

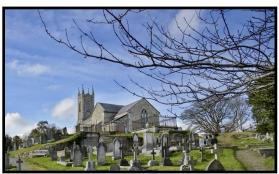




PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

APRIL 2025





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Dear Friends,

The sun is shining and spring is definitely here! During Lent, there is a great sense of expectation and hope, even though there are many difficult days on the path to the cross, before the joy of the Resurrection. This hope is mirrored outside, in the wonder of God's creation, as we leave late winter and move towards the joy of spring, to the joy of Easter Sunday, the greatest day of the year. I hope that the weather improves and that you all get time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Noonan family, following the death of Evelyn Noonan. Her funeral, a service of thanksgiving for her life, was held in Newcastle Church on Wednesday 20th March. We keep Dennis, Jacky and Alan and all of Evelyn's family and friends in our prayers.

We also extend our sympathies to the family of Neville Allison. Neville's funeral was held in St. Brigid's Church, Stillorgan, on March 23rd. We keep his family in our prayers.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Jane Smith, on the death of her brother in law Robert.

Our youth clubs took part in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Newtownmountkennedy! My sincere thanks to everyone who put so much time into making our fantastic float and all the children who took part. It was a wonderful to be part of the parade and they even won best float!

Our prayer course continues each Wednesday evening through Lent, at 8pm in the parish centre. All are very welcome!

On Saturday 22nd March we had the great pleasure of hosting the Dublin and Glendalough Church's Ministry of Healing Quiet Day, in the parish centre in Newcastle. My sincere thanks to Lydia Monds for leading us for our quiet day, focusing on Psalm 23 and to Jeanne Salter and all the committee for organising it all.

Wednesday evening youth guitar lessons are proving to be a great success and you can still join in! Sincere thanks to Mark, the children love it!

It's that time of year again! A new play has been written, rehearsals are taking place! Our theatre supper is on in the parish centre on Saturday evening, 26th April, with a matinee on Sunday afternoon, 27th April. Sincere thanks to Karen and to everyone involved! It will be great fun!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who give of their time so generously for our parishes, to lead worship, to facilitate parish groups and clubs, choir, volunteers for flowers, cleaning, reading, helping to supervise children's activities, Friday coffee mornings, providing tea and coffee after church services, Wednesday morning stay and play, everyone who helps at events, gets involved in whatever way, to our vestry members and to everyone who comes along to support for any and all occasions, it is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Holy week services

Palm Sunday: Holy Communion, Calary church 9.30am Holy Communion, St. Matthew's church, 10.45am Holy Communion, Newcastle, 12pm

Holy Wednesday, St. Matthew's 10:30am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion, Newcastle church 8pm

Good Friday: St. Matthew's church, 3pm Newcastle church, 7pm Calary church, 8pm

Easter Services

Easter Sunday: Sonrise Service, Newcastle Beach, 6 am Holy Communion, Calary church, 9.30am Holy Communion, St. Matthew's church, 10.45am Family Communion, Newcastle church, 12pm

Following the Easter Church services there will be an egg hunt for the young and young at heart!!

Wishing you all a happy and a blessed Easter, God bless, Ross



Calary - 9:30am St. Matthew's - 10:45am Newcastle - 12:00pm

Palm crosses will be available after each service

Spy Wednesday

St. Matthew's 10:30am

Holy Communion

Parish Centre 8pm

Lenten Reflection Holy Communion

Good Friday

Maundy Thursday

Newcastle 8pm

St Matthew's 3pm

Newcastle 7pm Calary 8pm

Prayer and Reflection

Holy Saturday

St Matthew's 9-10 am Newcastle 9-10 am

Calary 9-10 am

Church open for Private Prayer



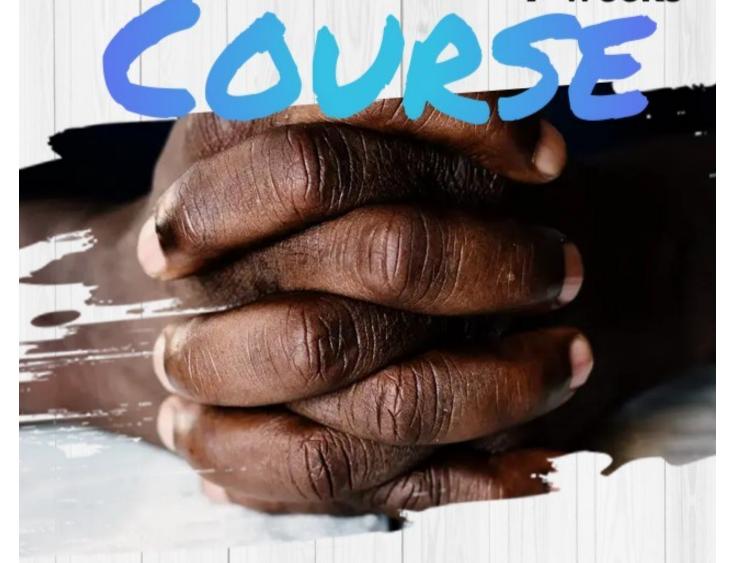
Easter Sunday Services

06:00am Newcastle Beach - Son rise service 09:30am Calary Church - Holy Communion 10:45am St. Matthew's Church - Holy Communion 12:00pm Newcastle Church - Family Communion



Parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

7 weeks



Wednesday 5th March to Wednesday 16th April

Time: 8pm

Venue: Parish Centre, Newcastle

Rerfreshments provided

All are warmly welcome!

Calary News

MUSIC IN CALARY

Music in Calary will open its 2025 season with the "Seven Last Words of Christ" by Joseph Haydn. Sokol Koka, who has previously played in Calary, approached us with a suggestion of playing this piece which Haydn wrote and was originally played in Cadiz on Good Friday in 1786.

Haydn subsequently adapted it for string quartet in 1787. Sokol proposed playing it in Calary on Maundy Thursday 17 th April as it is appropriate to play it over Easter.

We have decided to commence the 2025 season earlier than normal with this fantastic work being played by the Arteo Quartet.

The concert will begin at 8pm. Free parking.

To book tickets or for further information, please email derekneilson11@gmail.com or phone (01) 2818118.

Tickets are $\in 18$ or $\in 15$ for concessions and may be paid for by cash, cheque or card at the door.

Music in Calary would again like to thank Wicklow County Council for their support.



PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,

During this season of Lent, let me remember all that you have done for me. Help me to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice and pain that you went through for us. As I make a few of my own sacrifices, help me to stay strong and committed to this Lenten journey and use my efforts as an opportunity to deepen my relationship with you. In moments where I struggle, remind me of the incomparable sacrifice and struggles that you endured. Guide my heart and mind to stay focused on your love and glory.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Decoration of Churches for Easter

Calary: Saturday 19th at 10am

St Matthew's: Saturday 19th at 10:30am

Newcastle: Saturday 19th at 10:30am

Please come along if you can, any help is greatly appreciated and it is always a bit of fun!!





Purple Day In St Francis NS Friday 11th April



On Friday 11th April, the students in St Francis NS will wear Purple and donate €2, they will also hold a bake sale! All proceeds will go to Purple House a charity that supports those with and those affected by cancer.

Easter Lunch Outing! Tuesday 22nd April



We will meet at the Parish Centre at 12 Noon and we will take a mini bus to the venue!

Please let Ross know if you would like to attend!

Everyone is very welcome, please join us!

Free CPR course

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Wednesday 2nd April @

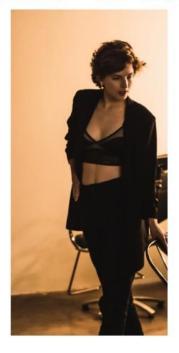
6.45

Newcastle Parish Center

Fashion Show









3rd April 2025

Supporting



St francis MS

ENTRANCE €25 WITH A GLASS OF BUBBLY INCLUDED

ALL ARE WELCOME

7PM TILL LATE | FISHERS, NEWTOWN A63 HW54

PURCHASE TICKETS VIA QRCODE



FUNDRAISER IN AID OF EAST GLENDALOUGH SCHOOL

ART PIECES BY WICKLOW ARTISTS
PAST PUPILS
FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL
AND ALITIE SOMETHING SPECIAL FROM HOZIER

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ON LINE 21ST MARCH-4TH APRIL 2025

Music in Calary 2025

Thursday 17th April

The Seven Last Word of Christ by Joseph Haydn

Arteo Quartet: Sokol Koka (cello) Jisun Min (violin) Andrew Sheeran (violin) Giammaria Tesei (viola)

Saturday 24th May John Medlycott Memorial Concert Anna Cashell (violin) Aisling Ennis (harp)

June Piano Festival with Steinway Grand Piano Wednesday 11th June Festival Opens Kalle Peura (piano)

Saturday 14th June Janet Ashe Memorial Concert Lorna Breen (soprano) Sarah Kilcoyne (mezzo) and accompanist (piano)

Wednesday 18th June Fionnuala Moynihan (piano) Kieran Moynihan (flute)

Friday 20th June Macdara Ó'Seireadáin (clarinet) with piano and viola

Saturday 19th July Musici Ireland Ioana Petcu-Colan (violin) Beth McNinch (viola) Vourneen Ryan (flute)

Saturday 6th September Art Exhibition Chien Buggle (classical guitar)

Friday 19th September Culture night
Andrew Sheeran (violin) Catriona Finnegan (cello)

Information & Booking
01 281 8118 | derekneilson11@gmail.com

Calary Church is on the R766 | Exit 8 off N11 | A98 H766

Concerts start at 8 pm €15 |€18

Music in Calary is Sponsored by Wicklow Co. Co. Arts





Proceeds in aid of Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

Around the Parishes in March!























Mobile Library visits Castle Kidz!



Dublin and Glendalough, Ministry of Healing Quiet Day













Youth Clubs at the St Patrick's Day parade, Newtownmountkennedy!

















Castle Kidz St Patrick's Day



🎇 Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhaoibh go léir 🎇







Sunday Club Shamrocks













Vestry

Come and be a part of the important decision making in YOUR parish!

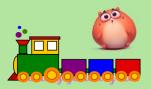


Calary - Wednesday 7th May 2025, in the Calary Church room @ 7:30pm

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy - Thursday 8th May 2025, in the Parish Centre @ 7:30pm



Stay and Play



WHEN: every Wednesday

WHERE: Parish Centre, Newcastle, A63X782

TIME: 10.00~11.30

FOR: newborns ~under 5's and their

All welcome to this friendly, informal group. Lots of fun for little ones while we grab a cuppa.

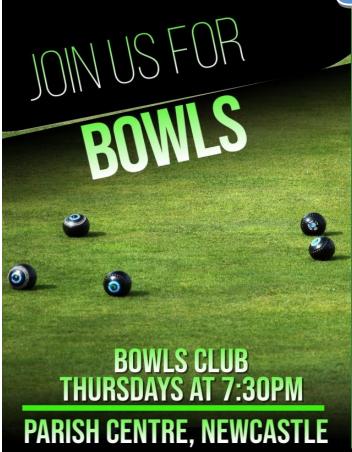
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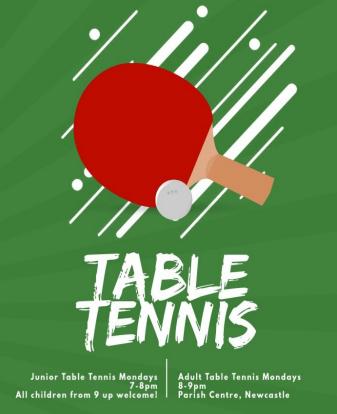
No charge, donations towards tea and biscuits welcome





Clubs & Organisations





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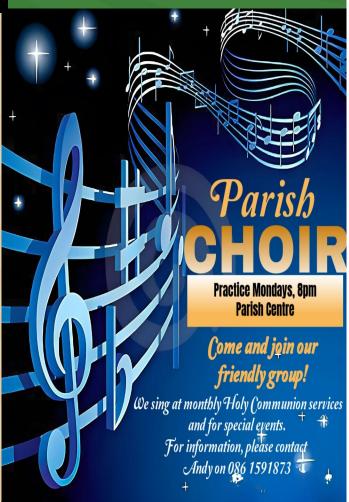
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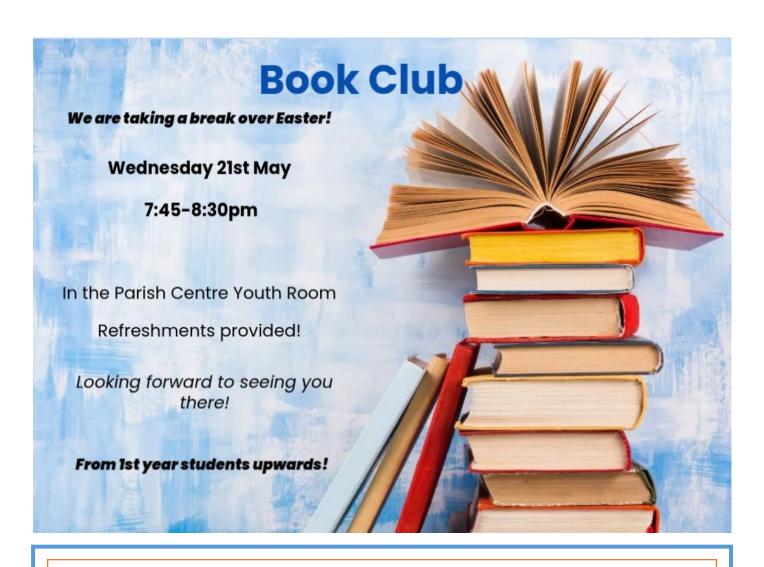
Tuesdays, from 8:45

During Termtime

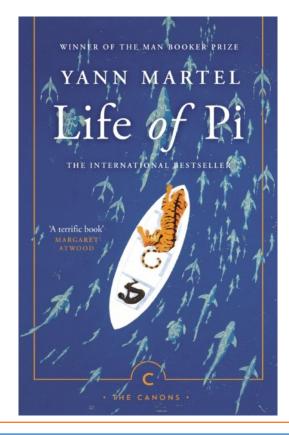
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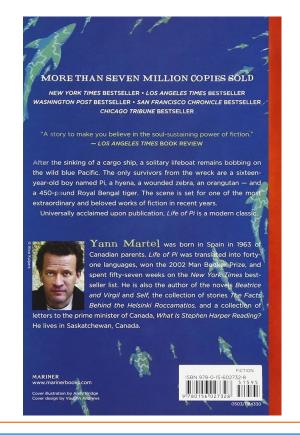
All very welcome!





If you would like to read along we are currently reading Life of Pi by Yann Martel





YOUTH CLUB

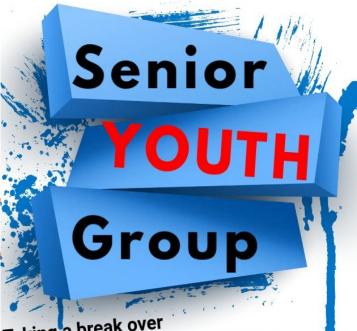
Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 4th April - 'Bake off'

7:30pm - 9PM





Taking a break over

Easter!

Sunday 11th May @ 7pm - 8:30pm **Parish Centre**

From 1st year up!

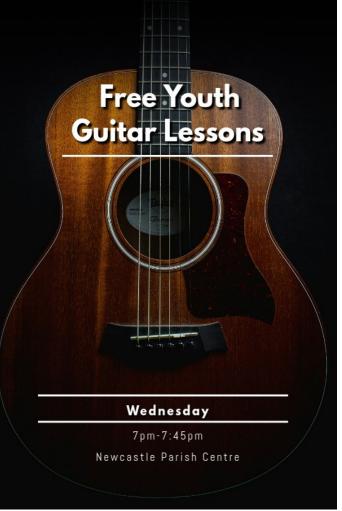
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Come and join the fun!

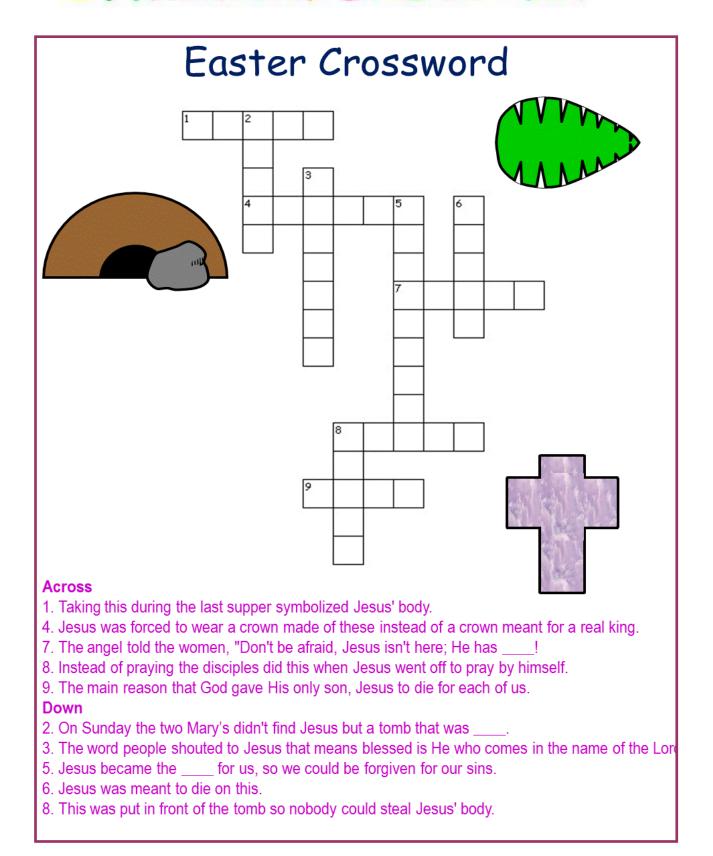
Arts & Crafts

Baking





children's Corner





RESURRECTION EASTER

APOSTLES
CALVARY
CELEBRATION
CHRIST
CROSS

Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death on the cross, providing salvation to any who will trust in Him. (Read John 19 and 20.)

CROWN OF THORNS
CRUCIFIXION

FAITH

GETHSEMANE

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY WEEK

HOPE

JESUS

LAMB

LOVE

MESSIAH

MIRACLE

PASSOVER

PONTIUS PILATE

PRAYER

REDEMPTION

RESURRECTION

RISEN

C Y T U E M T D A Y Z G S B T R N H R W H Y H O S H R V A V C R X B R O X O S Y R R I T N R K D R H J E J Q I O I I L L I Z E H E H I L Y A O Y O T K V B N S V S F V D A R Z Y R U J A A L A S S C I V T C E I F H N T V L D R S S C T R Y A L W M S D H L V W I S B P H Z N O Q A B H P S O K S G O T A E X M Z O W K U H F T E O W J T C N C L O Q M I N V Y M C I M G L K M W P R E S S I X O S Z W A O C Y S O Y L L I C E K R I F Y U Y K N K P R R V Z A F F L E A F T E H S G B E C S A E E M I A T E C I H T A P E P F R W T V I B C I S W L C O S U A O J Z O U Q B L D E T O Y E U R C B H P A S S O V E R A L H P L N R N W E N A M E S H T E G D C O A O I C S X P O N T I U S P I L A T E S H R E S U R R E C T I O N B D Y A B E R

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Irish Nature and Wildlife

Rowan / Mountain Ash
Caorthann
Sorbus acuparia



Rowan adds colour to woodland throughout Ireland, especially in the hills where it will grow at a high altitude even on rocky ground: its other common name is mountain ash.

The creamy flowers ripen into scarlet berries which colour early in the season and provide food for thrushes through the winter.

A mistle thrush will defend a rowan tree or holly as its territory, not for nesting, but through the winter as its feeding territory.

Rowan is an attractive garden tree: it likes well drained sites but will thrive in most soils.

Simnel Cake

Ingredients

250g mixed dried fruit

500g pack marzipan

200g light brown soft sugar

175g plain flour

1 tsp baking powder

2 tsp mixed spice

100g glacé cherries halved

1 orange zested and juiced

250g pack butter softened

4 eggs plus 1 beaten to glaze

100g ground almonds

1 lemon zested

1 tsp vanilla extract

3 tbsp apricot jam

Method

- Put the mixed dried fruit in a bowl with the orange juice and zest and 2 thsp water. Heat gently in a pan, stirring now and then until the liquid has been absorbed and leave to cool.
- Heat oven to 150C/130C fan. Roll out a third of the marzipan and use the base of a deep 20cm cake tin as a template to cut out a circle. Wrap any offcuts and the remaining two-thirds of marzipan and set aside for later. Butter and line the cake tin with a double layer of parchment. Beat the butter and sugar together until creamy. Add the eggs, flour, almonds, baking powder, lemon zest, mixed spice and vanilla and mix until well combined. Mix in the cooled soaked dried fruit and fold in the cherries.
- Put half the cake mixture into the tin. Top with the disc of marzipan, then the remaining cake mixture, and level the top with a spatula. Bake for 2 hrs. Check it's cooked by inserting a skewer to the centre of the cake, if any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for another 10 mins, then check again. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool completely.
- Brush the top of the cake with apricot jam. Roll out half of the remaining marzipan and use the base of the cake as a template to cut out another disc. Place it on top of the cake and crimp the edges, if you like. Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls for the apostles. Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and arrange the apostles in a circle on top around the outside. Put under a hot grill for a minute or two until just starting to caramelise Leave to cool. Will keep for up to a week in a sealed tin.





Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle

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5 days a week
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Registered for National Childcare Scheme

Limited places available for September 2025. Waiting list now in operation.





SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE **AUGUST 2025**

St Francis' NS school has places available for some classes from August 2025.

Are you moving to the area? Are you looking to become part of a vibrant and active community? Please get in touch.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- √ Small class sizes
- √ State of the art facilities
- √ Kind and inclusive environment
- ✓ Enthusiastic and supportive staff

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When you give to Fields of Life, you provide children in East Africa with access to quality education and the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Thank you to those who already give to this worthwhile cause.

If you would like to start sponsoring a child, please contact June for Calary and the Parish office for St. Matthew's and Newcastle.

Thank you!



Sustentation

Your sustentation is vital to the everyday running of the Parish. We are, as always, extremely grateful for your continued support in ensuring the parishes remain special places of worship and a vibrant part of the community. If you prefer to give your sustentation annually or bi-annually, now is the time to donate! You can leave an envelope on the plate at church, contact the parish treasurers, drop it into the Parish Office, post it in or use bank transfer! Please do not forget to reference your name. Thank you!

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry, AIB Greystones:

IBAN IE72AIBK 9335 5415 2450 30

Calary Select Vestry, AIB, Bray:

IBAN IE35AIBK 9334 8103 1800 56

Newcastle Graveyard Maintenance

We are blessed to have such a beautiful graveyard in Newcastle. However, keeping it looking good takes a lot of work and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who keeps our graveyard looking so well! Special thanks to Colin Watchorn, Ed Power and to everyone on the 'Green Grass' WhatsApp group! If you would like to help out with maintaining the graveyard, please do get in touch with Ed. Work parties get nice tea and cake! Colin has very kindly offered to provide gravel to tidy up graves in the graveyard. If you have a family grave that requires a tidy up, the gravel will be available in the graveyard. We plan to tidy up all the graves. Our graveyard is a wonderful historical place, a history that belongs to all of us. Let's take pride in it and keeping it looking at it's best!

Many thanks and God bless, Ross

Parish Centre Room Hire

Large hall with stage suitable for performances, seminars, parties, sport, dance and much more!

Also, a fully equipped kitchen, a youth room, sitting room and large conference room.

Wheelchair accessible.



Contact the parish office for more details or to view on 085-1640133

Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle, A63 X782

Part Time Parish Administrator Required



The Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy are seeking to hire a Part Time Parish Administrator to be based in the Parish Centre, Newcastle Co Wicklow. Key to the role will be providing secretarial, administration and basic bookkeeping support to the Rector, Parish Treasurer and staff of CastleKidz Playschool.

The role is initially 3 hours per day – Monday to Friday and the successful candidate will have excellent organisational and time management skills supported by a good knowledge of the Microsoft suite of products. Proficiency in basic bookkeeping is essential- working knowledge of Xero Accounting software is desirable but not a prerequisite as full training will be given.

The Parish Administrator will also be responsible for marketing the Parish Centre and activities within the Parish so experience across all social media platforms is preferrable.

To apply please email your CV with a covering letter to <u>nandnparishoffice@gmail.com</u> by close of business Monday 7th April 2025





The Son Rises-The Blind Will Truly See

The sun rises above the western view

And paints a stunning picture framed a golden hue.

Across the sky it shows its warmth and light Illuminating the beauty of creation, wings of eagles flight

A golden ray skips between the blinds and marks the floor below Lighting up the space inside, even webs reflect a glow

The physically blind cannot see this activity of light Even though they long for just a glimpse of what is sight

As the sun sets things nocturnal are filled with such delight Soon even those with sight are cut off in a world without light

In darkness both are blind and trust their way is right Never sure as they move ahead struggling with all their might.

To see, to really see beyond this light so often frail That earthly light that so often dims, our senses it does assail

The Son rises from a hand hewn tomb of stone
As the beauty of His glory shows across that ashen dome

Holy light now fills the earth so everyone can see The right from wrong, the good from bad, the choice that sets us free

No longer does man have to stumble on things he cannot perceive He has Christ, the true living light, and that he MUST RECEIVE!

SERVICES IN APRIL

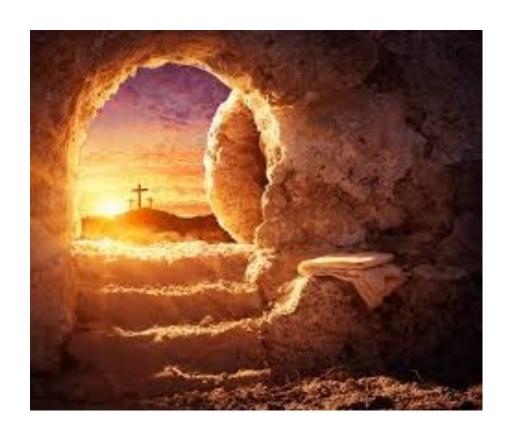
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Sunday 6th Fifth Sunday in Lent	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4-14 John 12: 1-8
Sunday 13th Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Holy Communion	Isaiah 50: 4-9 Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 23: 1-49
Thursday 17th Maundy Thursday	United Service Newcastle	8pm	RS	Holy Communion	Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31-35
Friday 18th Good Friday	St Matthew's Newcastle Calary	3pm 7pm 8pm	RS	Reflection	Isaiah 52:13 - 53: 12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1 - 19:42
Sunday 20th 1st Sunday of Easter Easter Day	Newcastle Beach Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	6:00 9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Son Rise Service Family Communion followed by Egg Hunt	Acts 10: 34-43 Easter Anthems 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20: 1-18
Sunday 27th Second Sunday of Easter	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	СТ	Morning Prayer	Job 42: 1-6 Psalm 150 Acts 5: 27-32 John 20: 19-31



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's.

Everyone is warmly welcome for tea/coffee in the McLean Room after all services.

Hallelujah! He is Risen!



"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay ."