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PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary



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JANUARY 2019



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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What is the true meaning of Christmas? If we sit and think about, not necessarily what the Bible says about the birth of a Saviour, but what preoccupies our thoughts and actions during this period, we might have taken part in a very revealing exercise.

I am suggesting that the celebrating of the birth of the most important individual ever born, who transformed the world and, by his death and resurrection, opens a way for each believer to knowing peace, hope and assurance, should be the real focus for each of us at this time of year.

The commercial world has cashed in and we find pressure to concentrate more on the presents, parties, celebrations and all the glitter and tinsel now associated with Christmas. I hope you can enjoy the festivities, but also be enriched by really appreciating the true meaning of the birth of a saviour. The usual busy parish programme continues and I look forward to welcoming you to join in worship as announced in PINS. Your presence will always encourage others and, I hope, help build up a greater sense of belonging and faith.

This comes with very sincere thanks to parishioners for your support, encouragement and good work for the Parish, whether Calary, Newtownmountkennedy or Newcastle. It is impossible to name all who contribute in many different ways to the Parish. Please accept a massive thank you for your time, talents, gifts and prayers.

With very best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas and 2019.

William



Christmas

Services

2nd December

15.00 **Newcastle Hospital Carols**

16th December

12.00 **Newcastle** **Nativity Play**

19.30 **Calary** **Carol Service**

19th December

20.00 **Newcastle** **Carol Service**

Christmas Eve

23.30 **Newcastle** **Holy Communion**

Christmas Day

09.30 **Calary** **Holy Communion**

10.45 **St Matthew's** **Holy Communion**

12.00 **Newcastle** **Family Praise**



CHRISTMAS MERRIMENT

**AT
THE PARISH CENTRE**

**FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER
12-4PM**

**CAKES
GIFTS
DECORATIONS
PRESERVES
SOUP
TEA/COFFEE/HOT CHOCOLATE
CHILDREN'S FUN**



**DROP IN AND
SOAK UP SOME
FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE**



**CHRISTMAS
FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATION
with
Sheila Cleary**

Newcastle Parish Centre

**Friday 14th December
10.00 - 12.00**

Admission €10

In aid of Fields of Life

**Orders taken for your
Christmas Table Arrangements**



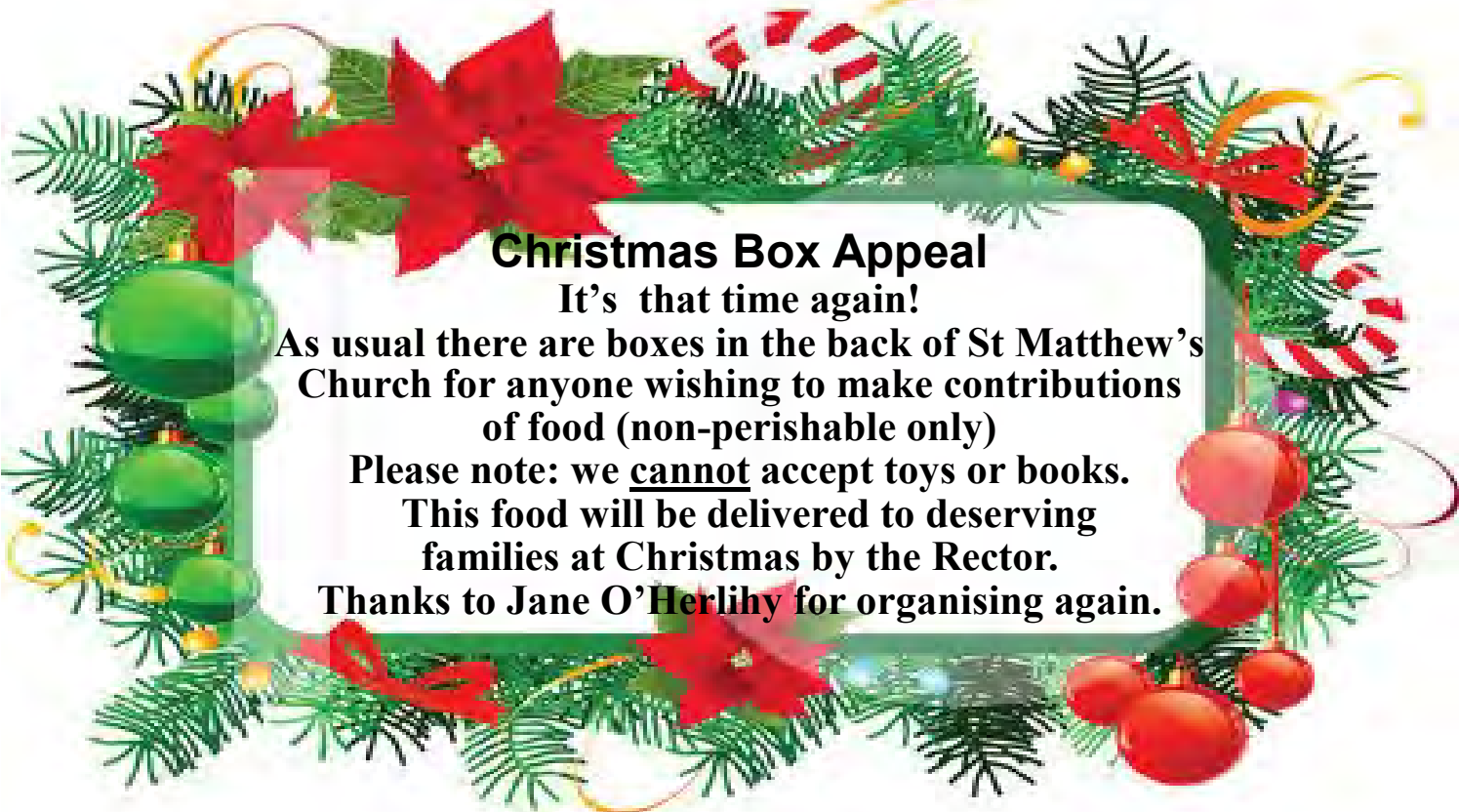


**DON'T FORGET TO BRING
YOUR LANTERNS TO THE
HOLY COMMUNION
SERVICE
ON CHRISTMAS EVE
IN NEWCASTLE CHURCH
TO LIGHT YOUR
CANDLES FROM
THE BETHLEHEM FLAME**



DECORATE
t h e C h u r c h

**Newcastle: Wednesday 19th December from 10.30am
St Matthew's: To be confirmed**



Christmas Box Appeal

It's that time again!

As usual there are boxes in the back of St Matthew's Church for anyone wishing to make contributions of food (non-perishable only)

Please note: we cannot accept toys or books.

This food will be delivered to deserving families at Christmas by the Rector.

Thanks to Jane O'Herlihy for organising again.

Christmas Outing



We're off on our annual Christmas outing on Tuesday 11th December. Surprises, food and fun!

Book your place on the bus with Karen

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



AT THE PARISH CENTRE

Thursday 20th December

€10 per head

Book your place with Karen
for an afternoon of food, festivity and fun

NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL CAROLS

Sunday 2nd December
at 3pm



Come and sing your loudest!

CALARY NEWS

Christmas Communion Lunch



Wednesday 12th December

Communion 11.30 am

followed by lunch in Calary Church Room

Everyone welcome to attend

Please contact Ethni (086 809 2211)

or Charlotte (086 835 4394).



A Cry for Peace around the World

As part of the celebration for peace, “A Cry for Peace around the World”, the bells of Calary Church rang out at 7.05 pm on Sunday 11 November to celebrate the ending of the First World War and the hope for peace throughout the world. It was also in memory of all people from the Calary area who experienced the tragedy of the Great War and especially for the relatives and friends of the following who died in that war.

Thomas Brien, John McCarthy, William Porter, Edward Price, Terence Quin and Henry Mason of Roundwood.

Michael Carey, Michael Fisher, Thomas Sutton and John Doyle of Kilmacanogue.

John William Delamere, Samuel Delamere, John Turner and Elijah Sutton of Calary.

Sunday School

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

Table Tennis

Table tennis will resume in the Church Room on Thursdays at 8 pm. All new members are welcome and it's a great social night out and to meet new friends. For more information, please contact June 01 286 6030 or Ethni 086 809 2211.

Calary Candlelight Carol Service

**Sunday 16th December
at 7.30 pm**

**Followed by
mulled wine and mince pies
in the Church Room**

Collection to Simon and Tiglin

**If you would
like to join us,
we would be
delighted to
welcome you**



Clubs and Organisations

Junior Table Tennis

Every Monday

7—8pm

Main Hall

at the Parish Centre

Please note, while the Parish looks for a replacement for Stephen, a group of parents has undertaken to run the youth clubs for the moment. All help very welcome!

YOUTH CLUB

Fridays 8 to 9pm

in the Parish Centre.

The Club is open to 6th class and those of secondary school age. Contact the Parish Office



**Sunday
School**

There will be Sunday School on Sundays 2nd and 9th December and on 6th, 13th and 27th January.

Nativity Service on
16th December at 12 noon
in Newcastle Church.

Come along dressed as a
character from the Nativity.

JYC

**Junior Youth Club will meet up
on Fridays from 7.00 to 8.00pm
in the Parish Centre
Open to 4th and 5th Classes**

**Information from the
Parish Office**

Time Out



The prayer group continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Centre. The Pilgrim course will run on other Tuesdays in the month.

Prayer Space

Start the week with fifteen minutes of prayer, reflection and blessing.

Prayer Space meets on Monday mornings during school term time at 9am in the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre.

All very welcome.



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays at 8pm.
Meeting upstairs in the Youth
Room at the Parish Centre.**

**A very interesting course,
Pilgrim is designed for people
who want to learn more about
the Christian faith.**

**The sessions starting in January
will be based on the Eucharist.**

**Topics will include 'This is my
body broken for you', 'He was
made known to them in the
breaking of the bread', 'Do this
to remember me', 'I am the
bread of life'.**

Everyone welcome.

Parish Choir

The Parish Choir is busy rehearsing for upcoming special services. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 8.15 to 9.15 pm in the Parish Centre. New members very welcome.

Table Tennis

This lively club meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

All welcome to join.

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets on Thursdays at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome
to come along



Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of Select Vestry will take place on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 8pm in the Parish Centre

PINS

If you would like to receive PINS by post please forward €10 to the Parish Office. Remember you can receive PINS by email or check it on the parish website if you are not in a position to pick up a hard copy of the newsletter.

Monthly Church Review

As usual I will be collecting the annual subscriptions in January for 2019's monthly Church Review. If you would like to be included for next year's issues please contact Pauline at 087-9535981

Lunch

The first lunch of the New Year will take place on Thursday 17th January in the Parish Centre as usual. The cost is €10 per head. Book with Karen.

Coffee

We continue to meet in the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre every Tuesday morning from 10.30am for tea/coffee, treats and chat. Everyone welcome.

No coffee on Tuesdays 25th December or 1st January!

Monthly Church Envelopes

If you would like to join the monthly envelope scheme for your giving in church please contact Jean Harris at 085-7738218. Offerings given in this way can be recorded (in confidence) and are eligible for a tax rebate which the Parish can claim.

Can you Help?

We always welcome extra help to spread the load. If you feel you could help out at any individual event in the Parish (such as the Valentine's Dinner, Summer Fair, etc) please contact Karen in the Parish Office.



**Annual Craft Fair
Newcastle Community Centre
Sunday 2nd Dec 2018
12.00 noon to 4.00 pm**

**An excellent opportunity to get some early
Christmas Shopping done**



Santa arrives at 2.00 pm



Impress your Friends, Dazzle your Enemies Learn to Dance!!!

Starting on Wednesday, 9th of January at 8 o'clock and as many Wednesdays after that as there is interest, we'll waltz, foxtrot, rumba, cha cha and tango our way to happiness (hopefully). Whether you are new to ballroom but always wanted to learn or already have the basics, whether you have a dance partner or are on your own, whether you're old or young, whether you have two left feet or move like Nureyev and Margot Fontaine, come along to the Newcastle parish centre and dance with Birgit. EVERYBODY is welcome.

There will be a small charge each week to cover the hall rental, otherwise, it's not going to cost you a dime. So what have you got to lose? You can call Birgit to ask more questions on 087 9162419 or just come along on the first night. In the words of the great German poet Heinrich Heine 'Where Words leave off, Music begins',

St Francis PA

Calendar available to buy from December
€15 each or two for €25

Pub Quiz end January
Date to be confirmed



**St
Francis
NS
does
its
bit
for
the
Shoobox
Appeal**

**Well
Done
Everyone!**

SERVICES IN JANUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 6th	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Isaiah 60:1-6
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	Ephesians 3:1-12
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday 13th	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	Isaiah 43:1-7
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	Acts 8:14-17
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 20th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	Isaiah 62:1-5
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	1 Cor. 12:1-11
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	John 2:1-11
Sunday 27th	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Nehemiah 8:1-10
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	1 Cor. 12:12-31
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	Luke 4:14-31



**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**

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

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 2nd	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thess. 3:9-13
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 9th	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Malachi 3:1-4 Phil, 1:3-11
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
Sunday 16th	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Nativity	
	Calary	19.30	WB	Carols	
Wednesday 19th	Newcastle	20.00	WB	Carols	
Sunday 23rd	Calary	9.30	NS	MP	2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
	St Matthew's	11.00	NS	MP	
Christmas Eve	Newcastle	23.30	WB	HC	Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-12
Christmas Day	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 3:4-7
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Family Praise	
Sunday 30th	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21
	St Matthew's	11.00	CT	MP	