



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary**

MAY 2024



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From the Rector

Dear friends,

The sun is shining and the birds are singing as I write these notes for my favourite month of the year. May is a time when nature truly wakes up after a winter slumber, and all creation looks new and fresh!

Our Easter Vestry meetings took place in late April and I would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank all of our vestry members on both vestries, church and glebe wardens, treasurers and secretaries. They give so much of their time and talents and it is most appreciated. I would also like to say a huge thank you all members of our congregation who provide and help with refreshments after services, flower arranging, church cleaning, our parish choir led by Andy and junior choir led by Russell, and all those who run clubs and groups for the young and young at heart and those who volunteer their time to help out at any and all occasions. I would like to thank Caroline, our diocesan lay minister for all her work and ministry in these parishes. Many thanks also to Sheila and Charlotte who play the organ so beautifully at all of our services. Without you all our parishes would not work! Thanks also to Karen our administrator and Ian our Caretaker. We are blessed to not only have our parishes in a beautiful part of the country but to have such an involved and supportive church community. It is greatly appreciated by me and by all who worship with us.

On Maundy Thursday the paperwork was finalised and I officially became Archdeacon after Easter! On Sunday 14th April I was installed in Christ Church Cathedral and was given a stall in the choir of the cathedral by Dean Dermot Dunne at Choral Evensong. I would like to sincerely thank all those who travelled from these parishes to be there and all who have sent their good wishes. I would also like to thank Dean Dunne and the Cathedral choir for a beautiful service. On the same day, Canon Prof. Anne Lodge was installed as Canon in the cathedral. Please keep us both in your prayers.

Sunday 7th April was a very special day in Newcastle church, as friends and family gathered for the baptism of Oscar Campbell McGuirk. We wish Oscar and his family every blessing at this special time and in their journey of faith together.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Noel Kenna on the death of his wife Kathy. Kathy's funeral was held in St John's Church, Laragh followed by burial in Calary Graveyard on Tuesday 9th April. We keep Noel, Kathy's mum Kathleen, and her children Denis, Liam, Conor, Suzy, Tom and their families in our prayers.

I was truly delighted to hear that the fundraising target for Will's playground was reached! Andrew and Julie have been amazing in making this project happen and a huge thank you to everybody who has supported the fund raising. We hope to have work beginning in June, when school closes, with the installation over the summer months and that it will be ready for this September, when Will's classmates will be entering 6th Class.

The sensory room in St Francis NS was opened on Friday 12th April, it is a wonderful addition to the school and the students will benefit hugely from it.

On Saturday 20th April, the premier performance of Champagne Tours took to the stage. A huge thank you to Karen, Peter, Ruth, Jacky, Brian, Carol, Caroline, Anne, all the fantastic cast members and to everyone who came and supported the play, at the theatre supper and the matinee! Thank you!

On Sunday 21st April, at 7.30pm, we held our songs of praise service in memory of Willie Roe, organist in Calary for 50 years. With a full church, we sang a selection of Willie's favourite hymns and dedicated a plaque and new chairs that were donated by June Roe in memory of Willie. A huge thank you to June, to Charlotte, Maria, Johnny, Declan, to everyone who provided the lovely refreshments afterwards and to everyone who came. It was a lovely way to remember Willie and his love of music.

On Friday 26th April, our senior youth group had their second get together! It was hard to compete with Storm junior disco night but we held our own and great fun was had by all! Our next one is on Friday 17th May, so it won't clash with any dancing! Thank you so much to all our youth leaders for the time and dedication they give our young people, and for all our young people who come and are so enthusiastic!

On Saturday 27th April, we gathered, as a community of friends and family, in a beautifully decorated St. Matthew's church, to celebrate the wedding of Analia and Wesley. We wish them every blessing in their future lives together!

Our Youth Service was on Sunday 28th April. A huge thank you to all our confirmation candidates who led our service. Please remember them in your prayers as they approach the day of their confirmation. A huge thank you also to Joyce for leading our music.

Our confirmation service is on Sunday May 5th at 10.30 am in Newcastle church, when the Archbishop will confirm 24 candidates. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take this big step in their own journeys of faith.

May is not only a beautiful month of renewal in the natural world, it is also the time of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, when the followers of Jesus were empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the word of God and the message of love in the gospels. Let us be renewed and refreshed as we too live our lives as witnesses of that Love

Lastly, a huge thank you to Ed, who surprised me at the end of the Youth Service, with my name on the roll of incumbents at the back of Newcastle church. Apparently I have passed my probation! Thank you!

God bless,
Ross

Extract from the sermon I preached in St. Matthew's Church, Sunday 28th April 2024.

In our modern world, like so many other professions, ordained ministry has sadly become filled with paper work, with endless meetings about policies and regulations. But the core of ministry is to care and to serve. The origin of the word lies in the Greek word for service, which led to our modern word deacon or indeed archdeacon. To care for all.

Over the last few days events in our town have reached international news platforms. It is the duty of ministry to care for all, to engage with all, to serve, to not judge or take sides, to be a listening ear and a friendly voice, to share burdens and hopefully lighten the load.

There are two great commandments that are central to our faith and to ministry. Jesus said that we must love the Lord our God, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. As with family, we don't get to choose our neighbours but that message of love still applies.

We all have free will, we have the right to disagree and to voice our opinions.

Do I believe that putting people into tents on the outskirts of a town is humane – No.

Do I have the responsibility of deciding who can come or stay in our country – No.

But I do know that that same message of care extends to all. When the media have gone, when the Guards have gone, this community will still be here, to pick up the pieces. The more we hurt each other, the harder it will be to do so. We must treat all with compassion, all with care. That message of loving our neighbour must bear fruit, in how we treat all who are created in the image of God.

Bearing fruit is not just about what we do; it's about who we are becoming. It's about living a life that is in alignment with God's will and purpose for us. It's about allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us, transforming us from the inside out, filling us with the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

1 John 4:11-12

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

**Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy
Easter Vestry
Thursday 18th April 2024**

Election of Officers and Select Vestry

Newcastle Rector's Churchwarden: Jane Smith
Newcastle People's Churchwarden: Andrew Leeson
St Matthew's Rector's Churchwarden: Jane O'Herlihy
St Matthew's People's Churchwarden: William Day
Rector's Glebewarden: James Norse
People's Glebewarden: Peter Johnston
Hon. Treasurer: Tina Donohoe
Hon. Secretary: Caroline Tindal

Select Vestry Members

Emma Stringer, Fred Rountree
Ed Power, Joanna Byrne
John Langrell, Andy Sleeman
Conor O'Leary, Mary Valentine
Orla Hamilton,

I would like to thank all our outgoing members for their hard work and dedication and welcome all our new and returning members. I look forward to a productive year ahead.

Ross

**Calary Parish
Easter Vestry
Wednesday 17th April 2024**

Election of Officers and Select Vestry

Rector's Churchwarden: Derek Neilson
People's Churchwarden: June Roe
Glebewarden: Ken Townsend
Hon. Treasurer: Charlotte O' Brien
Hon. Secretary: Linda Byrne

Select Vestry Members

Claire Chambers, Eve Holmes,
Ethni Seymour, Susan Menzies ,
Gay Nuttall, Joanna Nuttall,
Jonathan Sutton, Daphne Townsend,
Marjorie Travers, Rachel Sutton

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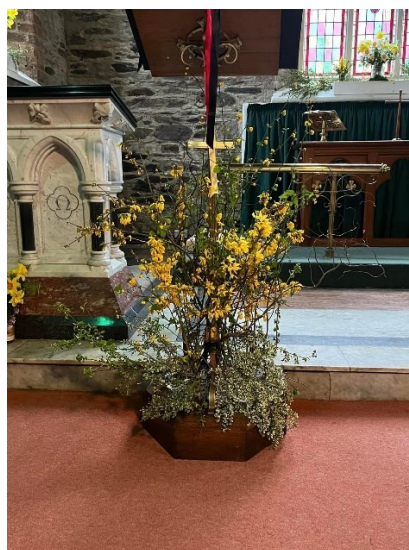
Easter 2024

Sonrise Service, Newcastle Beach

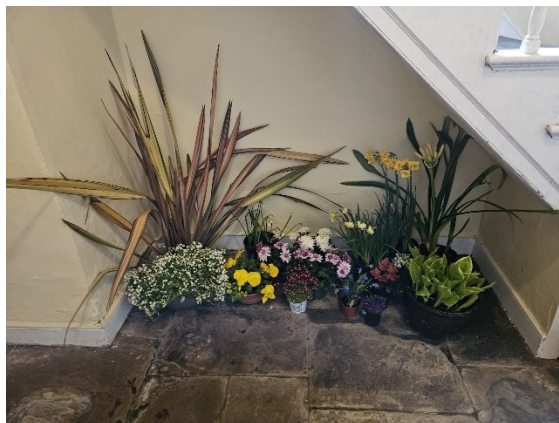


Churches beautifully decorated for Easter

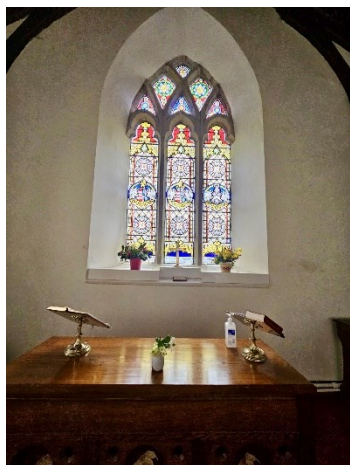
Calary Church



St Matthew's Church



Newcastle Church



RECTOR'S

Breakfast



Tuesday's, from 8:45

During Termtime

in the Parish Centre

All very welcome!



*Pop Up
Tearoom*

Parish Centre

**Friday mornings
10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

**Come and have a chat,
a bit of a catch up,,
tea, coffee and treats.**

Everyone very welcome!



Clubs and Organisations



Thursdays at 7.30pm
in the Parish Centre.

Everyone very welcome
to come along

Bowls Club

TABLE TENNIS



Mondays at 8pm

Parish Centre

Choir

Choir
Practice
Mondays
8pm
Parish
Centre

Sunday CLUB

SUNDAY 19TH MAY
AT 12NOON, NEWCASTLE CHURCH

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR FUN,
GAMES, CRAFTS AND MORE!!

Monday afternoon during term time:
Junior Infants to 2nd Class 2.20pm-2.50pm
3rd to 6th Class 2.20pm-3.20pm

Junior Choir



YOUTH CLUB

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 10th & 24th May

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



from 4th Class to 1st year



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YOUTH CONFIRMATION GROUP

Friday 17th May

7:30-9pm, Newcastle Parish Centre

From 1st year up!

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**May Confirmation class:
Saturday 4th at 5pm**

In Newcastle Church!

CALARY NEWS

Songs of Praise and Dedication to the late Willie Roe.

There was a full Church on Sunday 21st April at 7.30pm when Willie's family, friends and parishioners joined together singing Willie's favourite hymns. Willie Roe was a loyal organist in Calary for over 50 years.

Sincere thanks to Maria Gorman (soloist) Johnny Honner (flute/coronet) and Charlotte O'Brien (organ) for their contribution to the music.

A poem "There is a place" was read by two of Willie's grandchildren Alex and Nessa.

The new chairs donated by the Roe family for the Church room were dedicated during the Service.

Many thanks for those who provided the refreshments afterwards.

Music in Calary – Summer 2024

The first of the Summer concerts is on Friday 3rd May at 8pm.

Dublin Viols with Aisling Kenny

Aisling Kenny (soprano) with Mark Wilkes, Lucy Robinson, Andrew Robinson and Malachy Robinson (viols)

Information and booking : 01 2818118 or
derekneilson11@gmail.com

Calary Church is on the R755 Exit 8 off N11 Eircode A98 H766
Free parking

A DRAMATIC WEEKEND



After an unexpected postponement, the weekend of the 20th/21st April saw performances of 'Champagne Tours' in Newcastle Parish Centre.

The format for Saturday was a Supper Theatre, a new departure after several years of our Theatre Dinners. There was general agreement that the new tapas style catering was a success and a lot less work for the cooks in the kitchen. Entertainment and high jinks were lead by Gerry Reynolds on the mic before the performance started. The food was delicious and many thanks to Anne Garrett, Carol Stringer and Caroline Tindal for cooking. Also a huge thank you to the team of people who set up the hall and who turned up on Sunday morning to clean up and reset the hall for the matinee.



The cast put in two stellar performances after overcoming several blips – a postponement requiring a whole new set of rehearsals, a hospital visit for a cast member who was discharged just in time for the dress rehearsal, and a rogue wig with a mind of its own. The helpless laughter in the audience was proof of the comedic acting. As usual the whole thing would have been impossible without Peter on technicals and Jacky and her crew on scenery and props. Special thanks to Peter for the bus and Brian for the boat, and Ruth for enthusiastic support backstage. Also to Josh for the original music. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped raise €5,200 for parish funds.

Roll on next year!

Karen, Writer and Director



Newcastle Players 'Champagne Tours' 2024!

April Around the Parishes

Oscar's Baptism and 4th birthday!



Sunday Club



Sunny Sunday in St. Matthew's

Some of the parishioners at Ross's installation in Christchurch Cathedral



Songs of Praise with dedication to Willie Roe, Calary church



Wedding service of Analia and Wesley



Youth Service



WE ARE HAVING A FUNDRAISING CLOTHING COLLECTION



EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO GET INVOLVED.

WE TAKE ITEMS
IN ANY TYPE OF BAG

WE COLLECT: Clothing, Paired Shoes,
Handbags, Hats, Scarves,
Ties, Belts and Soft Toys.
*Clean, folded bedding and
curtains (*in a separate bag)

WE CANNOT COLLECT:
Duvets and Blankets,
Pillows and Cushions, End of Life
Clothing, Mobile Phones, Tablets.

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School PA

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additional 10%
to LauraLynn
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PLEASE RETURN YOUR COLLECTION BAG TO:-

LOCATION: St Francis National School, Newcastle

DATE: Thursday 2nd May 2024 TIME: 8:30



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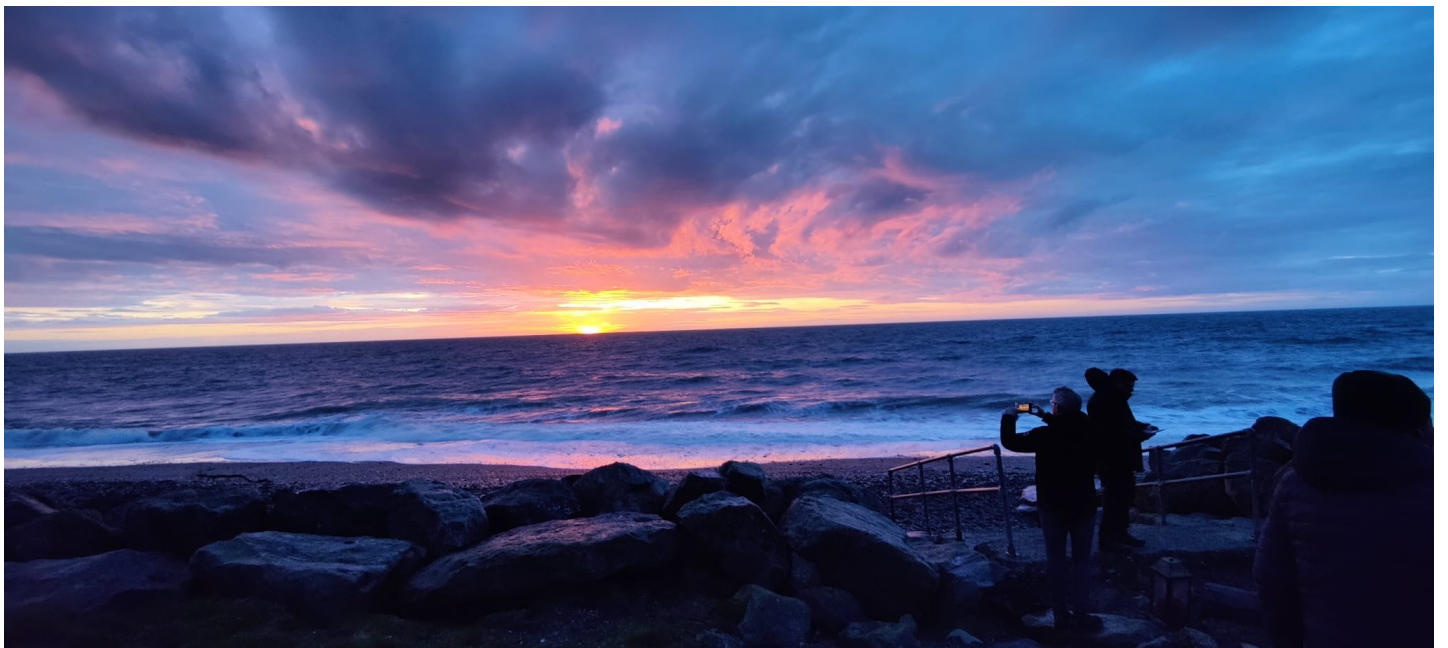


SERVICES IN MAY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 5th <i>6th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday</i>	Calary	9.30	CT	Morning Prayer	Acts 10: 44-48 Psalm 98
	Newcastle	10.30	RS	Confirmation	1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17
Sunday 12th <i>7th Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension</i>	Calary	9.30	RS	Morning Prayer	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS		
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		
Sunday 19th <i>The Day of Pentecost Whit Sunday</i>	Calary	9.30	RS	Holy Communion	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b Romans 8: 22-27 John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS		
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		
Sunday 26th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Calary	9.30	RS	Family Service	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8: 12-17 John 3: 1-17
	St Matthew's	10.45	RS		
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's. Everyone is welcome to tea/coffee in the McLean Room after the service.



Easter Morning on Newcastle Beach