



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
Parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary

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Dear friends,

As I sit and write this, October is drawing to a close, the clocks are about to change to winter time, and my thoughts are turning towards planning Advent and Christmas services! The year seems to be flying by!! As October ends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who made our Harvest Festival services so special. To all those who decorated Newcastle and Calary churches so beautifully, to those who prepared the delicious refreshments, to choir members and readers, church wardens, our fantastic organists Sheila and Charlotte, our guest preachers Rev. Suzanne Harris and Rev. Jack Kinkead, and to all of you for coming, as we gathered to give thanks and praise for the blessings and bounty that we enjoy. It was wonderful that, not only could we worship together, but that we could gather together as a community of faith, as friends, to share food in fellowship and enjoy each others company again. Thank you.

Works are progressing really well in St. Matthew's church and I am hoping to hold our first service back in the church on Sunday November 13th at 10.45am, a joint service for Remembrance Sunday and to give thanks for our return to worship. This is, however, builder dependent, so I will confirm this nearer the date!

During the coming season of Advent I will be leading a weekly Advent reflection, each Tuesday evening at 8pm, in the parish centre, beginning on Tuesday 29th November. All are very welcome.

This year, we will once again have our Every Decade service in Newcastle church, on Sunday 27th November, a chance to come together, worship and speak about our vision for the parish, with food afterwards! All are very welcome.

The last Sunday in November is Advent Sunday, the start of a season of preparation and hope, for the coming of the light of the world, the birth of our Saviour. A light of love that shines brightly in our world, no matter how dark the days become. May I wish you, and all whom you love, a blessed Advent.

Take care and God bless,
Ross



CATCH THE VISION!

We're inviting you to attend the

EVERY DECADE SERVICE

**in Newcastle Church at 11.30am
on SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER
with people of every age taking part**

followed by

SUNDAY LUNCH

**in the Parish Centre
with delicious food
and updates on the
PARISH PLAN**

***Please let Karen know at 087-2866889
for seating and catering purposes***

Family Harvest with Blessing of the animals



Harvest Festival Service Calary

Sunday 9th October



Baptism Newcastle Church

Saturday 8th October



Around the Parishes



Newcastle Juvenile GAA, u8, u9 & u10 boys and girls teams who took part in the Will Leeson Cup



Concert in Calary in aid of Sr Mary Killeen's work with the children in the Mukuru Slums of Nairobi

Around the parishes

Will's walk, Saturday 15th October



Sunday Club deciding on nativity play parts!

Youth Group making Scarecrows!



CALARY NEWS

Concert Fundraiser for Sr Mary's work in Mukuru

The Supper Concert in aid of the work done by Sister Mary Killeen in Mukuru, Nairobi was held on Friday 7 October. The evening was a great success with a wonderful meal followed by a fantastic concert of classical and jazz from Classic Harmony. A total of €5,000 was raised for the work of Sister Mary and we would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way.

Summer 2022 series of concerts.

Music in Calary had a splendid summer of concerts. Back after two years we welcomed many talented and renowned performers. The audiences were once again able to immerse themselves in the ambiance and mood of live performances in this special venue. Plans are already underway for our 2023 summer. We would especially like to thank Wicklow County Council Arts Office for their support. If you would like to be notified of our upcoming concerts by email, please send a note to derekneilson11@gmail.com who will put you on the distribution list.

Harvest Service

Calary's Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday 9 October and the preacher was Rev Jack Kinhead. The service was followed by Harvest Tea in the Church Room and it was wonderful to welcome back so many of our friends to the first such event in three years.

Sunday School

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



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 3rd December, 3pm-5:30pm

St Matthew's Church

Newtownmountkennedy, A63 RC53

Food | Crafts | Gifts | Special guest!
and much more



Upstairs in the Parish Centre
Friday mornings
10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Everyone very welcome!

Our new Tea Room launched on Friday 14th October.



**Lovely morning
catching up with friends!**





Breakfast

*Rector's
Breakfast*

*Tuesday's from
8:45
(termtime)*



SUNDAY CLUB

SUNDAY FUNDAY

**6TH NOVEMBER
20TH NOVEMBER**

**GAMES, CRAFTS, STORIES,
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND MORE**

NEWCASTLE - 12 NOON

YOUTH GROUP

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 11th November

Friday 25th November



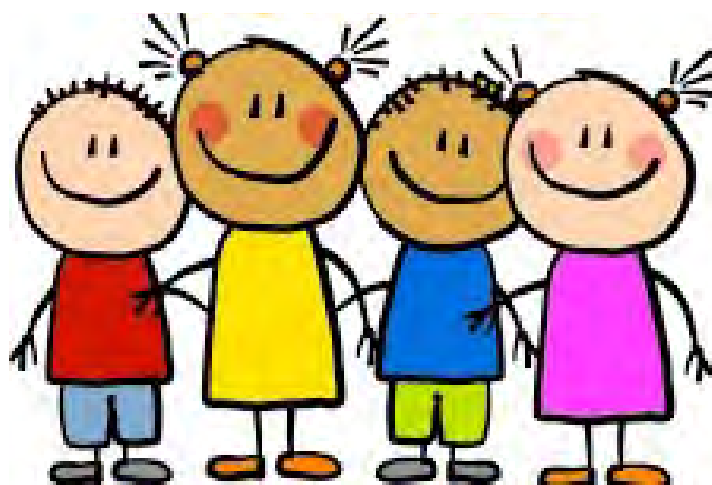
from 4th Class up



Junior Choir

Starting Soon!

For more info, please contact Rev Ross



PARENT + TODDLER
GROUP

MONDAY MORNINGS

10 - 11.15am

PARISH CENTRE

ALL WELCOME!

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

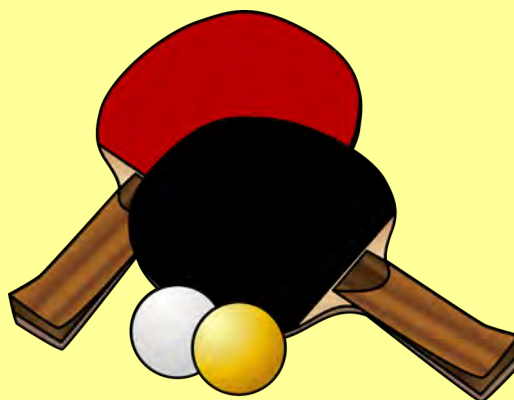
MONDAYS

7—8 pm

PARISH CENTRE



Table Tennis
Mondays at 8pm
in the Parish Centre.



Mondays
8pm
Parish Centre

We sing at
Holy
Communion
and special
services

Parish Choir

We will be starting to practise music for Advent and the Christmas period at the beginning of November. There is such a wealth of beautiful music for this time of the year from all parts of the world including from Ukraine. We would love some of you to join us and discover or re-discover the joy of singing which adds so much to our worship. We meet upstairs in the Parish Centre every Monday between 8 and 9pm.

Do come along.

Andy Sleeman

Bowls

Club



**Thursdays
from 8pm
in the Parish Centre
All welcome!**

Bowls Club

When someone first told me that people played bowls in a church hall I thought they were pulling my leg. My perception of bowls was of English greens with ladies (probably members of the conservative party – bless 'em) in long white skirts and strange hats. I was eventually persuaded that one really could play a version of the game wearing whatever you liked in a church hall as long as you had the right shoes.

On Thursday night two green mats are rolled out covering most of the length of the main hall in the parish centre. One simply has to get a bowl to roll from one end of the mat to the other in such a way that it stops as near as possible to a little white ball called the jack.

Easy – or it would be were not for the fact that there is a piece of wood placed half way down the mat which the bowl must go around. To add to the interest one side of the bowl is heavier than the other and so it goes in a straight line while it is going fast but into a curve as it slows down. Only the better players are fairly sure what is going happen once the bowl has left their hand. The rest of us wait and wonder and while some of us can be heard shouting at the bowl this has been found to have no influence on the outcome.

Short mat bowls, to give it its proper title, is quite like the Christian life – one can get better with practice but perfection eludes one - even the best players have their off days and all of us backslide from time to time. Oh that all Christians could make allowances for those off days and encourage rather than condemn to the extent the members do when

we play bowls. Even when one lets the team down in a match there is an understanding that but for the grace of God that might have been my bowl that went off the mat, hit the bit of wood or even ended up on the wrong mat.

There are currently 23 members in the bowls club. It is a friendly and easy going club, we are in a league playing matches as far away as Gorey, we rejoice when we win and are pleased for the other side when we don't (we are often pleased) and we occasionally play a 'friendly' against Greystones.

You would be most welcome to come along at 8 pm any Thursday and have a go. You will need socks without holes in as you will have to play with your shoes off until you decide to commit to buying the right shoes. You don't have to commit to being there every Thursday but if you decide to join the club after trying it for a few nights there is a membership fee of 35 euro a year and we charge 1 euro each Thursday for a cup of tea and a biscuit or two.

My own playing has gone to pot since the covid break. I went to practice on my own for an hour to work out what I was doing wrong. The only conclusion I came to was that I needed new shoes and longer arms. I have bought the new shoes but as for the arms – like the Christian life we all have some built in limitations which we can't change but must do our best to live with and others must make allowances for. That makes people, life and bowls interesting even if, at times, they passeth all understanding.

Michael Croly

Parish Registers

Newcastle Church

20th September,

Burial of Ashes, Arlette Thistle, formerly of Leamore, Newcastle

8th October,

Baptism, Elise Rose and Ethan Cassidy, NSW, Australia

Calary Church

7th October

Funeral, Jean Kerr Johnston, Dunran Hill, Newtownmountkennedy

St. Francis NS

Celebrating 40th anniversary



St Francis NS celebrating together in the school hall.

The eldest pupil and the youngest pupil cutting the cake!



Metal Recycling Collection

In Aid of St. Francis National School, Newcastle

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@ Wicklow Storage Solutions, Newcastle
11th & 12th November 10am – 4pm

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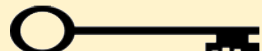
A sample of what we're looking for:

washing-machines
golfclubs
gutters
waterpumps
prams
boilers
knives
doors
lawnmowers
tumbler-dryers
batteries
bunkers
bbqs
saucepans
diggers
lead
gates
dishwashers
patio
go-carts
cans
radiators
wire
copper
trampolines
toasters
furniture
sheep
posts
scaffolding
goalposts
cement-mixers

Collection can be arranged for larger items
Contact Jonathan Watchorn 0879500988
for more information



Newcastle Church Keys

The keys for cleaning and flower arranging tend to go AWOL every so often. If you have had a key in the last few months please check if you brought it back. Thanks! 

Sustentation

If you prefer to give your sustentation (or giving towards running of the parish) twice yearly, now is the time to donate. You can leave an envelope on the plate at church, drop it in to the Parish Office, or use a bank transfer. Please don't forget to reference your name.

AIB, Church Rd., Greystones

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Free Will Offering Envelopes

If you would like to join the free will offering scheme where you receive an envelope for each week of the year for your giving towards the running of the Parish, please get in touch.

Alternatively, if you no longer require your envelopes in 2023 it is important to let us know.

You can contact Jean at 085-7738218 or Karen in the office.

Fields of Life

If you are looking for a charity to support in 2023 you might consider Fields of Life. St Matthew's and Newcastle churches both sponsor children's education with this excellent charity, but we are always a little short of funds and would be very grateful for more sponsors. Contact Karen in the Parish Office.



Advent Word Search

W	E	G	T	H	M	K	I	C	X	J	Q
R	W	R	E	A	T	H	S	A	Z	O	C
M	P	E	K	D	J	E	S	N	B	Y	A
A	Y	A	D	V	I	M	P	D	H	O	P
R	J	O	S	E	P	H	E	L	O	V	E
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Z	U	G	M	L	O	E	Z	E	A	Y	E
Y	S	Q	P	U	R	P	L	E	X	R	A

Words to
Find

Words can be
found left to right
and up and down.

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus



SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 6th	Calary	9:30	RS	HC	Haggai 1: 15b - 2: 9 Psalm 98 2
	St Matthew's	-	-		Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
	Newcastle	12:00	RS	HC	Luke 20: 27-38
Sunday 13th	Calary	9:30	RS	MP	Isaiah 65: 17-25 Canticle:
	St Matthew's	10:45	RS	Remem- brance	Song of Isaiah 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
	Newcastle	-	-		Luke 21: 5-19
Sunday 20th	Calary	9:30	RS	Service of the Word	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Canticle:
	St Matthew's	10:45	RS		Benedictus Colossians 1: 11-20
	Newcastle	12:00	RS		Luke 23: 33-43
Sunday 27th	Calary	9:30	RS	MP	Isaiah 2: 1-6 Psalm 122
	St Matthew's	-	-	Every Decade Service	Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44
	Newcastle	11.30	RS		

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday,
with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St. Matthew's

Everyone is welcome to the McLean Room
for tea/coffee afterwards.

