

PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

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Dear friends,

I hope you have all had a restful and peaceful break over the Summer and have enjoyed the fine weather that we have been having! It's hard to believe that schools are back and I would like to wish all students, whether starting in a new class or in a new school, and their teachers, every blessing for the school year ahead. With new beginnings in mind, I'm starting 'The Rector's Breakfast' on Tuesday 6th September, and I would like to invite all who can to join me at the Parish Centre, each Tuesday morning (during term time) from 8:45, for a hearty breakfast and a chat!

We had two very special services in August in Newcastle Church. On Saturday 6th friends and family gathered for the baptism of Sam Kennedy and on Sunday 28th friends and family gathered for the baptism of Harry Cowper. We wish Sam and Harry and their families every blessing at this special time and on their journeys of faith.

On Sunday 28th of August we also welcomed Oswaldo back into the church. We wish him every blessing on his journey of faith.

We, as a parish and wider community, lost our dear friend Billy Smith. Billy passed away peacefully on Tuesday 23rd August. He was an active member of the parish, member of the church choir, an enthuastiac verstyman and loyal and steadfast friend. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege to know him. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife Jane, sons Robert and Stephen, Mairead and Morgane and his beloved grandaughter Mia and all his family and friends. Billy's Funeral service and celebration of his life was held on Friday 26th August in Newcastle Church. I also extend my heartfelt condolences to Jane and to her family on the death of her brother, Michael Curtis on 28th July. A funeral service and celebration of Mike's life was held in Newcastle Church on Saturday July 30th. They are all in our thoughts and prayers.

On Saturday 18th June we had our Open Garden Trail, in aid of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Parish. It was a pleasure to visit each beautiful garden. Sincere thanks again to Ralph & Caroline, Ann & John, Jean & Brian, Cherry & Andy, Huw, Caroline & Anna for opening their wonderful gardens and to Emma Jane Rushworth for the stunning exhibit of her sculptures in the gardens at Ballydonarea House. It was a wonderful day and we raised €2,000 for parish funds. Many thanks to all who attended, your support is greatly appreciated.

On Thursday 14th July, I began a walk from Christchurch Cathedral to Glendalough, linking the two spiritual centres of our united diocese. The walk followed the route of the Wicklow Way, for a total distance of well over 80 km! The aim of the walk was to raise awareness and money for the restoration fund for St. Matthew's Church, Newtownmountkennedy and for the diocesan collection in aid of Ukranian refugees. A big thank you to Caroline who joined me for day two and three and to Conor who joined us for day three and to everyone for their support. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us, your generosity way exceeded our expectations. We have raised €3,200. The video of our adventure is on our YouTube page!

We had a lovely evening on Saturday 16th of July for the Calary Summer BBQ! It was a beautiful evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our sincere thanks to our fantastic hosts, Charlotte and Diarmuid.

Thank you to those who ventured to the Rectory for coffee on Tuesday 19th July, it was a lovely morning and we shall do it again before Christmas! Many thanks to Caroline and Joanna who hosted a most delicious lunch on Thursday 21st July at Ballydonarea House. Everyone greatly enjoyed themselves!

There were a number of concerts in Calary Church at the end of July and beginning of

August: Wednesday 27 July - Simon Watterton (piano), Thursday 28 July: Duo Formosa from Florida (violin and piano), Saturday 30 July: Fiachra Garvey (piano) and Patrick Rafter (violin), Tuesday 2 August: Anna Cashell (violin), Aisling Ennis (harp) and Simon Watterton (piano). These concerts were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed! Sincere thanks to John, Derek and Charlotte, and all the visiting musicians, for making Music in Calary such a great success!

There will be two further concerts in Calary in September, one on Thursday 15th and the other on Culture Night, Friday 23 September. If you are free, please do join us for a superb evening of music in the most beautiful setting.

Our confirmation class trip to Tayto park on Tuesday 23rd August was

great fun! The confirmation class even 'encouraged' me to go on the rollercoaster! My thanks to them for being a wonderful group and to Joanna and Orla who came with us.

The annual parish Lunch excursion took place on Thursday 25th August, to the Woodenbridge Hotel. We enjoyed a lovely meal and great company!

Our Ye Old Summer Fayre on Saturday 27th August was a great success and we were blessed with the glorious weather. My sincere thanks to all who donated, baked, set up, manned a stall, cleaned up, to Karen for co -ordinating, the committee for organising and to everyone who came on the day. It was wonderful to see so many gathered together and enjoying a fun day out! I think I shall be retiring my Friar Tuck outfit for a while!

I am greatly looking forward to the resumption of St. Francis' National School assemblies in Newcastle Church on the last Friday of each month. All parents are most welcome to join us for assembly and for tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

I look forward to our Harvest Festival service on the evening of Friday 30th September, with a guest preacher, in Newcastle Church. We will continue our harvest theme on Sunday as we will be having a Harvest and Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday 2nd October also in Newcastle church. I'm giving everyone plenty of notice to have their pets, and toy stuffed animals, ready for this fun and chaotic service! The 4th of October is St. Francis' day. St. Francis, and his love and care for animals, is obviously very significant for our school but also features on the beautiful bronze door of Newcastle Church. I also look forward to our Harvest Festival service in Calary on Sunday 9th October.

As there will be building works in St. Matthew's during the month of September, we will continue on summer time for Sunday services this month! We will continue Wednesday Holy Communion services but they will be in Newcastle Parish Centre at 10:30am. Therefore our joint Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Sunday services will be at 11am in Newcastle church for September!

God Bless, Ross



Music in Calary



Ross' Fundraising Walk



Tayto Park



Lunch at Ballydonarea House

Events around our Parishes





Music in Calary

In September, there are 2 concerts in Calary Church: On Thursday 15 September, Dianne Marshall (harp), Mia Cooper and Lidia Jewloszewicz-Clarke (violins), Beth McNinch (viola) and Katie Tertell (cello) from Musici Ireland will play pieces by Jessie Montgomery, Siobhan Cleary, Arnold Bax, Rebecca Clarke, Valentin Silvestrov and Andre Caplet.

On Culture Night - Friday 23 September - Annette Cleary (cello), David O'Doherty (violin) and John Feeley (guitar) will play the Trio for violin, cello and guitar Opus 18 No. 1 by Francois De Fossa and the Terzetto for violin, cello and guitar by Niccolo Paganini.

For more information or to book tickets, which are €18 and €15 for concessions, please ring John at (01) 2818146 or email derekneilson11@gmail.com. Both concerts begin at 8 pm.

On Thursday 7 October at 8 pm, there will be a concert in aid of the work done by Sister Mary Killeen in Mukuru, Nairobi. Music will be by Classic Harmony and there will be an optional supper. Further details will appear in next month's PINS.

Sunday School

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



Sunday Club will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month *from October it will be @12:00 noon

YOUTH CLUB

EVERY SECOND

FRIDAY

7—8 PM

STARTING FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

MONDAYS 7—8 pm PARISH CENTRE

STARTING BACK ON 17th SEPTEMBER

MONDAY MORNINGS 10 - 11.15am PARISH CENTRE ALL WELCOME!



Thursdays from 8pm in the Parish Centre All welcome! The club reopened on Thursday 1st September

Table Tennis Mondays at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Back from Monday 12th September





Mondays 8pm Parish Centre

We sing at Holy Communion and special services

South Pacific

Unfortunately there weren't enough people who expressed an interest in going to South Pacific so we have shelved that outing. Next time !



Lunch in September

Having enjoyed a lovely outing to Woodenbridge in August, with a delicious lunch in the Goldmines Bistro, we are back to the Parish Centre for lunch in September on Thursday 22nd. The usual cost of €10 applies. Book with Karen.



Coffee

Come and join us for coffee and a chat on Tuesday mornings in September from 10.30am in the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre. Coffee mornings will then wind up for good when we move to our new Tearoom on a Friday.

COMING SOON!



Upstairs in the Parish Centre Friday mornings 10.30 am to 12 noon

It's time we started meeting each other again in person. Bring along a friend or arrange to meet up.

Open from October.

Ye Olde Summer Fayre 2022























































Newcastle Bridge Club We've reopened in the Castle Inn on Tuesday evenings. New members very welcome.



Contact 085 7738 218 for details.

THE FITNESS LEAGUE EXERCISE CLASSES FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES COMMENCING IN NEWCASTLE PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY 21st SEPT NEXT AT 10AM. ALL WELCOME COFFEE SERVED AFTERWARDS. CONTACT CAROL MACNEANEY @0863652119.



St Francis' NS is 40 years old this year and we will be celebrating on <u>Tuesday 4th October 2022</u> (St Francis' Day) Were you, or do you know anyone, who was in the very first year of St Francis' NS back in 1982? Are you a past pupil of St Francis' NS? If so, we want to hear from you. We are hoping to put together a book of memories and photographs of St Francis' NS over the years and need your help. Please contact the school office on 01 2819631 or saintfrancisns@gmail.com if you are able to help us. Thank you.



Autumn Crossword



Across

- Use one of these to tidy up fallen leaves.
- 8. Orchard fruit.
 - Furry animal with a bushy tail.
- Spiky animal who can roll into a prickly ball.



Down

- 1. The seeds of oak trees.
- They fall from the trees in autumn.
- They fall from horse chestnut trees and are fun for games.
- You might light one of these to burn leaves and twigs.
- Another name for autumn.
- One of the colours you might see autumn leaves change to.

Activity

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

Psalm 67:6



10 Day Tour Holy Land of Israel Hosted by Rev. William Bennett

From the 25th of March to the 3rd of April, 2023 €2,300 per person From Dublin

This is your invitation to shake off all the feelings left from such a long period of 'Lock Down' and what a better way to do it than join us for another exciting trip to The Holy Land?

On this trip you will walk in the footsteps of Jesus, sail on the Sea of Galilee, swim on the Dead Sea and explore amazing archaeological, historical and biblical sites. You will be guided by a top class professional guide, will stay in very good hotels and enjoy amazing cuisine to suit all tastes. All this as we explore and learn more about the Scriptures and develop lasting memories.

Shalom, William Bennett



SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 4th	Calary	9.30	RS	НС	Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18
	Newcastle	11.00	RS	HC	Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33
Sunday 11th	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Jer. 4: 11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14
	Newcastle	11.00	RS	MP	1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10
Sunday 18th	Calary	9.30	RS	Service of the	Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9: 1 Psalm 79: 1-9
	Newcastle	11.00	RS	Word	1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13
Sunday 25th	Calary	9.30	RS	Family & Return to	Jer. 32: 1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
2311	Newcastle	11.00	RS	School 1 Tin	1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-31
Friday 30th	Newcastle	19.30	RS	Harvest with	
				Supper after	



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to tea/coffee afterwards.