

### PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

# NOVEMBER 2021





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#### From the Rector

Dear friends,

As I sit and write this, the weather has taken a decidedly wet and wintry look, just as October is coming to an end. Our harvest thanksgiving services in October were really well attended and, as they were my first in these parishes, they will always be special for me. Hopefully the first of many! I would like to thank all those who decorated Newcastle and Calary churches so beautifully for Harvest. I would also like to thank our guest preachers. In Newcastle, Rev. Cathy Hallisey, rector of Powerscourt and Kilbride, and Copperpot preached at our Friday evening service and Rev. Chris West, curate in Taney parish, preached at our Sunday service. Our best wishes to Rev. West as he moves to Enniskillen. Our thanks to Rev. Rob Clements, rector of Kilternan, who was our guest preacher in Calary. My thanks also to our choirs for singing so beautifully for us.

A big thank you to all those who organised a fantastic weekend of events in Calary between the 8th and 10th October. A very successful Art Exhibition was held, with large numbers of people viewing and buying, the many beautiful paintings. On Friday 8th October, the arts officer for County Wicklow, Jenny Sherwin, launched Redmond O'Toole's new cd of classical guitar pieces to an audience of 60 people, in accordance with all current covid guidelines. There was also a plant and produce sale for Fields of Life on the Saturday.

As we enter the month of November, we are entering a month linked to acts of remembrance. November 1st is All Saints Day, when we remember those who have passed to their eternal rest. November 14th is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who lost their lives in conflict. Our service on Sunday 31st October is a short memorial service for those who have died over the last two years, a period when restrictions meant it was difficult for families to receive the support they needed, a time when we remember lost loved ones.

Sadly, on Friday 15th October, the news of the sudden and untimely death of Will Leeson left us all, as individuals and as a community, shocked and broken hearted. It is with loving memories and great sadness that we remember Will. We keep his parents Andrew and Julie, his big sister Emily, and all of his family and friends in our hearts and in our prayers.

The last Sunday in November is Advent Sunday, the start of a season of preparation for the coming of the light of the world, the birth of our Saviour, a light of love and hope that shines brightly no matter how dark the day becomes.

Take care and God bless, Ross

#### Will Leeson

On Monday 18th October, a heart broken community gathered in beautiful Newcastle church to celebrate the life of Will Leeson and to say our farewells. We gathered to support Will's family and friends and to celebrate a beloved member of our community whose life touched so many. Since Will's passing there has been an outpouring of grief and sadness. This is a time to support each other and to support Will's family in the days and months ahead.

In the reading at the service from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we heard that love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. Love is the shining light that can never be dimmed. Our love for each other shines bright, and the light of God's love is always there with us, burning brighter in times when we are sad and in darkness. The light of Will's love for his family, the light of their love for him and the light of God's love for them all will never be dimmed. May Will's family know the love, the light and the peace of Christ, until they all meet again.

## CALARY NEWS

#### **Calary Harvest Weekend**

A highly successful Art Exhibition was held over the weekend of 8th to 10th October with a large number of people viewing the many paintings and a good number of purchases made. On Friday 8th, the Arts Officer for County Wicklow, Jenny Sherwin, launched Redmond O'Toole's new cd of classical guitar pieces to an audience of 60 people. There was also a plant and produce sale for Fields of Life on the Saturday. The Harvest Service on Sunday 10th included both parishioners and visitors when the preacher was Rev Rob Clements.





#### **Sunday School**

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

#### **Parish Registers**

#### Funeral at Newcastle Church

18th October 2021. Will Leeson, Newcastle, Co Wicklow.

Died suddenly on 15th October. Heartfelt condolences to his Mum and Dad, Julie and Andrew, to his sister Emily, and to all the wider family and friends. Our church community is heartbroken for you.

#### **Baptism at Calary Church**

24th October 2021. Charlie Carstairs, son of Kelleigh Sutton and Edward Carstairs. We wish Charlie and his family every blessing.

#### Will

Will, what's it like being in the sky today?

When I heard you passed
I wasn't sure what to say.
I don't have many memories
I didn't know you very well
Sometimes I even wonder
How a great boy like you fell.

But I do remember that you were active
Energetic and fun
I can see you playing
In the bright, bright sun.
It's hard to say you're gone
But I know that it is true
I wonder if there's enough
Biscuits in heaven for you.

By Anna O Toole, age 10

# NEWCASTLE SUNDAY CLUB launching Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November



## First and third Sundays each month

Meet your leaders at 12 noon in Newcastle Church

Learn about God in a fun and creative atmosphere

Don't miss it!



#### Coffee

The drop-in coffee morning at the Parish Centre continues on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am.

Everyone welcome.





#### Lunch is back!

The regular lunch is back this month.
It will take place on Thursday 18th
November in the Parish Centre.
No change to the cost - still €10 for a
main course, dessert and tea/coffee.

We look forward to seeing you all from 12.45pm. Don't forget to book your place with Karen.



#### **Confirmation 2022**

Confirmation lessons will begin on Friday 5th November. Ross will be in touch before then.

It's not too late to join the group. Just contact Ross at 087-9892941

There will be a service of Holy Communion on Remembrance Sunday 14th November.



#### **Bowls Club**

Thursdays at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.



Everyone welcome.

#### **Table Tennis Club**

Mondays in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Juniors 7pm Seniors 8pm



#### **Time Out**



The prayer group will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

#### **Parish Choir**

Many thanks to the Choir for singing the hymns at recent church services.

They are now busy rehearsing pieces to sing at upcoming special services.

Singers always welcome to join.





Fridays
7.30 - 9pm
Newcastle
Parish Centre

PLEASE WEAR A MASK IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL YOU REACH THE ROOM WHERE YOUR GROUP MEETS. THEN FOLLOW THE PROTOCOL THAT YOUR PARTICULAR ORGANISATION HAS AGREED.



### **Harvest Thanksgiving at Newcastle**







#### HOW TO BE A GREAT FRIEND WORD SEARCH

Find each of the words about important friendship qualities hidden below.

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#### WORDS TO FIND

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# SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING	
Sunday 7th	Calary Newcastle	9.30 12.00	RS RS	MP MP	Hebrews 9:24-28 Psalm 127 Mark 12:38-44	
Remembrance Sunday 14th	Calary Newcastle	9.30 12.00	RS RS	HC HC	Hebrews 10:11-25 Psalm 16 Mark 13:1-8	
Sunday 21st	Calary Newcastle	9.30 12.00	RS RS	MP MP	Revelation 1:4-8 Psalm 132:1-12 John 18:33-37	
Advent Sunday 28th	Calary Newcastle	9.30 11.30	RS RS	MP Every Decade Service + Lunch	1 Thess. 3:9-13 Psalm 25:1-9 Luke 21:25-36	



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am.

For the moment this will be held in the McLean Room.