

*Parish of  
Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy*



*Parish Centre  
and new Rectory Project*



# Parish Centre Project Newsletter No 1 (October 2011)

*Great News! Our Parish Centre and new Rectory project is now underway - construction work on the first phase (new Rectory) started a month ago. Canon Jennings officially launched the project at the recent Harvest Festival in the school grounds. We hope to keep you up to date on developments throughout construction by way of this newsletter.*

## **Key points about the project:**

- We currently use the Church, School, McLean Room and the Cottage for the various events we hold for our parishioners - young and old! We have outgrown these facilities and the new Parish Centre will provide us with what we need to support our ever growing parish community in Newcastle, Newtownmountkennedy and the surrounding areas
- The estimated completion dates are Spring 2012 (for the new Rectory) and late Summer 2012 (for the Parish Centre)

## **Key points about financing the project:**

- The estimated total cost of the project is €1,000,000. It is our plan that the project will be self funded, i.e. financed from Parish resources – available cash and sale of assets
- We have spent €75,000 to date in cash and have additional €550,000 cash available for the project
- We also have €150,000 already committed in loans from parishioners

- Thus, we need to raise a further €225,000
- We have received RCB approval to sell up to 2 acres of the Glebe-lands (which are zoned Low Density Residential) in one or more sites. These sites are now on the market for sale, but it will take some time to receive the proceeds

## **Appeal to parishioners:**

- We are appealing to any parishioners who may consider providing us with interest free loans to fund the balance of the project until the proceeds of the sites are received. Two parishioners have already very generously committed to providing a total of €150,000 in this way
- With the loans already promised, the total cash currently available to us is €700,000. This will take the project to a very advanced stage, with the Rectory fully and the Parish Centre 50% completed. However, if we can raise the balance relatively quickly, we can complete the project for a fixed price
- To fund the total completion of the project in this one contract period, we urgently need to raise a further €225,000. Can you help with a loan or a donation?

## **Key contacts in relation to the project:**

- If you are in a position to help, or if you simply want to discuss this in greater detail, please urgently contact either  
**Michael Pettigrew** on 086 2346021 or  
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