

# P**ARISH** INFORMATION NEWSSHEET

Parish of Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy  
with Calary

# NOVEMBER

**Newcastle  
Church  
Stars  
in  
Penny  
Dreadful**



Newcastle Church will be closed for church services during the month of November as it is to be used as a location in the TV series 'Penny Dreadful'. The filming itself will take three days but there will be substantial preparation and changes to be made to the church before the start of production. Everything will be restored to its previous state after filming is complete.

There will be some inconvenience on the days of filming due to the parking of eight very large trucks in the grounds of the Parish Centre and around the church but we have been assured that the crew will do their best to minimise any disturbance. Services will be held in the hall at the Parish Centre during this time. See the back page of PINS for details.

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CALARY?**

## **Music in Calary**

After another successful season, we would like to thank all of the performers who took part, those who assisted on the night and everyone who came and, hopefully, enjoyed the concerts.

We had a very varied programme this year. It started with "A Handful of Singers" Bath's highly respected and versatile chamber choir who very generously included Calary in their programme for 2015. They were conducted by Christopher Finch, one of the UK's foremost choral conductors. This was followed in June by Deirdre and Fionnuala Moynihan who performed Tchaikovsky songs and John Field Nocturnes and also by Kevin and Ellen Jansson who give the Janet Ashe piano recital. Kevin, who had recently attended the Lang Lang Junior Music Camp in Barcelona and Ellen, who is a former student at the prestigious Chethams School of Music in Manchester are both exceptionally talented

young pianists.

In July, Lance Coburn played piano works by Chopin, Liszt and Prokofiev, Musici Ireland and Michael McHale performed Beethoven's Spring Sonata and Schubert's Trout Quintet and Wicklow Proms presented The Maria Callas Songbook. The series continued in August with John Purser, composer, poet and foremost historian of Scottish music introducing many of his own compositions to Calary, while, in September, we had a wonderful concert given by Bewley's Cafe Theatre and Delmaine String Quartet entitled Love and War-Words and Music from the Western Front during World War 1. If you would like to be kept informed of the concerts in our 2016 series, please email [derekneilson@eircom.net](mailto:derekneilson@eircom.net).

## **Harvest Service:**

We would like to thank everyone who came and joined us at the Calary Harvest Service on Sunday 11 October and those who provided refreshments.

## **Communion Lunch**

Calary will be hosting a Communion Lunch on Wednesday 16 December. Everyone is welcome to attend but we would ask that you let Ethni (2863890) or Charlotte (086 8354394) know if you will be joining us so that we are aware of the numbers who will be coming.

## **Carol Service:**

The Calary Candlelight Carol

Service will be at 7 pm on Sunday 20 December and will be followed by refreshments in the Church Room. We would be delighted to see any members from other parishes who would like to come and join us.

## **Sunday School:**

Sunday School continues in the Church Room during Sunday Service, except when there is Family Service.

## **Christmas Box Appeal**

It's that time again!

As usual there will be boxes in the back of St Matthew's Church for anyone wishing to make contributions of food (non-perishable)  
Please note: we cannot accept toys or books.

This food will be delivered to deserving families at Christmas by the Rector.

Our thanks to Marie Brassington for organising this each year.



# *Remembrance Service*

**St Matthew's Church  
Newtownmountkennedy  
8th November  
at 11am**

**Everyone welcome  
to come and  
join us in  
honouring our  
security forces**

## **BIBLE BOOK CLUB**

Dates for November are 10th and 24th November, meeting at 8pm as usual in the sitting room at the Parish Centre. We aim to finish the study of Peter before Christmas, launching into Revelation in the New Year.

## **BOWLS**

It was agreed at the AGM that the Club would not enter a team in the B section of the East Coast League this year as there were not enough members to sustain two teams. Instead

a series of 'friendly' matches would be arranged with local teams to give more members a chance to play.

Consequently we will play a team from Greystones this week on a purely social basis which we hope will be enjoyable for all concerned.

The club continues to be represented in the A section.

## **TABLE TENNIS**

The club meets on Mondays at 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre. Everybody is welcome. It's hoped to have a friendly match

against Calary/Enniskerry in November.

## **PARENTS AND TODDLERS**

The parents and toddlers meet on Mondays from 10am (new time to suit naps) and Wednesdays from 3.30pm. Everyone welcome to bring their babies and toddlers along for play and a chat. No P & T on Bank Holiday 26th November.

## **COFFEE**

Every Tuesday morning from 10.30 in the sitting room at the Parish Centre.

### **Meeting of Select Vestry Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy**

**Friday 27th November at 8pm  
in the Parish Centre**

## **REMINDER**

**Don't forget to leave your sustentation (upkeep) envelope on the plate in church, in to the Parish Office or post to Andy Sleeman, Greenacres, Blackditch, Newcastle**

## A Word from the Rector

I find that some high rise car parks often present a challenge and I need to exercise extra care when going from one level to another. Some architects seem to design car parks to have just barely enough room for a car to get around those corners while others obviously take drivers like me into account in their planning and leave more generous space to get from story to story. Then there is the problem of finding an actual place to park and we all like to get as close as possible to the pedestrian exit. Having searched for a vacant space in a hospital car park I found one reasonably close to the lift leading to the wards. I needed to carefully manoeuvre the car to fit into a fairly tight space between two cars, was happy with my effort, then got out, locked the doors and as I walked away glanced back and oops! I noticed how badly I had parked the car. It was positioned neatly between the other two cars but the problem was that one front wheel was over the line of the parking space at one side and the opposite rear wheel over the line at the other side. I had fitted in using the other, badly parked, cars as my guide instead of using the firmly painted lines. How easy it is for us to allow our lives to be guided by culture, by popular opinion and what at first glance would seem to be the obvious way to go. The problem is that popular opinion is not always in agreement with the clear parking lines of scripture. It is only as we keep our eyes on the lines that we can be confident we are in the correct space. Too many people allow themselves be guided by popular opinion and by those parked close to them thus missing out on what God's plan for their lives really is. It is impossible to know that plan if we don't take his word seriously. May God bless us as we learn more and more of his ways and his plan for our lives.

William

**Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path**  
*Psalm 119:105*

# **COME & C**

The aim of Come & C is to celebrate the lives of people and parishes in churches and communities, and to connect people and parishes in friendship with one another.

Following the conference on September 12th in the High School, which reviewed the Come & C report, the forum was opened to a wider group of participants from the parishes at deanery meetings in the diocese. The meeting for north-east and south-east Glendalough was held in Temple Carrig School on October 7th. This was attended by the Rector and several parishioners from Newcastle/ Newtownmountkennedy/Calary.

Our parish had been invited to give a presentation on the Bible Book Club as one of three presentations on the night. William and Karen explained how the club was set up and run.

Each parish was then twinned with another to come up with a suggestion of a project which the joint parishes could plan for the Come & C year, which begins in Advent 2015 and continues until Christ the King 2016. It was decided to run a joint project which would involve our teenagers.

There will be more information on this project at a later date after consultation between the parishes.

## **True Church Story**

When my older brother, Shay, was very young, he always walked up to the church altar with my mother when she took communion.

On one occasion, he tugged at her arm and asked, 'What does the priest say when he gives you the bread?' Mum whispered something in Shay's ear.

Imagine his shock many years later when he learned that the priest doesn't say, 'Be quiet until you get back to your seat.'

## **FAMILY SERVICE**



**Sunday 15th November  
at 11am**

**St Matthew's Church  
Newtownmountkennedy**

**Everyone Welcome!**

# *Prayer Space*

*peace*

*quiet*

*reflection*

*blessings*

*sacred time*



Mondays  
9 - 9.15am  
(Starting 9th Nov)  
Sitting Room  
Newcastle Parish  
Centre

***The greatest gift  
we can give to others  
is our prayers***



This month please remember in your prayers:

**Baby Adams** in Adelaide, Australia whose parents know she will be born with transposed arteries of the heart and will need open heart surgery at a few days old.

Rodney

**Baby Ruby**

Erin

**Johnny**

*If you would like to include a name on this page please give the details to Karen or William*

## *Time Out*

**The prayer group will meet on  
Tuesdays 3rd and 17th November at 8pm  
in the Parish Centre**

# What Goes On at... 'The Lunch'

The lunch is held on the third Thursday of the month in the upstairs meeting room in the Parish Centre. There is a lift for those who don't want to tackle the stairs. Diners arrive at about 12.45pm and enjoy a glass of sherry before dinner.

Then a main course is served by Karen and Anne, followed by a choice of desserts. The meal is finished off with coffee, tea and chocolates. This is often accompanied by stories, jokes and poems.

In December there is a special Christmas lunch with extra special treats and a visit from Santa, who seems to particularly enjoy the food served. The extra merriment generally inspires even more stories,

jokes and poems—and sometimes a song or two. There have been occasions when dancing has broken out, and once a memorable game of tiddlywinks (instigated by one, Edie Wheatley).

We've had many regulars over the years, some alas no longer with us, and various visitors too. In general we have a group of between 12 and 16 to dine, and they all fit around the big board room table upstairs.

The cost for lunch is €10 per person and everyone is very welcome to join us. Just make sure to book a place with Karen beforehand.



## Message from Laura and Rebecca Stewart

Our new school Temple Carrig, has been fantastic over the last 12 months. We're now into year two, and the girl's hockey team has the opportunity to go to the home of hockey in the Netherlands, next October 2016.

We are kicking off with a series of fundraising events, starting with a Coffee Morning in the new school sports hall on **Friday 20th November 2015 from 10am-1pm**. As well as being able to indulge in some tasty treats baked by our squad members, you will have a chance to tour our fabulous new building and take part in a raffle with plenty of great prizes.

# CONFIRMATION 2016

We have 22 young people who have put themselves forward as candidates for confirmation in Spring 2016. They have already met up with William for an introduction to the lessons ahead and to get to know each other.

On Saturday 7th November the group will be going to Kilmuirerry for an afternoon of archery and Squirrel Scramble tree adventure before getting down to more serious business on Sunday afternoons.



There is no information yet as to location or time of confirmation, but as soon as we have the information we'll pass it on.

Please keep this group in your prayers.

## Sunday School

Class dates for November are 1st, 22nd & 29th.

Believe it or not but there are only 4 classes left until we break up for Christmas holidays. As we will be casting roles and practicing for the Nativity Play, it's very important that all children who wish to take part attend regularly up to Christmas.

Karen K



## Junior Choir

Rehearsals after school on Wednesdays

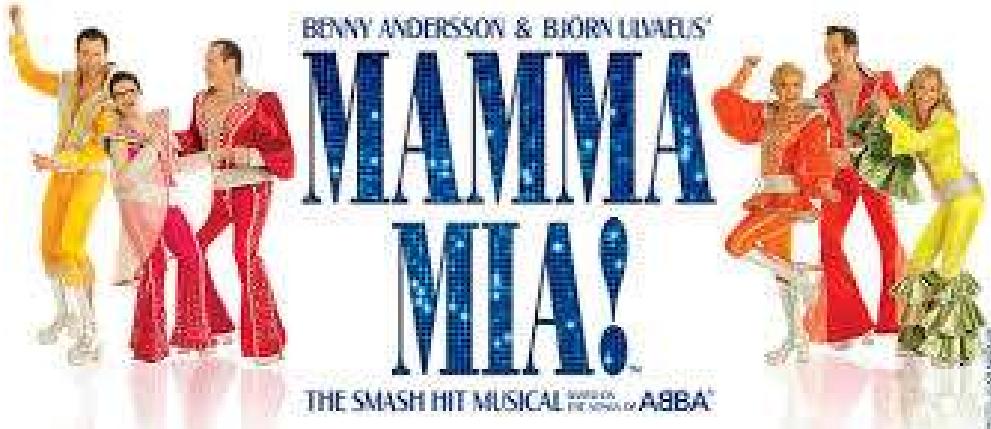
Performing next at the Family Service

## Junior Film Club



Saturdays  
6.30pm

Parish Centre



# SING—ALONG FILM NIGHT

**Friday 20th November  
7.30pm**

**Newcastle Parish Centre**

**Tickets: €15**

**Ticket includes a movie meal  
Bring along your friends and your singing voice  
Prize for the best dressed!**

## Diocesan Synod

Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Synod 2015 took place on Tuesday October 13 in Taney Parish Centre. It was attended by the Rector and parish synodspersons James Norse, Karen Reynolds and Derek Neilson. During the evening members heard the reports of Diocesan Councils, the Diocesan Board of Education, the Diocesan Committee of the Church's Ministry of Healing, the Diocesan Council for Mission and the Diocesan Committee for Social Action. There was also a presentation on the Charter of Dignity in Church Life.



### Archbishop's Address

In his address, Archbishop Michael Jackson examined the impact of the Holy Spirit. He said there were three components of Spiritual being and Spiritual activity: communication, community and communion.

Turning to the dioceses' Come&C initiative, the Archbishop recalled that the Come&C Report was launched at last year's Synod. The initiative celebrates the lives of people and parishes in churches and communities and connects people and parishes in friendship with one another.

"So, what is Come&C? It is the voice of the people in the parishes shaping the vision and witness of the dioceses. It is the commitment of the people in the parishes voicing a shared future with the community and with their neighbours".

The Archbishop also highlighted the growing partnership with Jerusalem. The Prepare a Place project began in Advent 2014 and the diocesan family responded generously in support of Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City. "I should like to thank members of the United Dioceses on what would seem to be a first strictly *united diocesan* missionary initiative for a very long time. I should like to thank you for a generosity of giving from the heart that amounts to well into six figures. Already the Diocesan Councils have unanimously endorsed the next stage; that is a formal partnership through Us with The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East," he said. He said this was the opportunity of a lifetime for the dioceses to connect in friendship with people who are Anglican, Christian and human beings, like us but in "excruciatingly difficult circumstances". He added that it also connects us to the theatre of war from which people are fleeing as refugees. Primarily it connects us to the roots of our faith and belief in God, he stated.

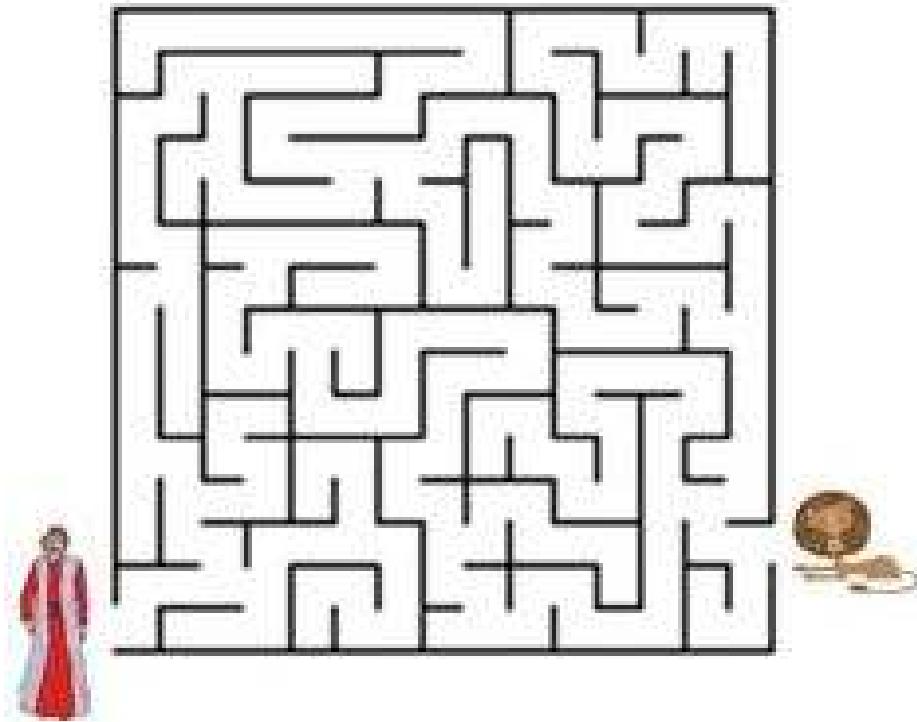
Concluding his address, the Archbishop called on the Church of Ireland to connect to "caritative altruism" – the invitation to think of others when making decisions for ourselves. "It has to do with the response in dignity to those who are our neighbours in a different type of on-going crisis. We have a housing crisis already. We have a Direct Provision crisis already. We have a new crisis for a fresh and different group of people for whom there is no housing and no dignity and no future. And we call them: immigrants, as if they have any option but to flee their own country. People have said to me: Charity begins at home ... and my only response can be: We never know how far it will take us and, in any case, Ireland will be the only home that these particular refugees can possibly call home," he said.

Next year's Diocesan Synod will take place in Temple Carrig School, Greystones.



## Daniel and the Lions Den

Help Daniel get past the sleeping lion



- Q. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the bible?**
- A. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.**

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# SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 1st All Saints</b>	Calgary	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Is. 25:6-9</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	<i>Rev. 21:1-6</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	<i>John 11:32-44</i>
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	Calgary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Ruth 3:1-5 &amp; 4:13-17</i>
	St Matthew's	11.00	WB	Remembrance	<i>Mark 12:38-44</i>
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	St Matthew's	11.00	KR &IF	FS	<i>1 Sam. 1:4-20</i>
	Calgary	19.00	WB	Gospel Choir	<i>Mark 13:1-8</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd Christ the King</b>	Calgary	9.30	WB	HC	<i>2 Sam. 23:1-7</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>Rev. 1:4-8</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
<b>Sunday 29th Advent</b>	Calgary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Jer. 33:14-16</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>Luke 21:25-36</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	



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.