



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

MAY 2021



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Dear friends,

I cannot believe that we are already entering the merry month of May, my favourite month of the year, when all the new growth makes the world look so fresh and new, a new beginning.

This May will hopefully also signal a new beginning for us all, as we slowly emerge from lockdown. Indications from government are that we will also perhaps return to worshipping together in the later half of May, reconnecting as a community of faith. That reconnection is important. We have all had a difficult year, for our families, in work, in school and for us as a parish. We have not been able to worship but we have also not been able to fundraise or receive donations at services.

Yet we are fortunate, our situation is not too bad, particularly when we consider the suffering that Covid 19 is still causing around the world. We are still here and we can reconnect and rebuild, and that is why we are holding our Gift Day on May 1st, to fund not only the necessary upkeep to our buildings but to rebuild and strengthen a community, to nourish and build us up in faith and love.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity and, on behalf of Fiona, Ben, Ava and me, we cannot wait for the opportunity to really get know you all over the Summer months.

Take care and God bless,
Ross



MAYDAY!

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**The Parish needs
your help.**

**With lockdown after lockdown,
no church services and no fundraising,
the Parish coffers are looking a little empty.**

We're having a Gift Day on Saturday 1st May

Please give what you can to keep the Parish afloat

You can donate by bank transfer:

Bank: AIB, Church Rd., Greystones

Account Name: Select Vestry Parish of Newcastle
& Newtownmountkennedy

IBAN: IE72AIBK 9335 5415 2450 30 **BIC :** AIBKIE2D

You can use Paypal: nandnparishoffice@gmail.com

**Or you can drop your donation to the Parish Centre
on the day between 10am and 4pm**

Thank you so much

Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy 2020/2021

Rector's Churchwarden Newcastle: Joanna Byrne

People's Churchwarden Newcastle: Ed Power

Rector's Churchwarden St Matthew's: Doug Hatton

People's Churchwarden St Matthew's: Jane O'Herlihy

Rector's Glebewarden: James Norse

People's Glebewarden: Peter Johnston

Hon. Secretary: Tina Donohoe

Hon. Treasurer: Karen Reynolds

Members

Alex Chance, Caroline Tindal

John Langrell, Lorraine McElwain,

Billy Smith, Lucas Dowling

Margaret Murphy, Jean Harris

Emma Stringer, Leighton Gray

**It looks like we will be returning to our churches soon but
in the meantime here are some important dates in May.**

Rogation Sunday 9th May

(look out for fun details)

Pentecost 23rd May

Trinity 30th May

CALARY NEWS

Annual Easter Vestry 2021

The Annual Vestry was held by Zoom on Tuesday 20 April and the following were elected:

Rector's Church Warden – Paul Delamere
People's Church Warden – Rachel Sutton
Glebewarden – Ethni Seymour

Other members elected to the Select Vestry were:

Charlotte O'Brien (Hon. Treasurer),
Claire Chambers (Hon. Secretary),
John Medlycott, Gay Nuttall
Eve Holmes, June Roe
Derek Neilson, Marjorie Travers
Ken Townsend, Jonathon Sutton
Linda Byrne, Joanna Nuttall.

Calary Church Open for Private Prayer

Calary Church will be open between 9.30 am and 11 am for private prayer each Sunday. Masks must be worn, hand hygiene and socially distancing must be observed.



Newcastle

Brian Harris has decided to retire from the role of managing the Newcastle sponsorship of children in the Fields of Life education scheme. He has carried out this role, with Jean's help, for 18 years and now feels it is time for a new person to take over.

If you would be interested in taking on this responsibility please contact the Rector at 087-9892941. Brian is very happy to assist a new person in any way he can.

Many thanks to Brian for all the time and effort he has put in over the years. It is much appreciated.

Date for your Diary

GO THE DISTANCE!

We're asking the Parish to walk to Jerusalem!

Last week in June.

Fun, exercise, competition, treats.

More details next month.



Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy
Treasurer's Report
Summary Statement of Accounts year ended 31st December 2020

2020 was an extraordinary year in the life of the Parish. William Bennett retired as Rector at the end of February and this was followed shortly by the arrival of Covid-19. The effects of the lockdowns were masked in the final balance for the year as the diocesan assessment was substantially reduced during the vacancy. There were also wage subsidies provided by the government which helped with salaries during lockdown. The **Parish** had an overall surplus for the year of €11,793. However, subsections in the accounts were affected substantially.

Giving in the form of cash collections, weekly envelopes and sustentation (twice yearly giving towards the running of the Parish) amounted to €48,043. This was down on the total for 2019 by €5,248. The pattern of giving changed, reflecting the lack of services in our churches, with the majority of parishioners using bank transfer or standing order.

Fundraising amounted to €5,775, less than half of 2019's total. However, we were lucky to squeeze in one of our major fundraisers, the annual Theatre Dinner, before the first lockdown.

Collections, fundraisers and sponsorship for **charity** amounted to a paltry €1,902, a fraction of the previous year's total of €9,033.

Income from properties rose, increasing to €38,903 compared to €32,881 in 2019. This reflected a full year's rental income from Church Cottage and Rectory Cottage. Unfortunately the car park at St Matthew's is no longer rented out.

Costs for **upkeep and running of the churches** were €11,211, down from €13,915 the previous year.

Rectory costs were €20,096, reflecting the large amount of work requested by the Diocesan Architect to make the building ready for the new incumbent. More costs will be included in the accounts for 2021 as the final works are carried out.

Costs for other properties were €6,872, substantially reduced on 2019's total of €17,138.. **Office costs** were very similar to 2019 at €3600.

The **Parish Centre** made an overall loss of €4,885. This was disappointing after breaking even last year, but unsurprising given the lack of income from room rental due to the closure of the building for most of the year. Room rental last year came to just over €9000.

The loss would have been larger but fortunately **Castle Kidz** childcare made a profit of €6,730 after allocating electricity, fuel and administration costs. This was partly due to the support provided by the government to ensure the viability of childcare facilities during the enforced closures. The Playschool is running at maximum capacity and is fully booked for the next school year. The Afterschool suffered a reduction in numbers due to the pandemic and has re-invented as a club offering different activities each afternoon which is proving popular and offers hope that this service can continue.

The outstanding item still remaining in the **Parish Development Project** is the finishing coat of tarmac at Glebe Lane. An outstanding bond for Glebe Lane of €50,000 is still to be repaid by Wicklow County Council. This amount will then be returned to the segregated accounts which were used to part-fund the project at the initial stages of the development.

Looking forward to **2021**, the financial outlook is uncertain.

At the moment the Parish is running at a loss in the order of €7,000 per month. Giving continues to decline and our churches remain closed. The Parish Centre cannot generate income until there is a full re-opening of society. In the coming year there is a large amount of work to be carried out on our buildings which cannot be postponed. On the positive side, hopefully services can restart in a limited manner soon and there are plans to fundraise, adapting to the current situation, with a Gift Day and Go the Distance first on the list.

I would ask, where it is possible, that you continue to support the Parish and I would like to thank all of you who continued your support through 2020, enabling the Parish to pay its way. Our financial situation would have been grave without your generosity.

Sincere thanks to all who support the Parish in any way, both financially and in giving of time and skills. The Parish would not continue without the large number of people who form a support network which allows it to operate day to day.

Particular thanks to John and Laura Langrell who record and lodge the collections all year, to Tina Donohoe who organises the tax refund on giving by parishioners, to Jean Harris who orders and distributes the weekly envelopes, to my dear Dad, Mervyn Garrett, for all his work on the Parish Development Project and more, to Peter Johnston who has taken on the task of finishing the project, and to Mark Reade for his help and advice, and for auditing these final accounts.

Karen Reynolds
Hon. Treasurer

Givers to the Parish in 2020

Thank you so much!

(If your name does not appear here it may be that you have not referenced your name on the bank transfer to the parish)

Allison, Neville & Ann
Allison, Patricia
Beare, Gillian
Bennett, William & Elspeth
Behan, Sandra
Bishop, Craig & Annick
Bond, Tony & Julie
Breen, Nick & Cooke, Paula
Burgess, Ken
Byrne, Deirdre & Sheehan, Peter
Byrne, Billy & Joanna
Campbell, John & Terri
Carnegie, Jill & Herman, Eric
Carvalhais, Antonio
Carvalhais, Luisa
Chance, Alexander & Michelle
Codd, Billy
Collier, Garth
Condell, Edward & Janine
Croly, Michael & Irene
Cross, Heather
Crosse, Peter & Rosemary
Cullen, Niall & Helen
Donohoe, Tina
Dowling, Lucas
Garrett, Mervyn & Anne
Gethings, Christina & Pepper, James
Gray, Leighton & Sharon
Hamilton, Ross & Orla
Harris, Brian & Jean
Hatton, Douglas & Bourke, Roly
Jennings, Clodagh

Jennings, Robert & Irene
Johnston, Evelyn
Johnston, Peter & Miriam
Jones, Lucy & Wright, Tony
Kearon, David & Gladys
Kelly, David & Gillian
Langrell, John & Laura
Lippiatt, Rachel
Lundy, Peter & Wendy
Madden, Maurice & Mary
McElwain, Matthew & Lorraine
Murphy, Colin & Margaret
Murphy, Kim
Nayiga, Celia
Noonan, Tony & June
Norse, Grace
Norse, James & Muriel
O'Dwyer, Fergal & Nicola
O'Herlihy, Jane
O'Neill, Denis & Ann
O'Neill, Paul & Mary
O'Neill, Shane & Gillian
O'Sullivan, Pat & Pauline
O'Toole, Sylvia
Pettigrew, Michael & Margaret
Pike, Birgit
Power, Edward & Fiona
Rae, Joan
Reade, Mark & Jackie
Reynolds, Gerry & Karen
Roberts, Flo
Roe, Philip & Pamela

Rountree, Fred
Ryder, J & L
Simpson, Michael & Heather
Sleeman, Andy and Cherry
Smith, Annick
Smith, Billy & Jane
Spence, Rodney & June
Stringer, Keith & Josephine
Stringer, Lynn
Stringer, Peter & Emma
Stringer, Ruth
Sykes, Ruth

Thornton, Alan & Kennedy, Siobhan
Tindal, Caroline
Valentine, Peter & Mary
Vickers, John & Kim
Walker, Geoff & Rachel
Watchorn, Colin & Melanie
Watchorn, Jonathan & Sandra
Watchorn, Yvonne
Wheatley, Edie
White, Des & Erika
Williamson, Ronnie & Norma

The final accounts for 2020 were sent to all parishioners who registered their email addresses with the Parish Office under GDPR guidelines.

If you would like a hard copy please let me know and I will happily print one for you. Karen



**Easter Eggs for
the Parish children
from the Rectory family**





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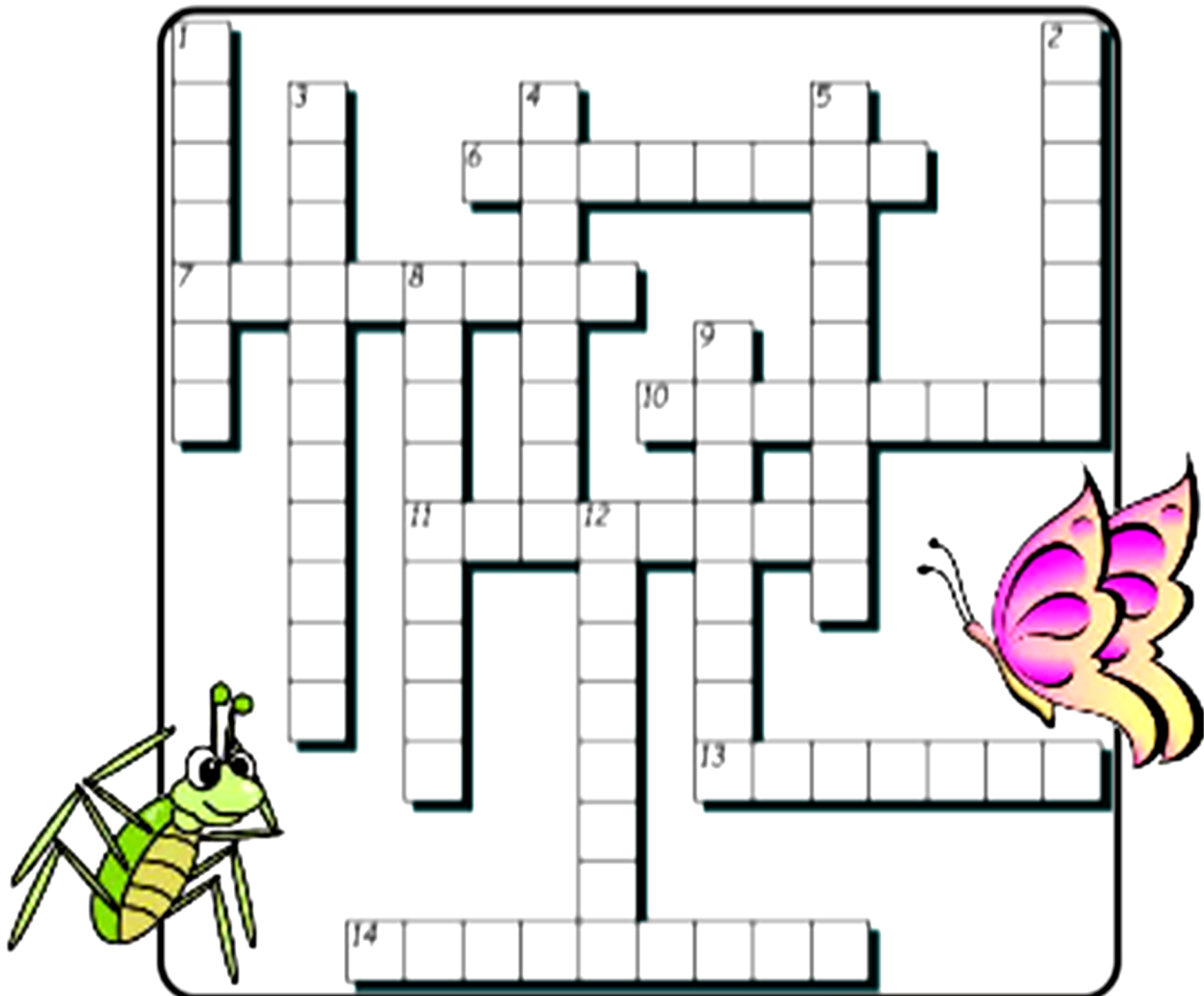
**Some of our senior
Easter Egg recipients**



For information contact Joanne at 086-0659637

KIDS

SPRING Compound Words Crossword Puzzle



Teaching Stuff Place



Across:

- 6 out
- 7 base
- 10 rain
- 11 egg
- 13 tad
- 14 flower



Down:

- 1 rain
- 2 cook
- 3 grass
- 4 bull
- 5 dragon
- 8 butter
- 9 bare
- 12 sun

Complete each compound word
with one of these words.

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|-------|--------|
| ball | foot |
| bed | frog |
| bow | hopper |
| coat | out |
| doors | pole |
| fly | shell |
| fly | shine |