



# PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy  
with Calary

# NOVEMBER 2016

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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thinking about planning I am reminded of the old one 'If you aim at nothing you are bound to hit it'!

It is easy to go through the weeks and years in a relatively comfortable and familiar way which can sometimes mean we become unaware of the evolving needs in the fast-changing world around us. In the business world successful leaders are constantly assessing what they do, how they do it and the possible ways they might be able to adjust their practices to ensure more relevant communication with their clients. We in church life, I believe, have often been very slack in the area of good communication. This is something we are trying to address and that is the main reason for your invitation to the special service and lunch on November 20th.

Our hope is that with a specific well thought out and prayed about plan for our united parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy we can have a clearer focus on what direction we move in for the next year, and also looking ahead for the next five years.

The major projects of planning and building a Rectory and Parish Centre are now almost complete. The surface of the car park at the Centre will have been tarmacked by the time many of you read PINS this month. We were very fortunate to have been able to sell six sites and it is hoped that a seventh will be sold in the not too distant future. These sites made the development possible as we were allowed to use the proceeds to pay directly for the capital cost of the buildings. This is completely separate from the current running costs of the parishes for which we are prohibited from using the proceeds of the sites. These developments were never to be an end in themselves—rather they open for us a range of opportunities to do more relevant ministry to all age groups.

We need your ideas, advice, suggestions, person power and, above all, your prayers to help maximise the opportunities presented to us. We definitely need to think 'outside the box' so we value your input. Looking forward to a positive day on November 20th.

A very sincere thanks to all who helped make the harvest celebrations in Newcastle and Calary the joyful occasions they proved to be. The services were all well attended and delicious food was enjoyed by all following the Friday service in Newcastle and the Sunday service in Calary. Calary Parish presented a weekend of culture with music and art, and the Church Hall and Church looked magnificent with a combination of tastefully arranged flowers and produce of the soil and paintings by local artists. Well done to all concerned.

With every good hope for the future,

William

# *Remembrance Service*

**St Matthew's Church  
Newtownmountkennedy  
Sunday 13th November  
at 11am**

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



# Clubs and Organisations

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School - November & December.

Only 3 more Sunday School classes until our Nativity Service, so it's really important that the children come to class. This year the children will be performing The Great Manger Mystery, the nativity from the animals point of view. The Junior Choir will also be performing during the service. We are holding our Christmas Party on Saturday 17th December in The Parish Centre, invites will be given to the children at Sunday School.

Dates for your diary:

SS Classes November: 6th & 27th

SS Classes December: 4th

Nativity Service: 11th December

SS Christmas Party: 17th

December

Looking forward to seeing all the children over the next couple of months.

*Karen*

## **Parents and Toddlers**

Anyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in to the main hall at the Parish Centre on a Monday morning from 10.30 for play and a chat. Tea/coffee and toast included.

No Parents and Toddlers on Bank Holiday Monday 31st October.

## **Junior Choir**

The Junior Choir meets to practise with Joan in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday afternoon after school. Look out for them at the Every Decade Service.

## **Parish Choir**

The Parish Choir is busy rehearsing for several upcoming events, meeting on a Monday evening from 8pm upstairs in the Parish Centre. New members very welcome.

## **Time Out**

The prayer group will meet on Tuesday 15th.

## **Bowls**

The Bowls club is in full swing and played two matches recently. A 'Friendly' against Clonkeen (they beat us) and a League match against Aughrim from which we gained two points.

The Annual Dinner will be held in Greystones Golf Club on Thursday, 24th. November. An invitation is extended to any past members and friends who would care to join us at this very pleasant venue. The charge will be 30 Euro a head as last year.

Please contact Evelyn Sutton (Hon. Sec.) on 0404 61690 to be included.

## **Prayer Space**

Prayer Space meets on a Monday morning at 9am for 15 minutes. It's a good way to begin the week using some beautiful set prayers.

## **Table Tennis**

The Table Tennis club meets on Monday evenings from 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

# **N & N NEWS**

## **Census**

The diocese is carrying out a census in all parishes throughout the month of November. Each person attending church on Sunday will be given a card to fill out (anonymously) indicating gender and age. Parents will fill out a card for each of their children. Thank you for your co-operation in this - especially on Sunday 20th when we have our big Parish day with the Every Decade Service and Lunch.

## **Parish Centre Closure**

The Parish Centre will be closed to the public for the week beginning Monday 31st October so that the car park can be tarmacked. If your group or club normally meets at the centre during the day it will be cancelled that week. Groups meeting at night can park in the school car park by *prior* arrangement and access the centre through the side gate. It will all be worth it though when we have a swish new car park!



## **Lunch**

There will be no monthly lunch in November due to the Parish Lunch on Sunday 20th.

## **Sustentation**

Envelopes for your contribution to the running costs of the parish are enclosed with your copy of PINS, or will be posted to those who get PINS by email. Your giving is the lifeblood of the parish and goes to pay costs of heating our churches and parish centre, electricity, insurance, telephone, water, refuse, cleaning, repairs, maintenance of the grounds, administration, licences, property tax, our contribution to the rector's salary, etc, etc. These costs add up to a huge sum and must be met by day-to-day income, as any money from the sale of property can only be used for capital projects - such as the building of the parish centre. Please give what you can.

## **Vestry Meeting**

The next meeting of Select Vestry will take place on Tuesday 29th November in the Parish Centre.



**Have you answered your invitation?**

**EVERY DECADE**

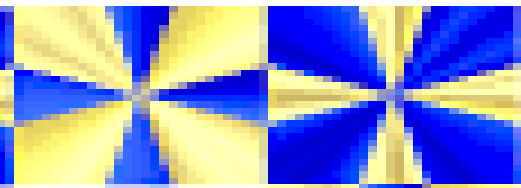
**in Newcastle Church at 11am  
with people of every age**

**followed by**

**SUNDAY**

**in the Parish Centre  
and the unveiling of the**

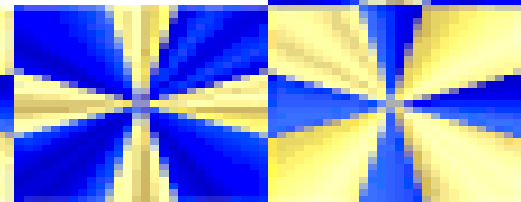
**We look forward to**



Event?

MEMBER

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# CALARY NEWS

## **Music in Calary**

Calary's 2016 series of concerts finished on Saturday October 8 with a wonderful performance by the harpist Triona Marshall. It was a magnificent end to the season and also as part of Calary's Harvest weekend, which included the Art Exhibition. It was great to see the church so full of people at the concert, viewing the paintings and at the Harvest Service, which was full to capacity and at which Reverend Alan Breen gave an entertaining and thought provoking sermon.

The Music in Calary committee will shortly be starting work on gathering together the concerts for the 2017 series. We would like to thank all of those who came to any of the concerts and hope that you enjoyed the performances. We look forward to welcoming you back to Calary during 2017 and we would also like to thank all of those who assisted us during the year.

## **Carol Service**

Advance notice that Calary's Carol Service will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 December.

## **Art Exhibition and Harvest Service**

We would like to thank everyone within the whole parish who supported us during the Art Exhibition and Harvest weekend.


## **Sunday School**

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

## **Table Tennis**

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays at 8 pm in the Church Room. New members are always welcome





**Date for your Diary**  
**Christmas Extravaganza**  
**with Bazaar**  
**and Concert**  
**3rd December**

**St Matthew's Church**  
**Newtownmountkennedy**

**Bakers and Crafters needed to**  
**provide goods for Christmas stalls**



Family  
Quiz Night

Friday  
25th November

St Francis N S



**CastleKidz**

**PLAYSCHOOL**

**Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle**

**Monday to Friday  
9am—12 .30pm**

**Next ECCE entry point January 2017**

**for children born between  
1st Sept 2013—31st Dec 2013**

**Full and part-time places**

**€5 per hour for non-ECCE children**

**Beautiful setting**

**Bright modern facilities**

**Enthusiastic talented staff**

**Learning through play**

**including arts and crafts,**

**French with a native French speaker,**

**drama lessons, music,**

**cookery classes,**

**exercise for pre-schoolers**

**Information and Enrolment Forms**

**from the Parish Office**

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**or phone Karen at 087 2866889**

# Children's Page



## Autumn Word Search



W B Y K N L  
O N R R R E  
R Z O O O A  
C C E S W F  
A P P L E N  
E K A R D O

Find the words  
hidden in the puzzle:

acorn  
apple  
brown  
crow  
leaf  
rake



# NOVEMBER SERVICES

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	<i>2 Thess. 2: 1-5, 13-17</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	HC	
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Ex. 12:1-14 Luke 21:5-19</i>
	St Matthew's	11.00	WB	Remembrance Service	
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Deut. 16:13-17</i>
	Newcastle	11.00	WB	Every Decade Service + Lunch	
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	<i>Rom. 13:11-14</i>
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	<i>Matt. 24:36-44</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 DECEMBER/JANUARY PINS to:  
nandnparishoffice@gmail.com

**Items must be received by MONDAY 21st November**