



### PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

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#### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I have just been reading a most disturbing article and yet it was a most inspiring and challenging one. It came from a missionary who communicates with me regularly and part of his letter told of the horrific killings by ISIS; many of those butchered to death are Christians trying to help other people. Of course killings by ISIS are not limited to Christians, but the response of many of the Christian believers is what is really challenging. One Pastor serving in an ISIS controlled area said three men from his church were shot and killed last week because they ran children's clubs in their homes. Then he went on with these striking words:

'Whenever we see disaster and tragedy, we run towards it. We see throughout history that it is in these alarming moments that God works. It is in times of war, not peace, that history is changed. Would any of your churches have ever dreamed that they would be full of Sunni Muslims? Our nets are breaking with those coming to know Jesus despite, or maybe because of, these terrible times!'

It is from the broken soil we produce our crops, from the broken grain we make our bread and from the broken bread we gain our strength. May we see the opportunities in the difficulties we face and in the brokenness find real life. Progress is made by exploiting opportunities not by solving problems. The alabaster jar needed to be broken so the house could be filled with perfume. We do live in a very peaceful undisturbed part of the world but this might not always be the case and Advent is the beginning of the beautiful Christmas story but the real purpose was disturbing - Calvary! It is through that disturbing bit that we get hope!

I am constantly encouraged by the number of you, the parishioners, who volunteer your time and talents for use in these parishes. A brief count reveals that more than seventy people volunteer to be

involved in a great variety of ways, some day by day, week by week and some month by month, and that count I guess is not exhaustive. We are indeed very fortunate to have such an engaged group of parishioners who see their involvement as being important. I want to pass on my very sincere and heartfelt thanks to each one because without that commitment your parishes would not and could not be what they are. The important thing is to realise that we are on a journey and that we have only gone some of the road, so let us be positive, open and prayerful about the future. We then will see things we never dreamed of.

The Parish Centre at Newcastle is becoming increasingly more busy and we are delighted to have some rental income from various events run there. It is vitally important that any parish organisations, clubs or groups get their bookings in to Karen before time space gets too fully booked.

Progress never comes cheap and along with the opportunities come the challenges. One of those challenges we must face is the extra cost in running the parishes. Please pray and think seriously about your commitment to your parish. To continue to meet the growing demands and opportunities of ministry open to us we will need to increase our income in the coming year. This is an area that I feel very reluctant to mention. I know there are vast opportunities for growth and pastoral care and we can go much further in meeting the needs of all ages in our parishes. I may visit this area again in the new year.

It is a great privilege to be Rector of these parishes of Newcastle, Newtownmountkennedy and Calary. To feel the genuine support of this community and to benefit from the time and talent of such a great number who help shoulder the challenge of ministry in various ways. I do hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you to worship and to the various events on the calendar over this very busy period.

#### Wedding at Newcastle

25th October 2014 Niamh Murphy and Ross Reynolds, Middle Lodge, Powerscourt Estate, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow. We wish Niamh and Ross every blessing and happiness in their life together.

#### Coffee

Drop in to the sitting room at the Parish Centre any Tuesday morning from 10.30am for coffee/tea. toast, cake and a chat. Last coffee of the year will be on Tuesday 23rd December. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year on 6th January.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

The Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 16th December at the Parish Centre. This is always a very festive and enjoyable occasion. It is also popular, so please make sure to book your place early with Karen.

#### **Carol Singing**

Carol Singing
Carol Singing in aid of Tiglin will
take place on Wednesday 17th
December from 6.30pm. The
singing will be
followed by hot
chocolate in the
Parish Centre.
For information

phone Gillian at 086 8586829

#### 'A Tinkly Christmas'

Get into the festive spirit by coming to see the play 'A Tinkly Christmas' to be staged by the drama group on 12th and 13th December in the Parish Centre. (See page 16 for full details)

#### Carols at Newcastle Hospital

Come along to Newcastle Hospital on Sunday 14th at 3pm to help spread some festive cheer by singing carols for the patients there. Always very much appreciated.

#### 'Christmas' Outing

The Christmas outing has been postponed until January due to



illness, doctor's appointments, frenetic Christmas activities and general festive madness. We will relish the trip all the more when we have time to enjoy it.

#### **Decoration of Churches**

Newcastle Church will be decorated for Christmas on Thursday 18th December from 10.30am.

St Matthew's will be decorated on Saturday 20th December from 10am.

Gifts of flowers, etc and willing helpers most welcome.

#### Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry **Next Meeting** Thursday 22nd January at 8pm in the Parish Centre

January Lunch at the Cottage

Put the date for the January lunch in your diary—Thursday 15th January 2015.

**Breakfast** 

Pop in to the parish centre for breakfast from 8 40am on the morning of school assembly in the church. Coffee, toast and sausages. You can't beat it!

**Charity Envelopes** 

Charity envelopes are enclosed with your copy of PINS. Please tick the box beside the charity of your choice and put your donation on the plate in church.



Christmas Services



19th December

Calary at 8pm Carols by Candlelight

21st December

Parish Centre at 12.00 **Nativity Play** 

St Matthew's at 19.00 Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Newcastle Church at 23.30 **Holy Communion** 

Christmas Day

**Holy Communion** Calary at 9.30

St Matthew's at 10.45 **Holy Communion** Newcastle at 12.00 **Family Praise** 

## Clubs and Organisations

#### **Parents and Toddlers**

Parents and Tots Christmas Party is on Monday 15th December.



There is a rumour that Santa may make a guest appearance!
The group meets again in the New Year on 5th January.

#### **Sunday School**

*Class Dates:* 7th & 14th December 11th & 25th January

Nativity Play: The Nativity Play will be held on Sunday 21st December in The Parish Centre at 12 noon. It's really important that all the children involved in the play come to Sunday School on the 7th & 14th for final rehearsals

Christmas Party: We are holding a Christmas Party for all children who regularly attend Sunday School. This will be held in The Parish Centre on Saturday 20th December from 2 - 4pm. Invitations will be given to the children during Sunday School. Please complete the form and return to me no later than Sunday 7th December.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. See you all in the New Year. Karen K

#### Creche

The crèche is open during morning services in Newcastle Church except when there is a family service. It is held in the Parish Centre in a lovely bright room filled with toys. If you have a preschool child please feel free to drop him or her in to the crèche before or during the service.

New volunteers for the rota are always welcome. Many thanks to all our existing volunteers, some of whom have been helping out for many years.

#### **Junior Choir**

The wonderful Junior Choir will sing at the Nativity Play in Newcastle and again at the Carol Service in St Matthew's



Church, both on the 21st December.

Many thanks to Joan Dempsey for the many hours spent rehearsing and performing with the choir, and to their manager, Gillian O'Neill, and roadie, Claire McAndrew. We look forward to hearing them sing in December and throughout 2015.



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Friday 9th January Friday 23rd January

8pm at the Parish Centre

#### Bible Book Club

The last meeting for 2014 will be on Tuesday 2nd December from 8pm in the sitting room at the Parish Centre.

Back in 2015 on Tuesday 13th January.

#### **Table Tennis**

Monday nights from 8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

#### **Bowls**

While it was not quite the end of the season, the annual dinner was held in the Parkview Hotel on Thursday, 27th November and greatly enjoyed by allmembers both past and present.

There are still some matches to be played before we close for the Christmas holiday on 18th December. The club will resume playing on Thursday 8th January.

#### Time Out

Time Out will meet on the 9th December at 8pm in the sitting room at the Parish Centre.

Meeting in 2015 on the 6th January.

#### **Parish Choir**

As we look forward to Advent and Christmas. I would like to thank all the choir for their hard work this term in preparation of the music starting with the opening of the Parish centre It is still not too late to join us if you would like to sing at the Carol Service on December 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Matthews. We are planning to sing two of our favorite carols Harold Darke's lovely setting of "In the Bleak midwinter" and Will Todd's carol "My Lord has come". The Junior choir have also asked us to join with them in singing Adolphe Adam's "O Holy Night" arranged by their Choir director Joan Dempsey.

On Christmas Eve the Congregational Communion Setting by Richard Shephard will be sung by all and the choir will sing Silent Night arranged by Barry Rose.



## **CALARY NEWS**

#### **Special Communion and Lunch**

A special Holy Communion will be held in Calary Church at 12.00 on Wednesday 10 December followed by lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend but especially those who find it difficult to come to services; lifts can be arranged. So that we know what numbers to cater for, please contact Claire Chambers (01 2818187) if you are coming to the lunch

#### **Sustentations**

Please return the envelope with your sustentation as quickly as possible to the treasurer or any member of the Select Vestry



#### **Music in Calary**

We would like to thank all of those who attended our events in 2014 and hope that you enjoyed them.

In January, we will start working on the programme for 2015 and will let those of you on our email list know what is coming up when the concerts have been agreed.



Carols

by Candlelight

Calary Church
Friday 19th December at 8pm

Followed by tea and mince pies in the Church Room All friends and neighbours welcome.



## CHRISTMAS OLD AND NEW!

### FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATION Given by Sheila Cleary, church organist

**Newcastle Parish Centre** 

**Thursday 11th December at 11am** 

Including coffee/tea and mince pies

All arrangements looking for a home for Christmas!

Admission: €10



## The Seven Churches of Revelation

A Visit To Turkey with William Bennett

**10 Days Fascinating Tour** 

16-25 April 2015

For information contact William at bennettwilliam1@gmail.com or phone 087 9480317

# DECEMBER 2

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
	1 Parents & Toddlers Table Tennis Choir Practice	<b>2</b> French Coffee Bible Club Keep Fit	3 Holy Communion Parish Centre Staff Xmas Lunch Rehearsal	
7 Calary: MP St Matthew's: MP Newcastle: HC Rehearsal	8 Parents & Toddlers Choir Practice Rehearsal	<b>9</b> French Coffee Time Out Keep Fit Rehearsal	10 Holy Communion & Lunch at Calary Carol Singing	Cl
Calary: MP St Matthew's: MP Newcastle: MP	15 Parents & Toddlers Christmas Party Table Tennis Choir Practice	16 Christmas Lunch Time Out	17 Holy Communion	No
21  Calary: FS Newcastle: Nativity St Matthew's Carols	22	23 Coffee	24 Holy Communion	
28  Calary MP  Newcastle MP  + Baptism	29	30	31	

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HURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19	20
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! Matthew's		
wcastle Family Praise		

#### A Divided Christmas

#### - managing Christmas after separation

After parents separate one thing that everyone discovers is that special occasions and family celebrations are some of the most difficult times to deal with. The first Christmas after separation is the hardest and as parents struggle to manage their emotions, children and teens will also have concerns about spending Christmas without their other parent.

Christmas is a time when people are more aware of how things used to be and how much has changed. It takes effort and willingness to cooperate at these times when things are not the same or are not how you want them to be. Children and teens will also experience these feelings and giving them an opportunity to talk about this is helpful. Having a positive attitude will help your children in working towards keeping some traditions and being creative with new ideas.

#### Make a plan:

Putting a plan in place for the Christmas holidays, well ahead of time, can make a difference.

One teenager commented to me about Christmas ..... "Both my parents want me to please them by agreeing to do things their way. It puts me in a battle that I can never win."

Having a plan for Christmas where children know where they will be and when they will see or have time with their other parent is so important and helps everyone feel more in control. Without knowing or having a plan children and teens are left feeling anxious and upset. Just because they are not talking about it to you as their parent does not mean that it is not very much in their minds. If you

have teenagers then include them in a planning discussion. Everyone's opinion is valid and while compromises will need to be made, knowing what is happening will make things easier for everyone.

#### When making a plan:

Make it open to everyone who is involved.

Be honest

Be creative with ideas and solutions

Be willing to compromise on some things.

Write it down

Let people know what the plan is and what is expected of them.

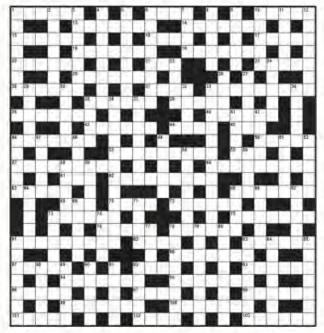
Work at making this Christmas one with good memories.

While there will always be ex-husbands, ex-wives and ex-partners there is no such thing as an ex-child. Parents can sometimes forget how important the other parent is to their child. (Some parents can also forget how important they are to their children.) Without question the single biggest problem for children following their parents' separation is being exposed to continuing parental conflict. A parent who cares deeply for their children often fails to view what is happening through the eyes of their children. Perhaps this Christmas it is worth stopping and making a plan and taking some small steps towards parenting co-operatively over the Christmas period and into the year ahead – the benefits for your children will be worth it.

#### Glynis Good

Author of "When Parents Split". (Blackhall Publishing) www.whenparentssplit.com

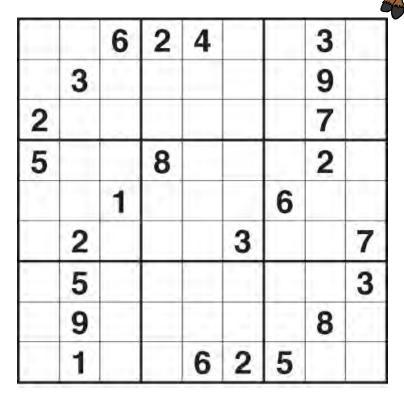
### Christmas crossword 25x25 by Reg Walker



	ACROSS		DOWN
1	Bah, an exclamation of Ebenezer Scrooge (6)	1	A free day from work (7)
6	Lyrical poems (4)	2	Tarnish (7)
10	Santa, Father Christmas (5)	3	Exceedingly (7)
13	Connected by kinship (7)	4	Outdoors (8)
14	Do away with (7)	5	Free from curves, etc (8)
15	Young lady (6)	6	Strange blemish (3,5)
16	Christmas dinner extra (4)	7	Japanese alcoholic drink (4)
17	Venomous-snake (5)	8	Teems (5)
18	Antennas (7)	9	Call on (5)
19	Previously (7)	10	Scorches (5)
20	Win a victory over (6)	11	Confuse (5)
21	A gratuity (3)	12	Hallowed places (7)
23	Earthenware beer mug (5)	22	A stratagem (4)
25	Flat wide moodles (7)	24	A New Testament epistle attributed to St Paul (5)
28	Annual (6)	26	A nautical term used to attract attention (4)
31	An image, or representation (4)	27	Kilograms (abb) (5)
33	Yuletide (9)	29	An anaesthetic (5)
35	Make less severe (6)	30	Glances slyly (5)
38	Crude person (5)	32	All of a nation's warships (4)
39	A French castle (7)	33	Fairly large in extent (12)
40	Stockings (tm) (6)	34	Worship (5)
		35	Eats the evening meal (4)

Aromatic gum resin (12)

## SODOKU medium level



The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

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

Items must be received by MONDAY 20th January for publication



A murder mystery in gentle comedy style by Karen Reynolds



Friday
12th December
Saturday
13th December
8pm

Main Hall
Parish Centre
Church Lane, Newcastle
Co Wicklow

Admission Adults: €12 Children €6





Located in the Parish Centre beside St Francis School

Open 1.20—6.20 Monday to Friday

Drop in any afternoon to see the premises



Date for your Diary
Valentine's Dinner Dance
Saturday 14th February

#### From the Treasurer

If anyone, who isn't currently using free will offering envelopes and would like them for 2015, please let me know as soon as possible; they will be available at the back of the churches before Christmas for you to pick up.

It helps the Parish finances considerably if as many people as possible contribute through the envelope and/or Sustentation schemes, as the Parish can claim tax back from the Revenue from all parishioners who contribute €250 or more per annum.

Also, if there are any Sustentation envelopes outstanding I would be grateful to receive them as soon as possible before the end of the year. *Andy Sleeman* 

## Children's Page

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NATIVITY CHRISTMAS MANGER DONKEY STABLE DECEMBER ANGEL SHEFFERE EABY



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Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite.

### **SERVICES IN JANUARY**

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
	Calary	9.30	WB	НС	E.J. 1.2 14
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	Eph. 1:3-14
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	НС	Matt. 2:1-12
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Gen. 1:1-5
11	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	Acts 19:1-7
	Newcastle	12.00	СТ	MP	Mark 1:4-11
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	Sam. 3:1-20
18	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	НС	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	John 1:43-51
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Calary	9.30	MC	MP	Jonah 3:1-5,10
25***	St Matthew's	10.45	MC	MP	1 Cor. 7:29-31
	Newcastle	12.00	MC	MP	Mark 1:14-20



Holy Communion is celebrated every
Wednesday, with prayer for the sick,
at 10.30am in St Matthew's,
followed by a cup of tea / coffee in the McLean
Room.

### **SERVICES IN DECEMBER**

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Is. 40:1-11
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Matthew's	10.45	СТ	MP	2 Peter 3:8-15
	Newcastle <b>SS</b>	12.00	WB	НС	
	Calary	9.30	WB/PMc	MP	
Sunday	St Matthew's	10.45	WB/PMc	MP	Is. 61:1-4, 8-11
14 <sup>th</sup>			WB/PMc		1 Thess. 5:16-24
	Newcastle	12.00	WB/PMC	MP	John 1:6-8, 19-28
	Hospital	15.00		Carols	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Calary	20.00	WB	Carol Service	
	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	Luke 1: 26-38
Sunday 21st	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Nativity Play	
	St Matthew's	19.00	WB	Carol Service	
Christmas Eve	Newcastle	23.30	WB	НС	Is. 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14
	Calary	9.30	WB	НС	Is. 26:6-12
Christmas Day	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	НС	Titus 3:4-7
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Family Praise	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Heb. 2::10-18
20	Newcastle	11.00	WB	MP + Bap- tism	Matt. 2:13-23