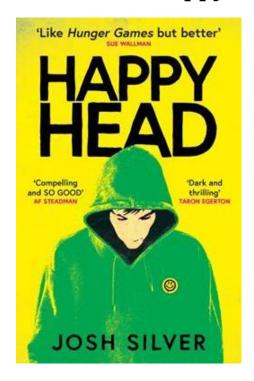


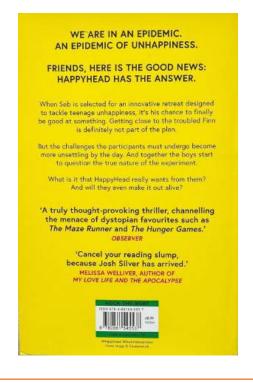






If you would like to read along we are currently reading Happy Head by Josh Silver





**YOUTH CLUB** 

Join us!

**Newcastle Parish Centre** 

March - Friday 7th & 21st

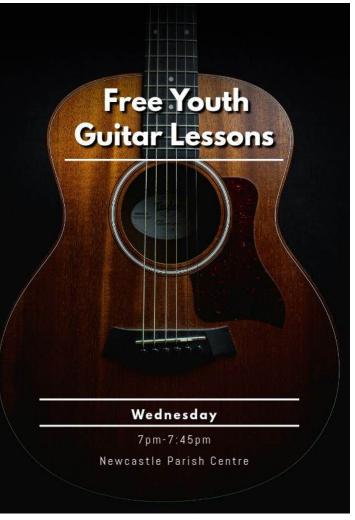




From 1st year up!

All warmly welcome!







### ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

Ash

Holy Thursday Forty Days

Holy Week

Palm Branch

Wednesday

Sacrifice

Good Friday

Jesus

Almsgiving

Holy Saturday Passover

Prayer

Purple

Easter

Foot Washing

Fasting

Palm Sunday

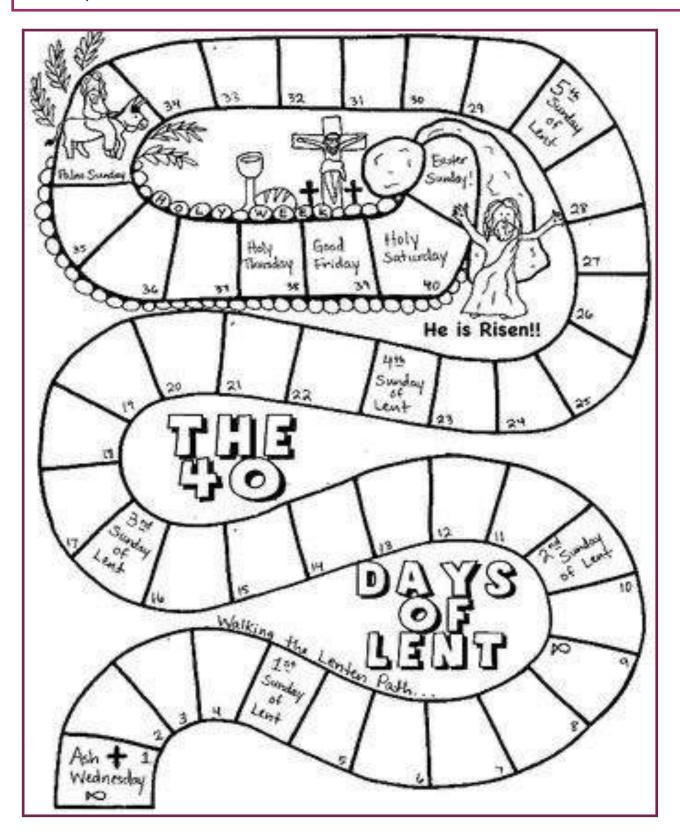
Resurrection

Lent

Love



This lent why not try to do something positive each day! An act of kindness e.g. using kind words, helping tidy up etc. An act of friendship e.g. include someone, paly a game with a neighbour etc. An extra moment of prayer, Spending more time out in nature, Taking a minute to be grateful for what you have, Read a bible story, Set aside time to read more of your book, Draw something, Sing, Dance... anything at all but something with intention each day.





## March

The sun is nervous

As a kite

That can't quite keep

Its own string tight.

Some days are fair,
And some are raw.
The timid earth
Decides to thaw.

Shy budlets peep From twigs on trees, And robins join The chickadees.

Pale crocuses

Poke through the ground

Like noses come

To sniff around.

The mud smells happy
On our shoes.
We still wear mittens,
Which we lose.



## Easy Pancake Recipe

Ingredients

- 100g plain flour
- · 2 large eggs
- · 300ml milk
- 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil plus a little extra for frying
- · lemon wedges to serve (optional)
- · caster sugar to serve (optional)

#### Method

Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter. This should be similar in consistency to single cream.

Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.

Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.

When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, using around half a ladleful of batter per pancake. Keep them warm in a low oven as you make the rest.

Serve with lemon wedges and caster sugar, or your favourite filling. Once cold, you can layer the pancakes between baking parchment, then wrap in cling film and freeze for up to two months.



Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle

Playschool
Open 9am to 12 noon
5 days a week
Full-time and Part-time places
ECCE and non-ECCE

Excellent facilities indoors and outdoors

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5 days a week
Full-time and Part-time places available

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Now taking bookings for September 2025



## **Parish Centre Room Hire**

Large hall with stage suitable for performances, seminars, parties, sport, dance and much more!

Also, a fully equipped kitchen, a youth room, sitting room and large conference room.

Wheelchair accessible.



Contact the parish office for more details or to view on 085-1640133

Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle, A63 X782









# he Breastplate of St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear who hears me.

# SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 2nd The Sunday before Lent Transfiguration	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Holy Communion	Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2 Luke 9: 28-36
Wednesday 5th Ash Wednesday	St Matthew's	10:30	RS	Holy Communion	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm 51: 1-18 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
Friday 7th World day of Prayer	Newcastle	7pm	RS	Church open for Prayer	
Sunday 9th The first Sunday in Lent	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	СТ	Morning Prayer	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13
Sunday 16th The second Sunday in Lent	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Service of the Word	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1 Luke 13: 31-35



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's.

Everyone is warmly welcome for tea/coffee in the McLean Room after all services.

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DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Monday 17th St Patrick's Day	Calary	9:30	RS	Morning Prayer	Psalm 106: 1-5 Isaiah 51: 1-8 Acts 16: 6-10
Sunday 23rd The third Sunday in Lent	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Service of Wholeness and Healing	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Psalm 63: 1-9 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9
Sunday 30th The fourth Sunday in Lent	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Family Service on Mothering Sunday	Joshua 5: 9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

