



MAY 2013

PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Forgive me if this story is one you have often heard repeated but I think there could be a moral there worth considering!

A police recruit's response to a problem set in a training exam read as follows:-

You are on the beat and you see two dogs fighting. The dogs knock a baby out of its pram causing a car to swerve off the road and smash into a grocer's shop. A pedestrian is seriously injured, but, during the confusion a woman's bag is snatched. A crowd of onlookers chase after the thief and, in a huge building up of traffic, the ambulance is blocked from getting to the victim of the crash. State, in order of priority, your course of action?

The immediate response from the recruit, 'Take off my uniform and mingle with the crowd'!

Jesus was never afraid to stand out from the crowd and challenge systems and traditions which he felt had lost their focus or had become so legalistic that they were nothing more than rules and regulations. There is a place for rules, regulations, tradition and structure but the danger is that they can so often become substitutes for the real essence and core of what they are meant to represent. Real growth only takes place when we are willing to face challenge, and challenge carries with it the real possibility of the need for change. We need to be in a state of continually assessing what we do, why we do it and what would Jesus do or want us to do in the various situations we find ourselves in.

Perhaps in an uncertain world we learn more of what it means to really trust in God even when our world, like the recruit's, seems out of control! The little poem says a lot in a few words:-

Said the robin to the sparrow
I would really like to know
why those anxious human beings
rush about and worry so?
Said the sparrow to the robin
'Friend, I think that it must be
that they have no Heavenly Father
such as cares for you and me'!

God Bless,
William

Youth Club



YOUTH CLUB TRIP

LASER TAG



On the 6th of April, some people from the youth club went on a trip to Rathdrum. Two cars set off to laser tag. When we got there we first went on bumper boats on a lake, while Andy and his friend, who owned the place, set up the laser tag.

As we approached the field we were shocked at how big the field was. The rules were explained to us and that, to get eliminated, you needed to get 'shot at' a number of times. We were all given guns and a strap to wear on our heads. The object of the game was to 'shoot' people where the target was on their head. Laser beams were used instead of real bullets.

We split up into two teams which included Andy, Mr. Bennett and the owner of the laser tag. We played Capture the Flag and Last Man Standing. Throughout the hour we had great fun 'killing' each other and watching Mr. Bennett falling on his face while capturing the flag and Andy getting 'killed' within the first 2 minutes. There was only a small group of us, Jordan Grant Roe, Cormac Shannon, Sam Molloy, Robert Norse, Jenny Massy and myself. It was a brilliant day out and really got the adrenaline pumping! I'm sure we would all agree that another trip there would be great craic!

By Gary O'Sullivan

Holy Baptism at Newcastle

21st April: Eoghan Byrne, son of Jonathan and Lorraine, Church Lane, Newcastle. We are very happy to congratulate Jonathan and Lorraine and hope that Eoghan will grow to love and serve God in whose name he is baptised, but are very sorry to be saying goodbye to them and their children as they move to the London area. Lorraine has been a valued Sunday School teacher and superintendent as well as organising our children's summer club/camp. She was also an active member of the parents and tots group. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness in their new home and work.

Lunch at the Cottage

This month's lunch will be a little later than usual. It will take place on Thursday 23rd May. Sherry from 12.45pm as usual. Lunch at 1pm. All welcome but please book ahead with Karen 087-2866889.



Safeguarding Trust Training

There will be Safeguarding Trust Training for all those who work with young people in the parish, or who intend to in the future, on Thursday 30th May in the McLean Room at St Matthew's Church. Training from 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Coffee in the Cottage

Drop in for coffee or tea any Tuesday from 10.30am in Rectory Cottage. Everyone is welcome for a chat and a bit of craic. We're a friendly bunch !



Breakfast in the Cottage

Pop in to the cottage for breakfast from 8.40am on any last Thursday of the month before school assembly in the church

Sustentation

Your Sustentation Envelopes for the first half of the year are enclosed with this month's PINS. Please give what you can towards the running of our churches and parish activities.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lynn Stringer on winning a silver medal at the Royal Horticultural London Botanical Art Show. This is the largest botanical art show in the UK and Lynn, as the only Irish entrant, did very well to win a medal in a truly international field

Parish Trip

Is anyone out there interested in going on a parish trip on the last weekend of September 2013 to Bratislava and Vienna? No details as yet until we assess how many would like to go. Contact Karen if you are interested. No commitment—it's just information gathering at this stage.

Select Vestry 2013/2014

Rector's Churchwarden Newcastle:

Ed Power

People's Churchwarden Newcastle:

Karen Reynolds

Rector's Churchwarden St Matthew's:

Richard Ntow

People's Churchwarden St Matthew's:

Douglas Hatton

Rector's Glewarden:

James Norse

People's Glewarden:

Mervyn Garrett

Select Vestry

Margaret Murphy (Hon. Secretary)

Andy Sleeman (Hon. Treasurer)

Gillian O'Neill

Caroline Tindal

Erika White

Edie Wheatley

Marjorie Stokes

Peter Johnston

Billy Smith

Michael Pettigrew

Maurice Madden

Ian Fleming

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

Items must be received by MONDAY 20th May for publication

Clubs and Organisations

Bowls

The season for indoor bowls is winding down but several of the Club matches remain to be played. Any member who is aware that they have unplayed matches to complete would be advised to contact their opponents and arrange to get them played as soon as possible. The club aims to finish by the end of May.

There was a good turnout for the Millennium Cup which we hosted on 13th April. The winners were Newtown with Aughrim as the runners up. In spite of some very promising newcomers who joined us this year, Newcastle didn't feature in the results this time but we hope for better results next year as the newer members gain experience.

The new Season will commence in early September as usual.

Table Tennis

Table tennis continues every Monday evening from 8pm in the McLean Room (behind St Matthew's Church in Newtownmountkenedy). There is a growing number taking part and new members are always welcome. Information from Heather at 087-9422172

Junior Table Tennis

If you are of secondary school age, and would be interested in playing table tennis on a Monday evening from 7-8pm please let the Rector know. If there are enough players the junior section of the club will go ahead. In that case, needless to say, a rota of adult supervision will have to be put in place, so if you would be willing to take a turn on the rota please put your name forward.

Walking Club

A small group braved the drizzly weather on Wednesday 24th April for the inaugural meeting of the club, and ended up having a very pleasant walk up the Church Lane. Future walks on Wednesdays.

Planned Walks

Wed 1st, 7.30pm Rectory Cottage
Wed 8th, 7.30pm Newcastle Beach

Youth Club

8pm

Friday 3rd May

Friday 17th May

Information

Paul 085-7871541

Parents and Toddlers

Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in to Rectory Cottage on a Monday morning from 10.30am for chat, tea/coffee and a play.

Creche

The crèche is available in Rectory Cottage during all morning services in Newcastle Church. All pre-schoolers are welcome and parents can stay with their child or pop over during the service if they wish. Two volunteer parents supervise each week.

Sunday School

Everyone at Sunday School sends Lorraine and her family every good wish for the future as they start their new life in the UK.

This month there will be Sunday School at Newcastle on Sundays 19th and 26th May. As usual children will leave with the teachers after the first hymn.

Mothers Union

On a recent outing to see ‘Calendar Girls’ in the Mermaid Theatre in Bray, some of us came across the Greystones branch of the Mothers Union having a great night out. It prompted us to wonder about reviving our parish branch. By coincidence, the President of the Mothers Union in the Dublin/ Glendalough diocese was giving a workshop at the Faith in Action Conference and would be more than willing to visit us to help set up. For everyone’s information, the Mothers Union has moved with the times. It now takes men and non-mothers and is interested in all types of families—not just the traditional nuclear family. It really needs a new name! Interested persons contact Karen.

**Select Vestry Meeting
on Wednesday
1st May at 8pm
in the McLean Room**

Time Out

Time Out continues for the month of May in Rectory Cottage on Tuesdays from 8.30pm. All welcome.

*Pictured at King James’ Corner
on Church Lane
Wednesday Walkers
(except for photographer William)*



Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy Parish Fair



Circus Skills

Stalls

BBQ

Games

**Saturday
18th May**

Face
Painting

Pony
Rides

12 noon - 4pm

Snacks

Raffle

**St Francis School,
Newcastle**

Photo
Booth

Fancy
Dress

Teas

Bouncy Castle

All the Fun of the Circus!

Family Day Out

Admission: Adults €2

Children Free



WE WANT YOUR STUFF!

**Books
Bric-a-brac
CDs, DVDs, Games
Good Toys
Plants
Jewellery
Bottles**



WE WANT YOUR BAKING!

**Cakes
Small Cakes
Breads
Tray Bakes
Biscuits
Jams
Chutneys**



WE WANT YOUR BODIES!

**Helping on a stall or game
Setting up
Taking down**

**MOST IMPORTANTLY
WE WANT YOU TO COME TO
THE FAIR WITH YOUR FAMILY
AND HAVE FUN!**

**Please leave donations in to Rectory Cottage
Contact Karen 087-2866889 for more information**

CALARY NEWS

Easter Vestry

Calary's Easter Vestry was held on Thursday 11 April. William went through a review of the year and thanked all of those who had assisted in any way during the year, including the churchwardens, organists, those who cleaned the church and made it look so well for services. This was followed by election of Select Vestry.

Discussions then took place on the Arts Festival in October, the events that have been arranged for Music in Calary and the next parish social event. Thanks is also due to those ladies who provided tea on the night of the meeting.

Calary Supper

A thanks to all of those who served up such a wonderful feast to the 50 people who attended the supper on Friday 19 April. The church room was full to capacity and thank you to all of our friends from Newcastle, Newtownmount-kennedy and our neighbours who supported this fund raising event

Parish Barbeque

We are planning a BBQ on 29th June for the parish and hope to have a plant stall for Fields of Life to top up the funds. Gardeners, please pot up some plants for the stall.

Calary Select Vestry 2013/2014

Rector's Churchwarden

Derek Neilson

People's Churchwarden

Elizabeth Keeley

Glebewarden

Eve Holmes

Claire Chambers (Hon Secretary)
Charlotte O'Brien (Hon Treasurer)

Elizabeth Evans

Stephen Gillies

Lastley Gray

John Medlycott

Gay Nutall

Tempe Pearson

June Roe

Ethni Seymour

Elizabeth Sutton

Marjorie Travers

Roundwood Historical Society

Saturday 1 June - Wicklow's Mining Heritage; A guided tour with the Glens of Lead Project, exploring the history of four mining valleys in upland Wicklow. Meet at 1.15pm outside Roundwood Parish Centre.

Kilbride Garden Tea Party

This event will take place from 3pm on Sunday 11 May at Powerscourt Rectory. The charge is €10 per person or a table costs €30 for 4 persons and bookings can be made by ringing 2863534.

Music in Calary

May is the start of our 2013 season and the events for this month are:

Wednesday 15 May at 8pm: Sarah Power (soprano), Donna Gallagher (soprano) and Anna Cardova (piano).

Friday 17 May at 8pm: Moya O'Grady (cello), Geraldine O'Doherty (harp), Catherina Lemoni (piano) and David O'Doherty (violin).



Saturday 18 May at 8pm, The Janet Ashe Memorial Concert: Fiachra Garvey (piano)

Sunday 19 May at 11am, Masterclass for young pianists.

Booking for these events is essential and tickets may be ordered by emailing derekneilson@eircom.net



CALARY



SUPPER



The Korean Cross Returns to Korea



Canon Bob Jennings, together with over 200 veterans from Ireland, England, and the Commonwealth, returned to Korea at the end of April to remember the 60th anniversary of the Armistice.

As he appears to be the only surviving Irish army chaplain of the Korean War, he has been asked to conduct six services including the dedication of a war memorial to Irish soldiers and civilians who were killed during the war. Others include memorial services at United Nations and Commonwealth war cemeteries. Anzac Day for New Zealanders and Australians, and Imjin Battlefield service for Royal Ulster Rifles.

Canon Bob brought with him the Korean Cross from Newcastle Church and used it at all the Services. It had been fashioned from shell cases used in the Korean War. It was a fitting symbol of the Prophet Micah's promise of turning "swords into plough shares and spears into pruning hooks" - a weapon of war but now a symbol of peace and reconciliation.

Three and a quarter million soldiers and civilians from all sides lost their lives in the largely forgotten Korean War 1951—1953. Many young men from the Irish Republic served in the United Nations Korean War, not only in Irish Regiments, but also in British and Commonwealth Regiments.



Faith in Action Conference

The Rector, Karen Reynolds and Derek Neilson attended the Faith in Action Conference organised by the Diocesan Social Action Committee, and held on Saturday 20th April in the Church of Ireland College of Education in Rathmines. It was both a challenging and inspirational day.

There were three speakers in the morning session. Father Peter McVerry spoke about his work with the homeless over the last 40 years. His passion for justice for those who not only have no material possessions, but also have no one to care about them, was evident in the stories he told to illustrate their plight.

Alice Leahy spoke about her work with Trust, which is an organisation which also works with the homeless, ensuring that hundreds have a daily meal and somewhere to wash and receive basic medical care.

Lastly, Rev Olive Donoghue from the Stradbally Union of Parishes spoke about the links she and her parish have forged with charities and how she went about initiating these links. Her talk could only be described as hilarious while, at the same time, getting her point across very effectively.

In the afternoon everyone was assigned two workshops covering various topics such as Dealing with Debt, Online Bullying, Creating Links between Parish and Disadvantaged Communities, Educational Disadvantage, Positive Mental Health, Healthy Eating on a Budget, and Engaging with New Communities. Most of these workshops were covered between the three representatives. The workshops were a mix of information, discussion and an opportunity to ask questions.

All in all, the day very definitely produced food for thought about the role of our church in a world where so many are suffering and deprived.

Children's Page

BibleWise

Jesus is Alive Maze

Early Easter morning, Mary Magdalene visited Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away, and Jesus was not in the tomb. She was very sad because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body.

Then Mary saw a man she thought was the gardener. She was so happy to see the man was Jesus! She ran to tell the disciples Jesus was alive.

Help Mary find her way to Jesus tomb.



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JJ's Childcare

incorporating

Montessori Playschool

Janet Johnston: Mont. BA. First Aid Cert. Garda Vetted.
Non-Smoker. Full Driver's Licence. Experienced.

Service: Montessori Playschool
ECCE PLACES AVAILABLE
Childcare. Flexible Hours

Location: Newcastle

Age Group: 2.5 years - 5 years

Opening Hours: 8.30am - 1.00pm

Sessional: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:5

Insurance: Yes

HSE: Yes, notified & inspected

Description: Bright, spacious, airy, well-equipped facility
Safe & secure outdoor playground
Large garden suitable for nature walks

Web/Brochure/Photos: Google 'janet johnston wicklow'

e-mail: jjschildcare@eircom.net

Telephone: 01 2011638 087 2887429

SERVICES IN MAY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 5th	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Joel 2:21-27</i> <i>Acts 16:9-15</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 12th	Calary United Service	11.00	WB	Rogation Service + Holy Baptism	<i>Bring food for picnic. Tea, coffee and juice supplied.</i>
Sunday 19th Pentecost	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Gen. 11:1-9</i> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 26th Trinity	Calary	9.30	MC	MP	<i>Prov. 8:1-4 & 22-31</i> <i>Rom. 5:1-5</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	MC	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	MC	MP	

WB William Bennett
CT Caroline Tindal MC Michael Croly



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.
All welcome!