



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
Parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary

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Dear friends,

Friday 27th September marked a special day in Newcastle Church, as we celebrated our Harvest Festival but also marked, to the day, the 10th anniversary of the Parish Centre. My sincere thanks to the Archbishop, who preached at our service. He also rededicated the Parish Centre and dedicated a bench in memory of Mervyn Garrett. On Sunday 13th October, our Harvest services continued in Calary Church, where the Rev. Natasha Quinn-Thomas was our guest preacher. 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 readers, church wardens, our fantastic organists Sheila and Charlotte, our guest preachers, 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. Thank you!

On Saturday 28th September, we experienced a rare phenomenon, as the sun shone for our Colour Run! My sincere thanks to Conor O'Leary, to the Harris and Leeson families, to Cathal, Ed, Peter and to everyone else who worked so hard to make this event happen! Over 200 people attended and by the end, everyone was a kaleidoscope of colours, myself included! Thank you to everyone who took part! We raised nearly €2000 for the school and for parish youth activities!

On Sunday 30th September, we had our blessing of the animals services in Calary and Newcastle, which were a great success again and my thanks to all the well behaved animals, and their owners, who came to church! There was no fighting and nobody was eaten! They were amazing!

October was a very busy month in Calary, with concerts, Harvest and the Sr Mary Supper, which raises money for the wonderful work of Sr Mary in Mukuru in Kenya. My thanks to everyone who makes these events such a success!

On Monday 7th October, family and friends gathered in Delgany Church to celebrate the life of Dorothy Gethings. We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter Tina and to James, Elliot and Theo and all Dorothy's family and friends.

On Wednesday 9th October, we gathered in Newcastle Church to celebrate the life of Tim Topham. We extend our deepest sympathies to Emma, Karl and Duane and to all Tim's family and friends. We keep them in our prayers.

On Sunday 13th October, in Newcastle Church, family and friends gathered for the baptism of Rosie D'Arcy. We wish Rosie and her family every blessing as she begins her journey of faith.

Youth Club and Sunday Club are back in full swing and great fun is being had by all! All children are very welcome and if you haven't tried them out yet, please do! Our wonderful volunteers and children are looking forward to welcoming you!

Our Senior youth club is switching to Sunday evenings and returns on Sunday 24th November at 7pm in the Parish centre. All secondary students, from 1st year up are very welcome!

Junior choir has been a great success over the last few years and has brought so much to our family services. My thanks to all our young people who sing so beautifully! My thanks also to Russell for all his amazing work. He has led and taught junior choir so much and we are all so grateful for all he has done. Sadly work commitments mean that he has to step back from teaching the choir. As a result of this, we are actively seeking someone to continue his fantastic work. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you might be interested.

As well as seeking to continue the amazing singing talent in Junior choir, in late November we are launching new music classes, initially in guitar. The lessons will be free for our young people and the aim is to build on the example of Junior choir and to create and grow the skills and knowledge to develop musical accompaniment in our Family and Youth services.

Book Club for secondary school children started on Wednesday 16th October, they are reading The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy! They meet again on Wednesday 13th November and this month they'll choose the book themselves! All are very welcome to join them!

St Francis NS annual sponsored Will's walk took place on Sunday 20th October, it was a blustery day but all who attended had a great day! We all remember Will with love and it is a very special way to celebrate his life and legacy.

There is a saying that the one constant in life is change! Our new Castlekidz manager, Neasa, who started in Castlekidz in late August, stepped back from the role before mid term. We thank her for all that she brought to CastleKidz and wish her the best for the future. We are very lucky that Joanne and Nicola, both experienced and highly qualified childcare practitioners, have stepped in to job share the position . Irene and Mia remain in their roles.

Sadly that is not the only change. Karen has indicated that, after very many years involvement and work in the parish, she will be retiring from her role as parish administrator on December 13th. We will get a chance to formally thank Karen at our united 11 am Advent Sunday service in Newcastle, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for the parish, and for all the help she has given to me and to wish her every blessing for the future! She will be sorely missed but I am delighted to report that her play writing and organisational skills will not be venturing far!

As we progress through November, the days get darker, and winter fully arrives. Yet as we move towards Advent Sunday, Sunday 1st December, we enter the start of a season of preparation and hope. Preparation 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

As you know, you can
contact me by phone
or e-mail at any time
and we can meet
anywhere for a chat or
prayer but also I am in
my office at the parish
centre each Tuesday
morning, please feel
free to drop in and
say hello!
Ross



Advent Reflections

Join Ross, Deirdre and Caroline
in the Parish Centre for discussion,
reflection and refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS | 8PM

4th, 11th & 18th December

All warmly welcome!

United all age Advent Communion Service

Sunday 1st December, 11am Newcastle Church

With presentation to Karen on her retirement and
refreshments following the service



HOPE

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

SUNDAY CLUB

FUN GAMES CREATE

Sunday 3rd and Sunday 17th Nov.
Newcastle Church at 12 noon!

Games Treasure Hunts
Baking Stories
Arts & Crafts

Come and join the fun!

YOUTH CLUB
Join us!
Newcastle Parish Centre

November
Friday 1st, 15th & 29th
7:30pm - 9PM



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Senior YOUTH Group

Sunday 24th November
@ 7pm - 8:30pm
Parish Centre
From 1st year up!

All warmly welcome!

Junior Table Tennis
Mondays 7 - 8pm
at the Parish Centre.
All aged 9 and over
very welcome!

Book Club



**Wednesday 13th November at
7:30-8:30pm**

In the Parish Centre Youth Room
Refreshments provided!

**We are currently reading:
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
by Douglas Adams**

*Looking forward to seeing you
there!*

From 1st year students upwards!

We're looking for a Junior Choir Teacher



**Monday 2:30-3:30pm & One
Sunday per month
11:30am-12:45pm**



**Please
contact Ross
on 087
9892941**

During termtime

Competitive rates of pay





**Thursdays at 7.30pm
in the Parish Centre.**

ADULT CLUBS



TABLE TENNIS

Mondays 8pm

Parish Centre



Come join our friendly group.
We sing for special events
and at regular monthly
Holy Communion services.
ALTOS particularly welcome.
Practice on Mondays at
8pm in the Parish Centre.
Contact Andy at 0861591873

Parish Choir

RECTOR'S

Breakfast



Tuesdays, from 8:45

During Termtime

in the Parish Centre

All very welcome!



**Christmas Outing
Tuesday 10th December**

**Book your place
with Karen**



Downstairs in the Parish Centre

Friday mornings

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Everyone very welcome!

DATE FOR
YOUR DIARY

*Christmas
Choirs
at
St Matthew's*

*13th December
2024*



**COMING IN THE
NEW YEAR!**

Stay and Play

**(play and chat for parents,
grandparents, childminders,
babies and toddlers)**

**Newcastle Parish Centre
on
Wednesday mornings**

**To register interest
or for more information
text Joanne at 086 0659637**



Church Flowers

If you can help, please add your name
to the rota in Newcastle Church!
Thank you!



CHURCH CLEANING

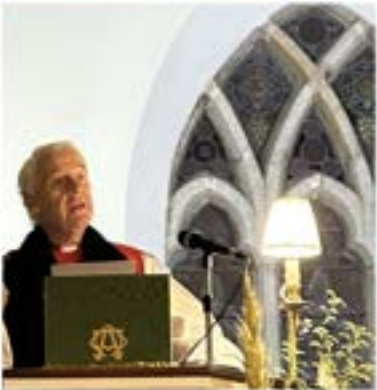
**If you can help, please add your name to the
cleaning rota in Newcastle Church!**

Thank you!



October Around The Parishes

Harvest Newcastle



Blessing of the animals Newcastle and Calary



Colour Run



Harvest Calary



Music in Calary concert



Confirmation class trip to Emerald Park



Youth Club



Sr Mary Supper and Concert



Sunday Club 6th & 20th Oct.



WORD SEARCH



NOVEMBER

Word Search



Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.

AUTUMN
BLACK FRIDAY
CHRYSANTHEMUMS
CINNAMON
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRY
CYBER MONDAY
DAYLIGHT SAVING
ELECTION
FAMILY
FIREPLACE
FOOTBALL
FRIENDSGIVING
GRATITUDE
HARVEST
HOT CIDER
NATIVE AMERICANS

R N Q S E O T A T O P D E H S A M M C H
F C O S W E A T E R S W B P C H D R N E
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S N F Y A C K N N N L M R D B I L G N B
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PECAN PIE
PILGRIMS
POTATOES
PUMPKIN PIE
SCARVES
SCORPIO

STUFFING

SWEATERS

SWEET POTATOES

THANKSGIVING

TOPAZ

TURKEY

VETERANS DAY



Delgany Dramatic Society

Upcoming November Productions

3 One Act plays:

**‘Winner Takes All’
a comedy by Helen Taylor**

**‘Come Sail with Me’
a play by Maeve Edwards**

**‘Grimstone Halt’
a drama by Peter Robbie**

21, 22 & 23 November 2024

Old Schoolhouse Delgany 8.00 pm

**Tickets at the Door (one price) €15
children under 14 free (i.e. primary school age)**

Wine Reception & Raffle

Gentle Reminder

A gentle reminder to send your contribution to the running of the parish for the second half of the year. Anything you give is very much appreciated. If you can't remember if you have already given, contact Karen in the office who will check for you.



EST. 1990

PURPLE
HOUSE

CANCER SUPPORT

You are Invited to our

Christmas

CANDLELIGHT EVENING

A celebration of Peace and
Harmony for our Community

Friday 6th December 2024 at 6pm

Christ Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow

All Welcome

RSVP Regrets Only

info@purplehouse.ie or call 01-2866966

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

| DATE | CHURCH | TIME | ? | SERVICE | READING |
|---|--------------|-------|----|---|---|
| Sunday 3rd <i>4th Sunday before Advent</i> | Calary | 9.30 | RS | Holy Communion | Ruth 1: 1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9: 11-14 Mark 12: 28-34 |
| | St Matthew's | 10.45 | | | |
| | Newcastle | 12.00 | | | |
| Sunday 10th <i>3rd Sunday before Advent</i> | Calary | 9.30 | RS | Remembrance Service | Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 31-39 John 15: 9-17 |
| | St Matthew's | 10.45 | | | |
| Sunday 17th <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i> | Calary | 9.30 | RS | Morning Prayer | 1 Samuel 1: 4-20 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8 |
| | St Matthew's | 10.45 | | | |
| | Newcastle | 12.00 | | | |
| Sunday 24th <i>Kingship of Christ</i> | Calary | 9.30 | RS | Service of Wholeness and Healing | 2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 18: 33-37 |
| | St Matthew's | 10.45 | | | |
| | Newcastle | 12.00 | | | |
| Sunday 1st Dec <i>Advent Sunday</i> | Calary | 9.30 | RS | Family Communion Service for Advent Sunday | Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-9 1 Thess. 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36 |
| | Newcastle | 11.00 | | | |



**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 after all services at St Matthew's.**