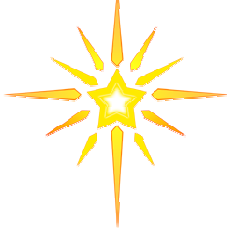




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PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

*Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary*

Rector: Rev William Bennett 087-9480317



DECEMBER & JANUARY

Please send any items for inclusion in February PINS to:
information.pins@gmail.com

Items must be received by Tuesday 24th January for publication

Please note that times of services and events can vary.

If you lose your copy of PINS check out the parish website:

www.newcastleparish.org www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org
www.calaryparish.org and click on 'Calendar of Events'.

From the Rector's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

What an amazing November we've been having. Grass growing, birds singing, and many people still in their shirt sleeves. This time last year we were well into the first period of cold weather, snow like we never see it in November!

The end of the year is around the corner and at the other side of that corner dawns another. 2011 has certainly been unusual for many reasons in our parish. After a long wait and years of planning the builders moved in to begin what will result in a beautiful parish centre. It is our hope and prayer that this will breathe new life, energy and opportunity into our parish.

As usual the list of those who are involved day by day, week by week, and month by month in active service on behalf of our parish is too long to begin, but a heartfelt thank you to you all. It has been my pleasure for over eleven years to enjoy working with lots of dedicated and unselfish people and I look forward to 2012 when we move on together and discover what God has for us all as we serve him.

This comes to you with every good wish for Christmas and 2012.



God Bless,
William



Israel Trip November 2011

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Baptisms in Newcastle

20th November:

Alex Philip Roe, son of Philip and Pamela, Killough, Kilmacanogue.

Sean Richard Harty, son of Jonathan and Shirley, 3 Djoice Meadow, Roundwood.

Patrick David Smyth, son of Andrew and Julie, Rossanna, Leabeg Lane, Newcastle.

Congratulations to all the families. We hope these children will bring you lots of joy and grow up to honour the promises made for them at baptism.

Carol Singing

The annual carol singing around the village will take place on Tuesday 20th. Meet at the Christmas Tree by the garage at 7.30pm. Proceeds in aid of St Catherines Special Services. Afterwards everyone is welcome at the cottage for refreshments.

Decorating of Churches for Christmas

Newcastle Friday 16th December from 10am

St Matthews Friday 23rd December from 10am

All help with decorating would be very welcome.

Coffee

Coffee in the cottage continues as usual on a Tuesday from 10.30am, except for Tuesday 27th December when we will be closed. Everyone welcome to drop in.

Lunch in the Cottage

The Christmas Lunch will take place on 15th December from 12.45pm. Please book early for this event—both to secure your seat at the table and to help us assess catering needs. This is always a really fun lunch, so allow more time than usual!

The cost for Christmas Lunch will be €7.50

The lunch in January will be on Thursday 19th.

Felling of Tree

Unfortunately the beautiful beech tree at the entrance to the rectory has to be taken down. An arborist examined the tree, found it to be in a dangerous condition, and the parish was summoned with a felling order. This will take place while the school is closed.

Robbery at Cottage

We have had a break-in at Rectory Cottage. Several items were stolen but thankfully not too much damage was done. Activities in the cottage continue as normal.

Sustentation Envelopes

A gentle reminder not to forget your sustentation. Spare envelopes at the back of the church if you have mislaid yours.

Cleaning and Flower Rotas

The 2012 rotas for flower arranging in the church and cleaning of the church will go up in Newcastle church porch at the end of December. Please put your name down to help. It means a lot to those who already help to have their burden lightened.

Select Vestry Meeting

Next meeting of the select vestry for Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy is on Thursday 1st December at 8pm.

Clubs and Organisations

Sunday School

Sunday 11th December: Nativity Play during Family Service

Friday 16th December: Sunday School Christmas Party

Creche

No crèche in the cottage on Christmas Day.

Re-opening in the New Year on Sunday 8th January.

Parent and Toddler Group

The group had a very informative talk by Jane Dare on the Incredible Years parenting programme. It was well attended and packed with tips to help with positive parenting. Thank you to Jane for her valuable time. The plan now is to start up a little library of books to help with parenting

The Parent & Toddler group will hold their Christmas party on Monday 19th December at the usual time of 10.30 to 12.30. All are welcome. The group will be back for regular Monday meetings on Monday 9th January after the Christmas holiday period. Contact Wendy 0868478415. Wishing all our little ones a very Happy Christmas

Youth Club

Details of youth club nights for December and January by text. If you don't get information please text Paul at 085 7871541.

Parish Choir

By the time you get PINS it will be Advent Sunday. The choir will sing "Wake O wake with tidings thrilling", music by J.S.Bach, during communion. On the 2nd Sunday in Advent at communion we will sing "Bless the Lord O my soul", by Pavel Chesnokov, from his Vespers. Chesnokov wrote extensively for the Russian Orthodox Church during the 19th century.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on December 18th at 3pm. The choir will sing Jesus Christ the apple tree, from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs compiled by Joshua Smith (New Hampshire 1784) music by the contemporary English composer Elizabeth Poston; the Coventry Carol arranged by Martin Shaw; and "When the crimson sun had set", a traditional Flemish or French melody harmonised by C.H.Kitson, a former Organist and Choirmaster of St. Patrick's Cathedral Dublin.

The Christmas Eve Communion Service at 11.30pm will include the beautiful setting of "O magnum mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen, composed in 1999 for the Los Angeles Master Chorale – "O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed be the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia!"

A blessed Advent and Happy Christmas to you all and a special word of thanks to the Choir members who have worked very hard this year and achieved new heights.

Andy Sleeman

Tuesday Club

Ten of us greatly enjoyed our visit to Butler's Chocolate Experience last month. After a snack lunch and a drink in the café we were gathered up to be led around the viewing gallery where we started with a short film about the history of and where chocolate comes from. Then we were led around the factory from above where we saw the various processes which go into making the completed chocolates and were offered tastes of the products being made. By the time we reached the workshop where we were kitted out in white overalls and fetching hairnets to try our hands at actually decorating our very own teddy bears, most of us had reached saturation point of chocolate consumption!

Everyone agreed that it was a most entertaining day out.

On **Tuesday, December 13th**, we will, thankfully, be back in the McLean Room for our annual Christmas Party. As usual we ask everyone to bring a small present (not more than €5.00 in value) to put in 'Santa's Sack' which will be distributed during the afternoon. We would love to see as many of our old friends as possible and hope that maybe some newer people would feel inclined to join us. Christmas fare will be provided and there won't be any charge.

3pm. start and be prepared for party games which won't involve running about.

Time Out

The last Time Out session for 2011 will take place on Tuesday 6th December.

Drama Group

Rehearsals for a new play will start in the New Year. Actors will be notified of dates and times. New people always welcome! Information from Karen at 087-2866889

Bowls

The busy bowls season continues. New people are always welcome to come along to St Francis School hall on a Thursday at 8pm to try their hand at the game.

Table Tennis

The table tennis club has restarted on a Monday from 8pm in the McLean Room (behind St Matthew's Church in Newtownmountkennedy). Everyone is welcome to come and join in, whatever your standard of play. A fun night guaranteed.

Information from Garth (087 0619528) or Heather (087 9422172)



NOTICEBOARD

Newcastle Historical and Archaeological Society

The next meeting will be held at the Castle Inn on
Wednesday 14th December at 8pm

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Christmas

1. The song 'White Christmas' was first performed in which 1942 film?
2. What Christmas carol includes the lyrics 'To save us all from Satan's power when we had gone astray'?
3. When singing the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' in its entirety how many gifts are given in total?
4. Who banned Christmas between 1647 and 1660 because of his beliefs?
5. What famous literary character was originally to be named Puny Pete, Little Larry or Small Sam?

Sport

6. What Olympic sport prohibits the wearing of a beard?
7. What is Tiger Woods' real name?
8. How many holes in a ten pin bowling ball?
9. Who is the last English-born manager to coach an FA Cup winning side?
10. How many players in an Australian rules football team?

Entertainment

11. Gene Rodenberry created Star Trek, but where would one find his remains?
12. What is Principal Seymour Skinner's real name?
13. What was the first wholly computer-generated film?
14. Whose secretary was Miss Moneypenny?
15. What do the letters DVD stand for?

Geography

16. The Dead Sea can be found in which two countries?
17. Two main London railway stations have the word 'Cross' in their names. Name them.
18. Which is the world's oldest airline still using its original name?
19. Where is Thatcher Day celebrated?
20. Where is the only place that the American flag flies 24 hours a day, never raised, never lowered?

Books

21. Which writer did Sean O'Casey describe as English literature's performing flea?
22. Which novelist was the cousin of actor Christopher Lee?
23. Which country banned 'Black Beauty' for its supposed racist title?
24. Which literary family lived at Haworth in Yorkshire?
25. What is the name of the fifth novel in the Harry Potter series?

Music

26. Which composer wrote the 'Water Music'?
27. How many times is the word 'Annie' mentioned in the song 'Annie's Song'?
28. Who was the oldest member of the Beatles?
29. On what road did Nellie the Elephant meet the Head of the Herd?
30. Which film features the Joe Cocker hit 'Up Where We Belong'?

History

31. During which war was the Battle of Marne?
32. What was the name of the Benedictine monk who legend has it invented champagne?
33. What did the American settlers call British troops during the War of Independence?
34. The five D-Day landing beaches were given code names. Name one.
35. Who was the president of Argentina when it invaded the Falkland Islands?

General

36. What is the correct name for a rabbit's tail?
37. 'The Blue Boy' is a work by which artist?
38. What is the shortest book in the bible?
39. What was Mickey Mouse's original name?
40. What year did our current rector come to the parish?

Don't say there's nothing to do over the holidays!

Answer as many questions as you can (children and grandchildren on the internet may be very useful) and put your name, address, phone number and the answers on a sheet of paper. Leave your entry at one of the churches, Rectory Cottage or hand to Karen Reynolds. You can also post to Karen at Sunrise, Newcastle, Co Wicklow or email to kareng@utvinternet.com

We have some lovely prizes so get thinking.

Closing date for entries is Sunday 8th January.

First 3 correct, or most correct, entries drawn win the prizes. Good luck!

CALARY NEWS

Harvest Supper

This was a wonderful event and thanks go to all those who helped with the fantastic array of food. The beetle drive which took place afterwards was very entertaining and was undoubtedly played under rules never seen before. Another really enjoyable get together.

Christmas Cards

Calary Christmas Cards are available at €5 for a pack of 8.

Vestry meeting

There will be a vestry meeting at 8pm on Thursday 15th December in the Church room.

Decoration of the church

This will take place on Saturday 17th December at 10am.

Carol Service

Calary's Carol Service will take place at 7pm on Sunday 18th December. Come and join us for a truly memorable and spiritual evening. The service will be followed by tea and mince pies and contributions of mince pies will be gratefully accepted.

Sunday School

This will take place each Sunday apart from when there is a Family Service and will also not take place on Christmas Day.

Table Tennis.

This will take place each Thursday with juniors between 7 and 8pm and adults from 8pm. Please note that there will be no table tennis over the Christmas period, between 15th December and 5th January.

Roundwood Historical Society

On Monday 30th January in Roundwood Old School, there will be a talk by Danny Sheehy on his sea voyage following in the steps of St Columcille.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Free-will offering envelopes for 2012 (starting February) will be available at the back of the Newcastle and Newtown Churches in January. If anyone is not currently using the envelopes and would like to be included this year, could you please fill in one of the forms below and give to one of the Church Wardens or to me. Structured giving through the Envelope scheme helps the Parish, in that tax paid by PAYE Parishioners of €250 or more *per annum* can be reclaimed by the Parish. Self assessed taxpayers reclaim the tax paid themselves, but donations of all or part of the tax rebate to the Parish would also be greatly appreciated.

Andy Sleeman, Hon. Treasurer.

Please may I/We have a set of Free Will Offering envelopes for 2012

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Address _____

Signature _____

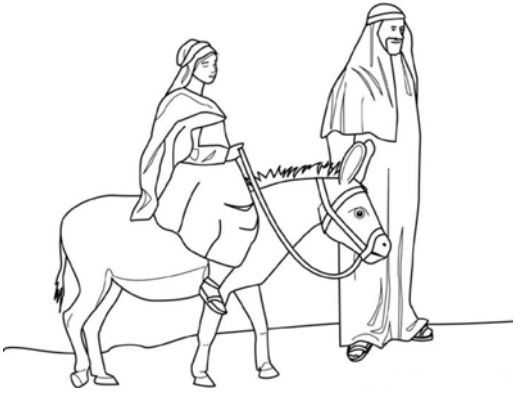
St Francis National School Parents' Association



Many thanks to all who contributed and took part in our recent table quiz; we raised €700 for the school.

We are planning to introduce after-school athletics in or around the school in January, more information to follow.

Children's Page



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Anagrams Words To Do With Christmas

EBSTLA

BE THE HELM

RTAS

HHEDSR SPE

GLSNEA

ENJOY MAD SHARP

What did one angel say to another?

Halo there!

SERVICES IN JANUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
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Sunday 1st

SS	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Gal. 4:4-7</i>
	St Matthews	11.00	MP	<i>Luke 2:15-21</i>

Sunday 8th

SS	Calary	9.30	MP	Gen. 1:1-5
	St Matthews	10.45	HC	<i>Acts 19:1-17</i>
SS	Newcastle	12.00	HC	

Sunday 15th

	Calary	9.30	FS	<i>1 Sam. 3:1-10</i>
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>John 1:43-51</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	FS	

Saturday 22nd

SS	Calary	9.30	HC	<i>1 Cor. 7:29-31</i>
	St Matthews	10.45	FS	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>
SS	Newcastle	12.00	MP	

Sunday 29th

SS	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>1 Cor. 8:1-13</i>
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>Mark 1:21-28</i>
SS	Newcastle	12.00	MP	



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Tea and coffee are served in the McLean Room after each service in St Matthew's.



SERVICES IN DECEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
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Sunday 4th

SS	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Is. 40:1-11</i>
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>2 Peter 3:8-15</i>
SS	Newcastle	12.00	HC	

Sunday 11th

SS	Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Is. 61:1-4 & 8-11</i>
	St Matthews	10.45	HC	<i>1 Thess. 5:16-24</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	FS & Nativity Play	
		15.00	Carols at Newcastle Hospital	

Sunday 18th

	St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>2 Sam. 7:1-11 & 16</i>
	Newcastle	15.00	Carol Service	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
	Calary	19.00	Carol Service	

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

	Newcastle	23.30	HC	<i>Is. 9:2-7</i> <i>Titus 2:11-14</i>
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Sunday 25th Christmas Day

	Calary	9.30	HC	<i>Is. 52:7-10</i>
	St Matthews	10.45	HC	<i>Heb. 1:1-4</i>
	Newcastle	12.00	Family Christmas Praise	



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We extend our deepest sympathy to William and his family on the death of his mother, Anna. They are in our prayers.