

PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary

MAY 2014



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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

The story is told of Jonathan Swift who, surveying his uncompromising congregation, began his sermon, "There are three kinds of pride - of birth, of riches and of talents. I shall not speak of the latter, none of you being liable to that abominable vice". I am delighted to be rector of this group of Parishes where there is an abundance of talent and many of you use that God given talent and gifts to good affect in our community and further afield.

It is that time of year again when we think of some change. The Easter Vestries present us with the opportunity to elect new members to represent us on our Select Vestries with the usual opportunities for change in personnel and office bearers. We are very fortunate to have a healthy supply of gifted and willing people to choose from. The next issue of PINS will have an account of the Easter Vestries and the names of those chosen to represent you for the next year. This time I must signal my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all who have faithfully served during this past year. Countless hours were given freely by Select Vestry members and Building Committee members. Added to this was the sterling work carried out by all Churchwardens and Glebe Wardens. Economically, times have been challenging for most families in the wake of the infamous tiger and I say a very sincere thank you to all who have given sacrificially to the Lords work in the Parish. Income is down somewhat but we are still in a much more healthy state than many parishes who are really struggling to make ends meet and, in an increasing number of cases, are not meeting their financial commitments.

The completion of the Parish Centre at Newcastle will bring great changes to ministry in the area. This completion has been long talked about and it may seem a long time in coming to a reality but it is almost here! September will be very special when we see the premises opened for use and there will be increasing activity as more and more events, organisations, clubs and activities get established there. There will be a Parish Office which will be open for a certain number of hours during the week, those hours yet to be decided. We have all stops out getting important preparations sorted for the Play School, Castle Kidz, to open for the beginning of the school year, and there will be an official opening of the centre at a date yet to be set.

I feel humbled while looking at the monthly, weekly and daily parish activities involving many of you on a regular basis. The calendar of events is truly amazing and increasing, and this is only possible due to the commitment of parishioners who sacrifice themselves and their time for their involvement in ministry within our parishes. Calary is now firmly on the cultural map with its music and art and is seen more and more as a real centre for community in that area. Table tennis and Sunday School are regular activities and when opportunities arise the people of Calary are always ready to be visionary and do things which enhance the community. A classic example of this is the pin hole camera workshop which will be of great interest to many and the annual participation in the historical week in opening the church for guided tours.

If Jonathan Swift were here to comment I am sure he would express very positive remarks to make about the talents used by parishioners in God's service through our Parishes.

I am particularly proud of the junior choir and the way these young people have enhanced the family services. Thanks to Joan for her great work in training and encouraging these young people. Another first for us is the Bible Book Club which has been excellently led by Karen and has been noted by the Archbishop as something he might like to promote in the Diocese.

I must again pay tribute to Mervyn for the way he has headed up the building committee and has seen the project almost to its conclusion. Also a special thanks to our administrator Karen, who has not only been an excellent Churchwarden, but has taken the bit between her teeth with all that has to do with organisation and administration in the parish. She executes her vast load in a most professional and efficient way; she has very clear thought and skill in these areas of admin.

I hope you will make a special effort to attend your Easter Vestry Wednesday 30th April McLean Room and Thursday 1st May Calary.

God Bless,
William

Follow the Blue Hats- A Trip to Israel 2014

We travelled to Israel via Istanbul on the 26th of April 2014. There were (eventually!) 24 of us, some first timers to the Holy Land and others returning for a second or third time. We met our guide Ofer and driver Saied at the airport in Tel Aviv and travelled in our 'Blue-line' bus to Jerusalem where we spent the first three days of our tour.

Ofer our guide was an integral part of the experience. He spoke knowledgeably about all we saw, offering different perspectives from his backgrounds in archaeology and farming. On the very first day he gave us all blue hats to wear to recognize each other in the crowds. He ensured that we made the most of every day, and with the driving skills of Saied we saw a myriad of sights. I remember taking in the spectacular view of the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, and then walking down the steep hill to the Garden of Gethsemene to see the ancient olive trees. The nearby Church of All Nations has the most vivid blue ceiling. Beside St Stephen's gate we had a coffee break and tasted the most unusual pomegranate juice made in front of us. Later, we had our first lunch in an Armenian restaurant where the falafel and hummus were served with delicious spicy red sauce.

Every day we saw so much. We spent a full day exploring the ancient city, archaeological sites and the Western Wall. When we left Jerusalem we headed north to Nazareth. From there we reached our hotel right beside the Sea of Galilee. The one day it rained we went to the Mount of Beatitudes where the birds were singing as William spoke to the group. We went to the fishing village Capernaum which was the home of St Peter and we viewed an ancient synagogue. There were cats everywhere.

We went to the Golan Heights and visited Ofer's Irish friend, Tony, who had the most wonderful garden and flowers. Our bus then managed to climb to a viewing point at the top of a volcano high up in the Golan Heights overlooking Syria and Lebanon- there was an icy wind and we could see the snow on Mount Hermon. Our tour was later personalized to include bird and wildlife sanctuaries, singing in the Caesaria amphitheater, an aquarium and even a late night trip to a hot spring enjoyed by a select few who had some energy left after dinner! Our trip incorporated a lot of singing and swimming- the Red Sea, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee and even the Mediterranean were all on offer.

One highlight of the trip was receiving communion in the cistern of the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem. William had given us all tiny wooden cups for the communion. There wasn't enough wine to go around and the redistributing of wine mid communion was just one of the many acts of sharing in our group. I enjoyed this trip to Israel- not just for the sights we saw and the food we ate, but for the interaction in the group and the new people I got to meet.

Thank you to all those who helped to organize this experience and especially thank you to William for your energy, friendship and words of wisdom. Shalom!

Ellie Russell

Clubs and Organisations

Sunday School

Sunday School dates for May are the 4th and 11th.

Creche

Every Sunday in Rectory Cottage during morning service in Newcastle.

Parents and Toddlers

Monday mornings in Rectory Cottage from 10.30am.

Junior Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesdays straight after school. We look forward to hearing them at the family service.

Time Out

First and third Tuesdays in Rectory Cottage from 8pm.

Bible Book Club

We meet every second and fourth Tuesday in Rectory Cottage, and we've almost finished reading the New Testament. Looking forward to the evening out to celebrate when we reach the end!

Bowls

Continues every Thursday at 8pm in St Francis school hall

Table Tennis

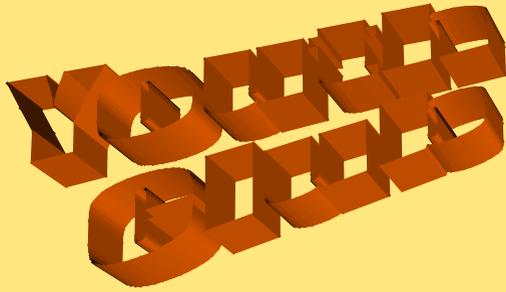
Mondays in the Community Centre.

Parish Choir

The choir will sing on Sunday May 4th at Holy Communion, and on Sunday May 11th at Morning Prayer.



Israel Tour Group—March/April 2014



FRIDAY 2nd May

**Walk in aid of
Downs Syndrome Ireland
(details to follow)**

FRIDAY 16th May

**End of Year
Beach BBQ**

Information from Ruth at 086 3951221

N & N NEWS

Funeral at St Matthew's

*Matthew Wheatley, Sunnybank,
Kilpedder 29th March 2014*

Our sympathies to Bridie, the family and his friends.

Many thanks to Rev David Mungavin of Greystones parish for stepping in while the Rector was away in Israel. A great relief to the parish administrator!

Coffee

Drop in to the cottage any Tuesday morning from 10.30am for coffee/tea and a chat.

Lunch

There will be no lunch in the cottage in May due to the far more exciting prospect of our trip 'up north'.

Cottage Trip in May

Due to unforeseeable circumstances, the date of the trip has been changed. See page 11 for all the details. Everyone welcome to join in, though this is obviously subject to availability of accommodation. Phone Karen to book a place at 087 2866889.

Coffee Morning

Not taking place in May, but after PINS is published, don't forget the coffee morning taking place on

29th April from 10.30am at Gladys and David Kearon's home ('The Oaks') in aid of the new Parish Centre.

Financial Report

The Financial Report for 2013 is enclosed with your copy of PINS. Thank you to our Hon Treasurer, Andy Sleeman, for all his hard work during the year, and to John Langrell for kindly auditing the accounts.

From the Hon. Treasurer

I hope to have the forms ready for reclaiming income tax from parishioners ready to send out by June. As you should by now be aware, the income tax on all contributions of €250 or more to the Parish since January 2013, that can be identified by name, whether you are PAYE, Self employed or self assessed, can now be reclaimed by the parish at a "blended" rate of 31%. This concession is a great help to Parish finances and prompt return of the signed forms would be appreciated.

There are still some free-will offering envelopes at the back of Newcastle Church for this year which have not yet been claimed.

CALARY NEWS

Pinhole Camera Day

We also launched our slow burner, also celebrating 180 years, the pinhole camera on Sunday 27 April, International Pinhole Camera Day. This will culminate in August for Heritage Week with an exhibition of all images sent in. Great foresight that Calary Church was consecrated at the start of Heritage Week 2014! This is already attracting interest globally! Eve is willing to hold more workshops for those who are interested. Look forward to seeing your images!

Easter Vestry

The Calary Easter Vestry takes place at 8pm on Thursday 1st May in the Church Room. This is your opportunity to participate in the decision making about what happens to your church, so come along and take part in the meeting.

Music in Calary

The next concert in the 2014 Music in Calary series will take place at 8pm on Thursday 15th May, when the performers will be Sioga.

This ensemble is made up of Donna Gallagher, soprano, Rebecca Draisey-Collishaw, oboe and Niamh Kinsella, keyboard. They will be performing pieces by, among others, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Liszt and Cooke. Booking is essential and tickets, which are €15 and €12 for concessions, can be booked by

emailing derekeilson@eircom.net or ringing John at 2818146.

Grand Sale

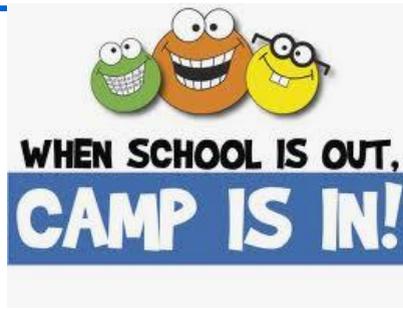
The country will be coming to town! There will be a spectacular event, a 'GRAND SALE' on Tuesday 27 May between 10am and 2pm. Lord Ardee has kindly offered Calary Parish the use of the Granary at Kilruddery House. It will be more than just stalls of cakes, wonderful plants, country produce, crafts, bargains in books and bric a brac. So come along and join us. Donations welcome.

Calary Mid-Summer BBQ

Please note your diaries that this extremely enjoyable fund raising event will take place at Roe's Farm, Kilmacanogue on Saturday 12th June, starting at 6.30pm. Tickets, which are €12.50 each, can be booked through June 087 992 6066 and Charlotte 086 835 4394. There will also be a Bonanza Plant Sale in aid of Fields of Life Child Sponsorship. Further details in next month's PINS.

Calary Church's 180th Anniversary

As well as celebrating Calary's 180 years, the parish will this year be holding concerts, barbeques and other fundraising events. We intend that these events will help us restore and rejuvenate the Church to let it serve the community into its third century.



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Summer Camp 2014

We are holding a Summer Camp this year from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th July, in St. Francis' school grounds. The camp will commence at 10 am each morning and finish at 1 pm.

The camp is open to Primary School Children up to 6th Class, however your child / children must have completed 1 year in Primary School (i.e.: they are starting Senior Infants in Sept 2014).

Price per family is €25.00. Spaces are limited to 40 children and will be allocated on a first registered & paid basis.

Children will be required to bring a pack lunch & drink each day.

If you would like any further information about the camp or an enrolment form, please contact Karen Kissane on 087 2709759.

PARISH CENTRE



Opening September!

- **Castle Kidz Playschool**
- **Proposed after-school club operating from 1.20pm (possibly Jan)**
- **Spacious room with lots of facilities for our teenagers**
- **Accommodation for all Parish Clubs and Organisations**
- **All the usual coffees/ lunches etc produced in a lovely kitchen**
- **Centralised Parish Office**
- **Spacious hall with stage for functions, sports and drama/shows**
- **Meeting rooms**
- **Storage space for every club and organisation**
- **Scope for new activities—use your imagination!**

TRIP TO CARRICKFERGUS

MAY 28/29/30

Itinerary

Wednesday: Travel by train to Carrickfergus
Visit Carrickfergus Castle
View St Nicholas' Church
Dinner at hotel

Thursday: Visit Carrickfergus Museum
Tour to Giants Causeway
Afternoon Tea at Ballygally Castle
Dinner at hotel

Friday: Visit Titanic Exhibition, Belfast
Train to Greystones

Price

**€225 per person sharing
€70 single supplement**

Price includes bed and breakfast at Premier Inn in Carrickfergus, transfers, entrance fees, afternoon tea, dinners and surprises.

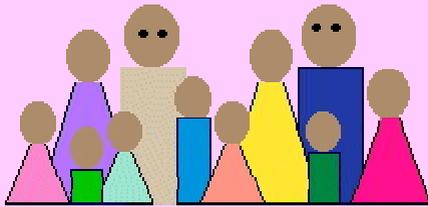
**Non-refundable Booking Deposit €75 payable by 6th May.
Bookings subject to availability**

Information from Karen at 087 2866889

FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 18th MAY

12 NOON at NEWCASTLE CHURCH



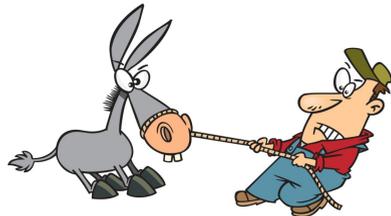
ROGATION SUNDAY



25th MAY

11am at NEWCASTLE

ANIMALS AND
PLANTS WELCOME!



BRING A PICNIC

SATURDAY 3 MAY FROM 1200 -1600



at Brambly Hedge Farm, Church Lane, Newcastle

A unique family day out



- Free pony rides and child centred entertainment
- Horse rides for adults too!
- Farriery Demo
- Equine Dentistry Demo
- BBQ from 15:00
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**The Board of Management of
Castle Kidz Playschool**

Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle, Co Wicklow
invites applications for the following posts:

Playgroup Leader

Essential

Minimum of FETAC Level 6 Childcare Qualification
3 years experience working in childcare

Desirable

Valid First Aid Certificate
Additional Needs Qualification
Good IT Skills
Excellent Communication Skills
Experience working with a wide range of ages,
stages of development and additional needs

**2 Playgroup Assistants
on job-share basis**

Essential

Minimum of FETAC Level 5 Childcare Qualification

Desirable

Experience desirable
Valid First Aid Certificate

**Please forward C.V. with a covering letter
indicating which post you wish to apply for to:**

**The Chairman, Board of Management, Castle Kidz Playschool,
The Rectory, Church Rd, Newcastle, Greystones, Co Wicklow**

Closing Date for applications is Friday 16th May at 12 noon.

For more information email: parishcastlekidz@gmail.com

Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy is an equal opportunities employer



Enrolling Now!

**Castle Kidz
Playschool**

**Located at the new Parish Centre,
Church Lane, Newcastle**

**Opening
Friday 29th August 2014**

Age: 2½ to Primary School Age

ECCE places available

Enrolment forms from:

**The Secretary, Board of Management,
Castle Kidz Playschool, Rectory Cottage,
Church Lane, Newcastle**

or email: parishcastlekidz@gmail.com

Roe's Farm, Kilmacanogue.

Saturday,

21st June at 6:30

Calary
Mid—Summer
BBQ

Tickets €12.50
include

Burgers Sausages
Salads Deserts
Soft Drinks

Children FREE

(Bring your own Steak and Beer!!)

There will also be a Bonanza Plant Sale in aid of
Fields of Life Child Sponsorship

Bookings :

June 087 992 6066

Charlotte 086 835 4394

Calary Bell Tower Restoration

Come and join us for a
Coffee Morning and Grand Fundraising Sale
at The Grainstore, Kilruddery, Bray.
(by kind permission of Lord and Lady Ardee)

Tuesday, 27th May 10—2



Good Value perennial, annual and vegetable plants

Our Books Brisa Brax! Cakes Home Jewellery

Donations Welcome.

Contact: Elizabeth 086 084 9444 / June 087 992 6066 or Charlotte 086 835 4394

All proceeds to Support Calary Church Bell Tower



Music in Calary

Summer '14

28th April

Farewell to Delgany The music and songs of Wicklow from the collections of the Irish Traditional Music Archive. A multimedia presentation by Grace Toland, ITMA Librarian. This event is being held in conjunction with Roundwood Historical and Folklore Society.

Everyone is welcome and the charge for this special event is €5

15th May

SIOGA Donna Gallagher (soprano), Rebecca Draisey-Collishaw, (oboe) and Niamh Kinsella, (keyboard)

26th June

Lance Coburn (piano)

28th June

The Janet Ashe Memorial concert. Simon Watterton (piano) and Anna Cashell (violin).

29th June

Piano and violin master class.

3rd July

Martello Quartet

Philip Dodd, (violin), Peter Crooks, (viola), Liam Sutton, (cello) and Dearbhaile O'Donnell, (piano)

24th July

Cassiopeia Wind Quintet

21st August

Musici Ireland—Beth McNinch (viola) Vourneen Ryan (flute) & Diane Marshall (harp)

18th September

Deirdre Moynihan (soprano) and Alec O'Leary (guitar)

11th October

Traditional musicians David Power (uilleann pipes and tin whistle) Donal Clancy (guitar and bouzouki) and Ciaran Somers (uilleann pipes and flute). A special supper will be served after the concert to raise funds for Sister Mary's work in Nairobi.

Full details later

Tickets: €15 Concessions €12

Tel: 01 2818146 e-mail: derekneilson@eircom.net

Music in Calary acknowledges the support of FBD Insurance

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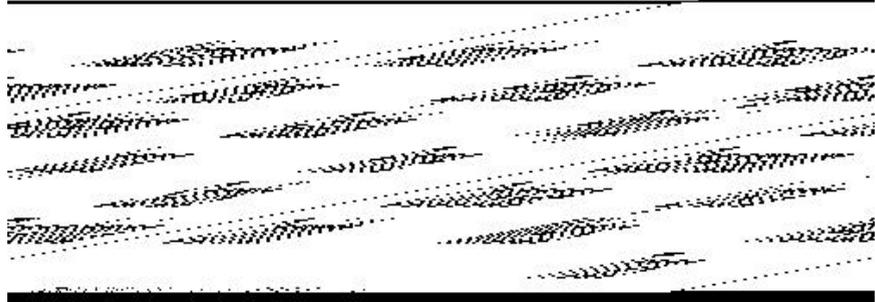
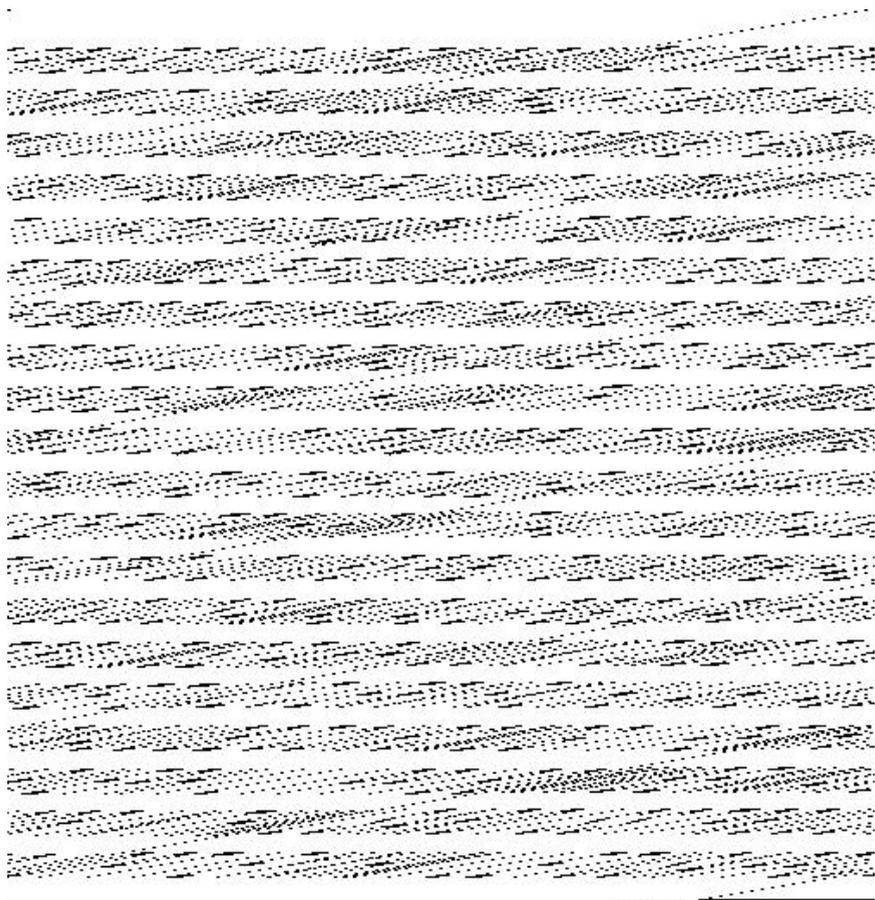
‘Retro to 90’s’ Disco
Over the Beach House, Greystones
Friday May 9th.

Tickets €12

Available from Parents Association members
or ring Siobhan on 086 8121423.

Children's Page

PLACES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



SERVICES IN MAY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 4 th	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	<i>Acts 2:14 & 36-41</i>
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	HC	
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	EP	
Sunday 11 th	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>1 Peter 2:19-25</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	<i>John 10:1-10</i>
Sunday 18 th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>1 Peter 2:2-10</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	HC	
Rogation Sunday 25 th	Newcastle	11.00	WB	Rogation Service With Baptism	<i>Is. 41:17-20</i>

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!



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

**Items must be received by
Monday 19th May for publication**