

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

**APRIL
2018**

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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Having returned from Israel in March, the Easter readings will come alive in a new way for the group of 35 who travelled for the 10 day tour. We will walk with Jesus into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives; we will be with him in the Garden of Gethsemane and feel the great human sense of betrayal when even his closest friends deserted him. Then the wonderful explanation at Nazareth village of what crucifixion meant for its victims will give the group a sense of being able to enter more fully into the drama and glory of these few days.

Most of us go through life not knowing what lies around the next corner, and if we feel or have an idea that we need to take action to protect ourselves, we immediately put a plan into place. Not so with Jesus—he came for a purpose and that is what we celebrate at Easter. Paul O’Connell sings a most revealing song which you can listen to by googling ‘He paid a debt he did not owe’. It also says ‘I owed a debt I could not pay’. That is the reason for Easter.

I hope you will join with us for our Easter celebrations as on this issue of PINS. Newcastle Beach at 6.30am on Easter Sunday morning is a great way to start the day and you will also enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by the Power and Carroll families.

We will welcome Archbishop Michael Jackson to confirm our 17 candidates in Newcastle on Sunday 15th at 10.30am. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they take this step and make serious promises to God. Unfortunately we can only offer places to the candidates and their families.

I encourage parishioners who normally worship in Newcastle to attend Newtownmountkennedy or Calary that Sunday.

Finally, it is our AGM time again. We call them our general Easter vestries. Calary will be 26th March at 8pm in the Church Room, and Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy on Tuesday 17th April at 8pm in the Parish Centre. These meetings are not Select Vestry meetings but are for every parishioner and all are encouraged to attend. Please keep them in your prayers and come, contribute ideas, and vote for a new Select Vestry for the coming year.

God bless,
William

SERVICES HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Wednesday

Holy Communion at St Matthew's 10.30am

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion at Newcastle 8pm

Good Friday

Meditation at St Matthew's 8pm

Meditation at Calary 8pm

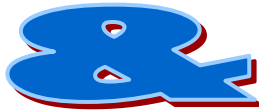
Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at Newcastle Beach 6.30am

Holy Communion at Calary 9.30am

Holy Communion at St Matthew's 10.45am

Easter Family Praise at Newcastle 12 noon



Newcastle Church Key

This seems to be an annual plea, but do you have a key belonging to Newcastle Church? Did you have it for cleaning, doing flowers, or to gain access for some other reason? Please check your cars and houses, and if you discover a church key leave it back to the Parish Office or put it in the post box on the gate pillar at the Parish Centre. Thanks!

Easter Flowers

Newcastle Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31st March. Please come along and help out. The church will be open all day from 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Baptisms at Newcastle on a snowy morning

18th March 2018

Bonnie and Oliver,
children of
Nicola and Vaughan Yates,
Cornerways, Church Lane,
Newcastle, Co Wicklow.

We pray that Bonnie and Oliver bring much joy to their family and grow to honour the promises made for them at baptism.

ECO CHURCH

The postponed evening to chat about how the parish can do its bit to save our world will take place on Monday 23rd April at 8pm in the Parish Centre (the day after Earth Day) Come along and share ideas on how we can all reduce our environmental impact.

Coffee

Drop in to the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre any Tuesday morning from 10.30am for tea, coffee, toast, treats and chat.

Flowers at St Matthew's

We're looking for volunteers to join the flower rota at St Matthew's. Talk to Heather.

Lunch

Keep the date for lunch in your diary - 19th April.

Prayer Space

Start the week with prayers and blessings every Monday at 9am for fifteen minutes.

Parents & Toddlers

The group meets on Monday mornings in the Parish Centre from 10.30am for play and chat. Contact Kim for details at 087-2248884.

Sunday School

There will be Sunday School on 22nd and 29th April.

Youth Club

Youth Club meets on Fridays from 8 to 9.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Table Tennis

Everyone welcome to join the Table Tennis Club. We meet on Mondays from 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre.

Bowls

The club meets on Thursdays at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Confirmation

The Confirmation will take place on Sunday 15th April at 10.30am in Newcastle Church. Please pray for our candidates.

Annual Easter Vestry Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

**Tuesday 17th April
at 8pm**

Newcastle Parish Centre

Come and hear the latest parish news

Have your say

Vote for members of Select Vestry

CALARY NEWS

Coffee Morning for Kenya

A HUGE thank you to all who came to our Coffee Morning on 16th. Just before the snow hit us for a 2nd time. We raised over €700 which will be divided between Sr. Mary Killeen who works with street children in the slums in Mukuru and Brighter Communities, a charity that helps communities to help themselves by teaching and empowering communities to become self sufficient. Eimear is already in Londiani, Kenya teaching Lifeskills - a programme specifically designed to educate girls so they can work their way out of poverty. The money will go directly to buy basic supplies for the girls to ensure they don't miss school every month and to provide care for mothers after childbirth. www.brightercommunities.org
Thank you all so much.

Charlotte & Claire



Eimear O'Brien, Eleanor and Roisin being welcomed by the Londiani team



Brighter Communities
Worldwide
CREATING BETTER FUTURES

www.brightercommunities.org
kenya@brightercommunities.org

Invest in girls

HELP GIRLS GO TO SCHOOL

In Kenya, girls who do not complete secondary school have on average **8** children in their lifetime; those who do complete secondary school have just **2 or 3**.



IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTHCARE

84% of babies are delivered without a skilled birth attendant leading to a greater threat to life for mother and baby. Training for health workers strengthens maternal health services in the community.



TIME FOR LEARNING

54% of homes have no access to clean water and it's mainly women and girls who walk to collect it.



Our programmes reduce the time spent on household chores, giving girls more time for education and small businesses.



STOP FGM

Circumcised girls usually marry early and do not complete their education. The Alternative Rite of Passage (ARP) challenges this practice while still celebrating a girl's 'coming of age' and encouraging communities to keep girls in school.



BETTER HEALTH

50% of preventable diseases are connected to poor water and sanitation. By creating healthier households we create healthier families.



OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

Girls miss **1** week of school every month during their menstruation. A girl without education becomes more vulnerable to early marriage, teenage pregnancy, diseases (including HIV/AIDS) and has limited life choices. Our **Girls for Girls** programme targets this and enables girls to remain in school during their menstruation.



Women play a vital role in the communities we work in.

Our programmes put in place interventions to protect girls and women during key moments in their lives from birth through to adulthood.

Calary Annual Easter Vestry

26th March at 8pm
in the Church Room

Come along to the meeting and have your say
on the plans for the parish in the coming year

Music in Calary

The provisional list of concerts for the Music in Calary 2018 series has been sent to those on the email list. If you would like to know what is coming up this year, please contact derekneilson@eircom.net

Sunday School

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

Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays from 8 pm in Calary Church Room. Please contact Ethni Seymour (086 809 2211) or Charlotte O'Brien (086 835 4394) if you would like to join us.

Easter

Jesus is Lord
Enthroned above
Who gave this gift
Of perfect love,
Who bled and died
To save us all
Now reigns supreme
As Lord of Lords.

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ST FRANCIS PA

Quality Clothes Swap

**Friday 20th April
St Francis School
€10 entry fee**



NCBI Clothes Collection

**Thursday 26th April
8.45 to 9am
School Gate**

GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulation will take effect from May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation.

From May 2018, people will need to give consent for their data to be used. They will have rights including that of knowing what data is held about them, of correcting any errors, and the right to be 'forgotten'. The Parish will need to develop a Data Privacy Notice.

In order to comply with the new regulations, the Parish will have to obtain explicit consent from parishioners to hold and use their data. Please be patient with us and respond when we seek this consent. In general your data is used to keep you informed about news, events, activities, services, to send you the PINS, etc. Thank you.

NOW ENROLLING



FOR SEPTEMBER

CastleKidz

PLAYSCHOOL

Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle

**Monday to Friday
9am—12 .30pm**

**ECCE places available
€5 per hour for non-ECCE children
(minimum age 2 years 6 months)
Full and Part-time**

**Beautiful setting
Bright modern facilities
2 Outdoor Play Areas
Enthusiastic talented staff**

**Learning through play
and a wide range of activities
including arts and crafts
French with a native French speaker
gardening and exercise**

**Information and Enrolment Forms
from the Parish Office
parishcastlekidz@gmail.com
or phone Karen at 087 2866889**

Children's Page



SERVICES IN APRIL

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st	Newcastle Beach	6.30	WB	Sunrise	<i>Acts 10:4-43</i>
Easter Day	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Family Praise	
Sunday 8th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>1 John 1:1-2:2</i>
Easter 2	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>John 20:19-31</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS (confirmees)	
Sunday 15th	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Micah 4:1-5</i>
Easter 3	Newcastle	10.30	WB	Confirmation	<i>1 John 3:1-7</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	<i>Luke 24:36-48</i>
Sunday 22nd	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	<i>Acts 4:5-12</i>
Easter 4	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	<i>1 John 3:16-24</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	<i>John 10:11-18</i>
Sunday 29th	Calary	9.30	NS	MP	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>
Easter 5	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	<i>1 John 4:7-21</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	NS	MP	<i>John 15:1-8</i>



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 all services at St Matthew's.