

PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary



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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

thanks to those involved.

We had at the boarding school I attended the annual publication of a school magazine which, like most magazines, contained news and articles about various aspects of school life and some other relevant issues of the time. One section was headed 'As time goes by'. Perhaps this could be a good title for our parish information news sheet! Time certainly passes by and a day, or even an hour, is never repeated. Each of us is on this journey of life and it is important that we make positive use of each new day and all the time given to us.

Time has gone quickly by since the last issue of PINS. Easter has come and gone for another year. The usual busy parish programme included the journey through Holy Week walking with Jesus from Palm Sunday through the week to the resurrection celebrated on Easter Sunday. Special thanks to Marjorie Travers for the material used in the very well received Good Friday meditations in Newtownmountkennedy and Calary. There was a very good attendance at the Easter Praise on Easter Day at 6.30am at Newcastle beach and full marks for the delicious breakfast supplied by the Power and Carroll families; it was a most welcome treat for all on a fairly cold morning. All three churches were beautifully and appropriately decorated for which we say a very sincere

Following a period of learning about the Christian faith, 17 young people from these parishes were confirmed in Newcastle Parish Church by the Archbishop on 15th April. We congratulate these young people and I ask that you pray for them as they have taken this important step of commitment.

The General Easter Vestries have been held, Calary on March 26 and Newcastle/Newtownmountkennedy on April 17. Heartfelt thanks was expressed to those who served our churches on Select Vestries during the past year, and congratulations and welcome to all elected to these positions for the coming year (see results in this issue). Thanks was also expressed to those serving on various committees and individuals who help in practical ways by doing important and very much appreciated work like cleaning the Churches and having each one tastefully decorated with flowers for each service. We are very fortunate to have Sean Carroll keeping the Parish Centre in pristine condition, Sheila

Cleary as organist in Newtown and Newcastle and Charlotte O'Brien in Calary, and at the hub of all that happens is Karen Reynolds in the office. We are blessed to have such competent, obliging and willing people in these positions - a huge thank you for your excellent work.

It is good to have a Sunday School for the children in Calary and Newcastle and the work of our teachers is key to the teaching of the children about the Christian faith. A big thank you to the teachers and I know they are always on the lookout for more help. If any parents of small children are interested in reviving the creche at Newcastle please notify Karen or me.

I have listened to much discussion, debate and even heated arguments about the forthcoming referendum and feel I must, as your rector, express a personal opinion on the situation as I see it. In doing so I pose a couple of questions based on some of the discussions I have heard. In doing this I feel that there is need for great sensitivity when voicing an opinion as it is very easy to be less than pastoral to people whatever their position. I have counselled people on a number of occasions who had decided to go for termination, and have counselled women who have had terminations, and believe that I have some understanding of the pain suffered by women whatever their final decision.

I heard a supporter of the yes vote say that a yes vote is best for mother and baby! The question is how can unlimited termination at 12 weeks be better for baby? The argument is that this is a subject not for the Constitution but for the legislators. The question is when the legislators can assume that an unborn baby at 12 weeks has no right to life can we really trust their judgement on the issue? If there are cases when a termination might be advisable and necessary the question is why insert the 12 week period of time? If necessary should it not be a decision for the medical experts regardless of the stage reached?

I encourage you to think and pray seriously about your vote and reach out the hand of love to everyone regardless of the position they might take.

William



Coffee

The weekly coffee morning continues every Tuesday from 10.30am in the Sitting Room in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

Lunch

The May lunch will take place on Thursday 17th May in the Parish Centre. Cost is €10 per person. Please book with Karen.

Sustentation

Envelopes for your contribution to the running of our very busy parish are enclosed with PINS.

NEWS

Please give what you can so that we can continue to offer the present varied ministry and activities. Every little helps, so if you can give just a little extra it will make a big difference.

Weekly Envelope Scheme

Jean Harris has taken over the administration of the weekly offering envelopes. Contact her at 2819709. There are still six sets available for anyone who would like to join the plan - an envelope for each week. This means that your offering is recorded as a subscription.

SELECT VESTRY 2018/2019

Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

Rector's Churchwarden Newcastle: Ed Power People's Churchwarden Newcastle: Lucy Jones Rector's Churchwarden St Matthew's: Lucas Dowling People's Churchwarden St Matthew's: Doug Hatton Rector's Glebewarden: James Norse

People's Glebewarden: Mervyn Garrett
Hon. Treasurer: Andy Sleeman
Hon. Secretary: Tina Donohoe
Caroline Tindal, Jean Harris,
Margaret Murphy, Jane O'Herlihy,
Marjorie Stokes, Peter Johnston,
Alex Chance, Michael Croly,
Colin Watchorn, John Langrell

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2018

Sienna Dowdall Mia Kissane

Juliette Kidd Jessica O'Neill

Rebecca White Alanna Reboul-Geraghty

Ella Lang Amber McCullagh-Kelly

Emily Leeson Viggo McAndrew

Daniel Donohoe Eden Fromholz

Eoin Medlycott Lukas Zdunek

Adam Williams James Noonan

Lee Ireland

GDPR

You will shortly receive a form by email or post which asks for your consent for the parish to store and use your data. Please return this form to the Parish Office as soon as you can if you want to continue to receive PINS, updates on services, activities, etc. A form is also included in this edition of PINS.

Parish Website

The website has been updated and now includes information on the Parish Centre and Castle Kidz Childcare, along with up-to-date information on how to contact us and on clubs, etc. There is a page outlining the Parish 5 Year Plan and there are also some more modern photos in the Gallery. Thanks to Julian at Blue Bottle Design for his help.

Twinkletoes William wins Strictly Newtown with his partner Kathleen Kavanagh!





N & N Clubs and Organisations

Bowls

The Bowls Club meets every Thursday night at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Table Tennis

The club meets every Monday night at 8pm in the Main Hall in the Parish Centre. New members always welcome.

Youth Club

Look out for your text about Youth Club from Stephen. Every Friday from 8 to 9.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Time Out

The prayer group will meet on Tuesdays 1st and 15th May at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Prayer Space

Fifteen minutes of prayer and blessing for the week ahead on a Monday morning from 9 to 9.15am in the sitting room at the Parish Centre. School term only.

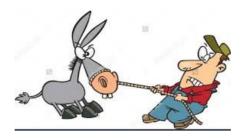
Sunday School

There will Sunday School on the 13th and 20th May. All children of primary school age welcome to attend. We leave for the Parish Centre after the first hymn in church.

Parents and Toddlers

The group meets in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre every Monday morning from 10.30am. Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in for play and a chat.

ROGATION SERVICE



St Matthew's Sunday 6th May at 11am

Bring your plants, animals and yourselves!



Confirmation 2018

CALARY NEWS





Music in Calary

First Concert of the 2018 Series

Calary Church Sunday 27th May at 8pm

Musici Ireland play Brahms and Mozart clarinetquintets.

Artists performing:

Mia Cooper and Siun Milne (violin)
Beth McNinch (viola)
Katie Tertell (cello)
Conor Sheil (clarinet).

Tickets €18 and €15 for concessions

To make a booking or for more information please contact John (01) 2818146

or derekneilson@eircom.net

Annual Easter Vestry

The following were elected at the Calary Annual Easter Vestry

Rector's Churchwarden: Paul Delamere People's Churchwarden: Eve Holmes Glebewarden: Ethni Seymour

Select Vestry members:

Claire Chambers (secretary), Charlotte O'Brien (treasurer), June Roe, Elizabeth Keeley, Tempe Pearson, Gay Nuttall, John Medlycott, Elizabeth Sutton, Derek Neilson, Joanna Nuttall, Brenda Slack, Marjorie Travers, Elizabeth Evans.

Baptism at Calary

8th April 2018

Finn David Carstairs son of Edward and Kaleigh, 29 Garden Village Crescent, Kilpedder, Co Wicklow. We pray that Finn brings much joy to his family and that he grows up to honour the promises made for him at baptism.

Sunday School

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

Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays from 8 pm in Calary Church Room. Please contact Ethni Seymour (086 809 2211) or Charlotte O'Brien (086 835 4394) if you would like to join us.



Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

Your privacy is important to us, and we want to communicate with church members in a way which has their consent, and which is in line with European Law on Data Protection. As a result of a change in Data Protection regulation, we now need your consent as to how we contact you. Please fill in the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you:

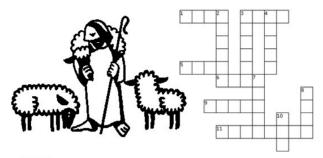
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You can grant consent to all the purposes; one of the purposes or none of the purposes. Where you do not grant consent we will not be able to use your personal data; (so for example we may not be able to let you know about forthcoming services and events); except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm. You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Data Privacy Notice" which is available from our website or from the Parish Office. You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting Karen Reynolds, Parish Office, Newcastle Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle, Co Wicklow A63 X782. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

Children's Page

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

- Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
- The period from birth to death
- 5. A strong feeling of affection
- 6. Goes faster than walking
- 9. What we use to speak
- 11. One who takes care of the sheep

DOWN

- 2. The male parent
- To hear or pay attention to something
- A group of sheep herded together
- Wooly animals which are similar to goats
- 8. The opposite of bad
- A small place where animals are kept

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life	flock	voice	love



FAMILY SERVICE
SUNDAY 27th May
12 NOON
NEWCASTLE CHURCH

Come and Sing your Loudest!

SERVICES IN MAY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Rogation Sunday 6th	St Matthew's	11.00	WB	Outdoor Rogation Service	
Sunday	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
13th	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	1 John 5:9-13
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	John 17:6-19
Pentecost	Calary SS	9.30	WB	НС	Acts 2:1-21
Sunday 20th	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	НС	John 15:26-27
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	НС	16:4-15
T	Calary	9.30	NS	FS	Is. 6:1-8
Trinity Sunday 27th	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	Rom 8:12-17
	Newcastle	12.00	NS	FS	John 3:1-17



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.

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

Items must be received by MONDAY 21st MAY