

PARISH INFORMATION NEWSS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary



November 2008

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with God and each other

15th to 23rd November

Dear Lord, thank you for the wonderful world we live in and for our families, friends and neighbours. Thank you for our church, parish and community. Most of all thank you for your love for each of us demonstrated in the gift of your son Jesus Christ.

I pray for our parish focus week connect. Please guide those responsible for organising this special week of events. Help us all to join in and make better connections with each other in our church, with our community and with you. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Please send any items for inclusion in Christmas PINS
(combined December 2008 and January 2009) to:**

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or
Clodagh Jennings mobile: 086 8558886

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Services in November

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 2nd:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	1Thess.2:9-13
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Holy Communion	Matthew 24:
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	1 - 14
Sunday 9th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Holy Communion	1Thess. 4:
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	11.00 am	M.P. and Act of Remembrance	13 - end Matt.25:1-13
Sunday 16th:				
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	11.00 am	Welcome Service for Connect week	
	Calary	7.00 pm	Unity Gospel Choir	
Sunday 23rd:				
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	11.00 am	Songs of Praise for all the family in conclusion of Connect week	
Sunday 30th:				
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	2 Peter 3:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	8 - 15
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Holy Communion	Mark 1: 1 - 8



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30 am in St Matthew's followed by a cup of tea and a chat in the McLean Room.

Select Vestry Meetings

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry *special meeting* on Tuesday 28th October at 8pm in St. Francis' National School. **All members are requested to attend.**

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting on Monday 15th December at 8pm in the McLean Room.

Calary Select Vestry meeting on Tuesday 4th November at 8pm in the Church Room.

Please note the parish website is now live and can be accessed at

www.newcastleparish.org or

www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org or www.calaryparish.org

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Its almost here!

What am I talking about? Well of course Christmas is coming near and so is winter, but I am referring to our special week **CONNECT**. After months of planning by a very busy committee, more than 100 people involved in helping with the various events which will take place, and a number of venues booked to cater for those events, we will launch the **CONNECT** week at a **Winter Barbecue** in **St. Francis' School**, Newcastle on Saturday 15th November.



Some people still ask 'What is **CONNECT**'? It is a week of real fun and social events with something for all ages, something you can invite your friends and neighbours to. The success of this week depends on the effort we all make to ensure that it will be a week to remember

There really is something for everyone during our parish **Connect Week**.

As can be seen from all the information and posters, this week is about connecting and having fun. At each event there will be an opportunity to think about the Christian faith.



It kicks off on Saturday 15th in **St. Francis N.S.** with a **winter barbecue** followed by some singing from the children and then there will be a short one act play "Alice" based on Alice in Wonderland. Prepare to be entertained but totally confused (the cast certainly are)!

On Sunday the **welcome service** is self explanatory. In the afternoon everyone is welcome to come and view the **art and photography** in the **Community Centre** but to enter the art competition, children must hand their

entries to their teacher by Monday 10th and for the adult photography competition entries can be handed into the shop in Newcastle between 7.00 & 9.00pm on Monday 10th. For details of categories, etc. phone Kate 086 3703432 (evenings only). In the evening the **Unity Gospel Choir** will be performing in **Calary**.

On Monday the **Parent and Toddler Group** will get a visit from the **Connect team** and in the evening, for the young and active, **5-a-side soccer** in the **Community Centre**.

On Tuesday it will be the turn of the **Tuesday Club** members to be visited by the **Connect Team**. Then in the evening, in the **Parkview Hotel**, Newtownmountkennedy, our very stylish Star Themed **Fashion Show** will take place. So come and

choose your Christmas outfit or your ball gown for the Masked Ball! Doors open at 8.00pm, tickets cost €15 and the first 200 guests will receive a goody bag. The actual proceedings will start at 8.30pm and



it is all in aid of St. Catherine's Association. Thanks to **Nouveau Coiffeur, Newcastle** for styling our models' hair and to **Lorraine O'Neill of LA Makeup Academy** for their expert makeup.

On Wednesday there will be a service of **Holy Communion** at 10.30am and then **'lunch for the older bunch'** in the **Parkview Hotel**. Tickets are €5 a head but there are limited places available so to be sure of a seat please contact **Margaret**.

On Thursday morning you are invited to come for **coffee and an Avon make up demonstration**, again in the **Parkview Hotel**. On Thursday evening **Brian Harris** is quizmaster for the **table quiz** being held in the **Holy Spirit Oratory** in its alternative function as a community hall. Thanks to **Fr Liam Belton** for inviting us to use it for the evening.



Friday evening is glamour evening when you can dress your best for the **Masked Ball!** Masks will be provided but you can bring your own if preferred. Tickets are €35, and after dinner music will be provided by DJ Tommy Green.

On Saturday morning **breakfast for men** will be provided at 9.00am, yet again in the **Parkview Hotel**, and then, what promises to be an evening of great fun and entertainment for all ages, the **Great Escape** in **St. Francis' School** at 7.00pm.

Finally on Sunday morning the **Connect** events will conclude with **Songs of Praise** in **Newcastle Church** giving us all an opportunity to thank God for each other, for our community and for allowing us to connect with Him and through Him.



(For a full programme including contact numbers, etc. see over)

Our team for Connect 08 ...

Roger Murphy, CA

Roger lives in Warwick and is married to Jill, an auxiliary nurse. They have two grown up children and two grandchildren. Roger is a member of the Church Army, and speaks regularly about the Christian faith at a wide variety of events across Britain and Ireland. He is also a keen Chelsea fan!

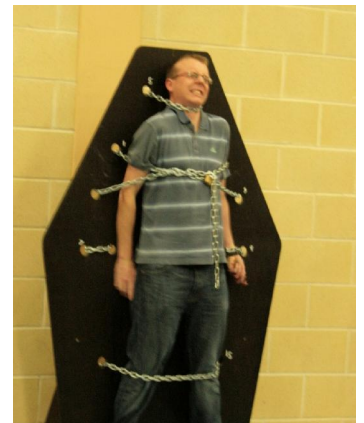


Rev Paul Hoey

Paul was formerly rector of Ballinamallard and now works full-time for the Church Pastoral Aid Society, providing advice, training and support to churches throughout Ireland. He is married to Sharon, and they have three grown up children. He loves music of all kinds and honeycomb icecream.

Paul Woodman

Paul is a full-time leader in City Life Church, Southampton. He is married to Susannah and they have two children. He first started presenting the Christian message using escapology and illusions in 1989 and travels widely to speak at schools, community centres and prisons.



Mavis Gibbons

Mavis is from Derry and has worked on the staff of several parishes. She became the first Consultant for the Church Pastoral Aid Society in Ireland (the post now held by Paul Hoey), and has spoken extensively in churches North and South. She is now retired but continues to enjoy sharing in ministry.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT
Saturday 15 th :	7.00pm	St. Francis' N.S.	Winter Barbecue followed by family entertainment	All welcome
Sunday 16 th :	11.00am	Newcastle Church	Welcome service	All welcome
	2.00pm	Newcastle Community Centre	Art and Photo Competition	contact Kate: 086 3703432 Evenings only
	7.00pm	Calary Church	Unity Gospel Choir	All welcome
Monday 17 th :	10.30am	Rectory Cottage	Parents and Toddlers Group	As normal
	7.00pm	Newcastle Community Centre	5-a-side Football	To join a team contact Robert: 086 2584795
Tuesday 18 th :	2.30pm	McLean Room	Tuesday Club	As normal
	8.30pm	Parkview Hotel	Fashion Show in aid of St Catherine's School	All welcome Tickets €15 Karen 0872866889
Wednesday 19 th :	10.30am	St. Matthew's Church	Holy Communion	All welcome
	12.45pm	Parkview Hotel	Lunch for the older bunch	Limited tickets Margaret 0868708517
	8.00pm	Newcastle Church	"Living with loss" healing service	All welcome
Thursday 20 th :	10.30am	Parkview Hotel	Coffee morning with Avon make-up demo	All welcome Cost €5 Linda 0863698485
	8.00pm	Holy Spirit Oratory	Table Quiz	All welcome €5 per head
Friday 21 st :	8.00pm	Parkview Hotel	Masked Ball	All welcome Tickets €35 Karen 872866889
Saturday 22 nd :	9.00am	Parkview Hotel	Men's Breakfast	Men welcome! Cost €10 Neil 0871339556
	7.00pm	St Francis' N.S.	The Great Escape - an evening of	All welcome Cost €5

			illusion & escapology	(under 12s free)
Sunday 23rd:	11.00am	Newcastle Church	Songs of Praise	All welcome

Calling on Early Risers & Tea Makers



If you aren't yet involved in the Connect Week and would like to help out, volunteers are still most welcome! If you are an Early Riser and are willing to help out with hanging up of pictures for the Children's Art Competition or photos for the Photo Exhibition, please contact Kate. There is no great skill involved; only the ability to use Blu-tac and to rise early as preparatory work on Sunday, 16 November will start at 8am sharp at Newcastle Community Centre. Helpers are also sought to take down the display after the event. Even half an hour of your time would be a great help.



If you are interested in assisting with Teas for the Competition, or are willing to bake for it, again Kate would love to hear from you. The Competition is being held on Sunday, 16 November, from 2pm - 5pm.

Tickets for some of the other events being held during the Connect week will be on sale at the Competition. We look forward to seeing you there. Phone Kate Rountree - 086 370 3432 (evenings only).

Safeguarding Trust



A Safeguarding Trust meeting has been set up for Thursday 13th November in the McLean Room at 8pm. **Everyone helping with children in relation to church or school activities is required to attend a Safeguarding Trust training session at least every 2 years.** So if you are on the crèche rota, help with Sunday School or at St. Francis', think you might be helping with the youth club when it starts or are intending to help with any of these in the future, please make an effort to attend as it will probably be some time before another session can be arranged in the parish.

Coffee in the Cottage

By popular demand, tea and coffee mornings in the Rectory Cottage have changed from Friday to Tuesday! So if you have some free time between 10.30am and 12.30pm any Tuesday morning please drop in for a cuppa. All ages welcome!



Leisurely Lunches

A delicious lunch was enjoyed by a select group for the inaugural monthly lunch in the cottage in October. Thanks to Anne Garrett, our chef for the day. Many of you will have heard about Essie's little 'incident' and will be glad to hear that thankfully she has suffered no lasting ill effects (apart from the teasing!). We hope to welcome her, and any others who care to come, to the next lunch on Thursday 20th November from 12.30 to 2.00pm in the Rectory Cottage. All welcome but there is a small charge of €5 to cover costs.

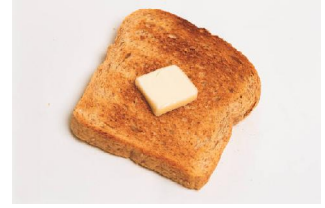
Thank you to all those who have offered to help with the lunches. A team has been organised for November but anyone who would be willing and available to help with the Christmas lunch on Thursday 18th December please contact us.

If you need a lift to either the coffee mornings or to lunch please don't hesitate to contact the Rector 087 9480317, Clodagh 086 8558886 or Karen 087 2866889.

Tea and Toast Fridays

The Rectory Cottage will be open for tea and toast between 1.20pm and 2.30pm every Friday starting on Friday 7th November. Everyone is welcome but in particular those who collect infants from school and have to return later for older children might like to spend the time together in the cottage.

Please note the **No Shoes** policy in the playroom and there will be a charge of €2 per family to cover costs.



Parent and Toddler Group

Every **Monday** from 10.30am to 12.30pm. in the **Rectory Cottage**. As usual *anyone* with a baby or preschool child is welcome to come along for tea, play, chat and company. Please note the **No Shoes** policy in the playroom. In November we will have a visit from some of the Connect team during our meeting on Monday 17th. For more information contact Clodagh 086 8558886.

Tuesday Club

The outing to Dalkey Castle last month, while poorly attended owing to several members being away, was highly entertaining. Actors took the parts of some of the inhabitants of the Castle to convey the mood and customs of long ago most successfully. The attentions of the Apothecary, in particular, made us grateful for the advances in modern medicine while the Housekeeper sent us away feeling itchy with her constant scratching and complaints about the fleas!

Next month's meeting will be in the McLean Room on **November 18th** at 2.30 when the Connect team have promised to entertain us in conjunction with the week of activities in the Parish.

Wedding in Newcastle

On 20th October, **Clive William James Coffee**, 42 Primrose Way, Dromore, Co. Down and **Nina Lynn Huet**, 68 Delgany Park, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. We congratulate Clive and Nina and wish them every blessing and happiness in their home in Co Down.



Extension

Thanks to Geoff Seymour for his hard work in organising the ongoing work on the extension to the Church Room in Calary. It was great to have the roof on in time to use the room for the Harvest Tea.

Calary Christmas Cards

It is nearly *that* time of year again and this year lovely coloured Christmas cards featuring a picture of Calary church are to be sold in aid



of Calary parish. They will be available in the next two weeks and can be bought from Eithni Seymour or June Roe.

The black and white notelets are still available at €5 for a pack of 6 and come in handy throughout the year.

Christmas Family Boxes will be available again this year at the back of St. Matthew's church during the month of November. Non-perishable items please. These donations are very much appreciated and help make a brighter Christmas for deserving families.

Thank you to Marie for organising these boxes every year.



Newcastle Church Cleaning Rota

Help!!!! Volunteers are badly needed to clean the church in November and December. Individuals or groups, it doesn't matter, please add your name to the list in the porch at the back of the church.

Thank you very much to all those who so generously and quickly responded to our appeal for items for the cottage. The fireplace is now safe and there is plenty of comfortable seating and desk space. However if there any (solid!) dining chairs looking for a good home, or a small and decent companion set, please contact us as per details on front page.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Memorial Plaque

Canon Robert Jennings in his recently published book "Newcastle Down the Years" expressed the hope that Newcastle Residents and other interested friends would erect a memorial plaque to eight unknown sailors buried in Newcastle Churchyard. This has now been arranged for Sunday 2nd November, All Souls Day, at 3pm. Rev William Bennett and Father Liam Belton will lead the short ceremony. Anyone else who wishes to attend this event is welcome. We are grateful to those who subscribed to this memorial; Newcastle Residents' Association, Wicklow Historical Society and some private individuals. The plaque will read as follows:

In memory of eight unnamed sailors buried nearby, four of whom lost their lives during the wreck of the Brig Elaine off Five Mile Point in 1883.

**In memory also of all those others interred here who are
'Known only to God'.**

Captain Richard Jones, First Mate John Jones and George Wilson are buried in Nun's Cross Churchyard.

R.N.L.I. Calendar

A limited edition of the R.N.L.I.'s (local branch) calendar for 2009 with historic photographs of Greystones is now available, priced €5, from **Tony Noonan** ph: 2819175.

Prime Time “Singles Group”

Saturday 15th November - meal in Coppermines Restaurant, Whitebridge, Avoca. Contact Carol 2874743 after 6pm.