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# PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary



## DECEMBER 2019

## JANUARY 2020



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## From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am still recovering from a glorious 10 days in the Holy Land. We, 46 of us, flew to Amman in Jordan and the highlights there were the amazing world heritage site Petra and a beautiful visit to Mount Nebo from where we celebrate Moses looking over the 'Promised Land'. Deuteronomy 34:1.

After 3 nights in Jordan we crossed the River Jordan into Israel. Staying in the Kibbutz Afik in the Golan Heights was an amazing experience. From there we visited many of the well-known sites in Galilee and learned about the places Jesus spent his childhood and where he called many of his disciples.

After 3 nights in Galilee it was Jerusalem next stop. What an amazing city this is, packed with history, a dream for archaeologists, and a wonderful place to help understand the greatest story ever told. Our tour officially finished with a visit to the Garden Tomb and a communion service which seemed to put real meaning on all we had seen and heard.

Apart from a nasty tummy bug which found its way to some of our group, we had a wonderful time which will live on in memories for years to come.

The busy Christmas programme has launched itself on us. I have already attended three Christmas lunches/dinners and three more await in the wings. It is always a pleasure to meet people and share in such a relaxed way, but at this time of year one could easily feel a bit like the Vicar of Dibley in that Christmas show!

Please check PINS for your programme over the period. We would love you to join in our worship and any of the events you might be interested in.

I am becoming more acutely aware that each event is now my last as your Rector so I, for one, hope to make the best of our remaining time.

In the parish we look forward to the confirmation here in Newcastle on January 26th when 17 young people will openly declare their desire to follow Jesus as adults. Do pray for them as they take this important step.

Thought:- To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens!

God bless,  
William



***Some of the group who travelled to Jordan and Israel  
November 2019***



# *Christmas*



## *Services*

### *Sunday 8th December*

**15.00**      **Newcastle Hospital Carols**

### *Sunday 15th December*

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

### *Friday 20th December*

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

### *Sunday 22nd December*

**19.00**      **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**



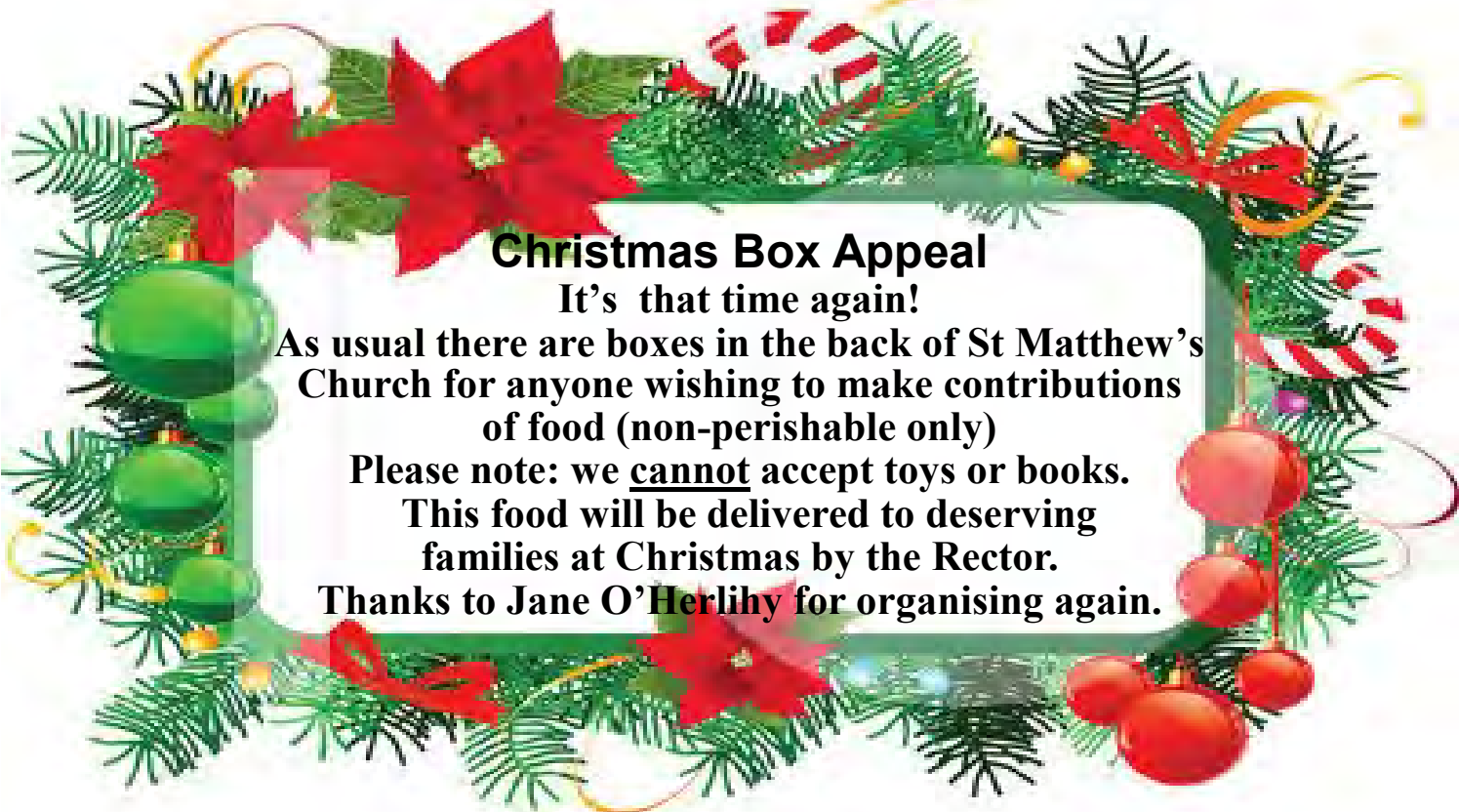


**DON'T FORGET TO BRING  
YOUR LANTERNS TO THE  
HOLY COMMUNION  
SERVICE  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE  
IN NEWCASTLE CHURCH  
TO LIGHT YOUR  
CANDLES FROM  
THE BETHLEHEM FLAME**



**DECORATE**  
t h e C h u r c h

**Newcastle: Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December  
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 16th January to see 'The Sound of Music' at the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre.

If you'd like to join us contact Karen who will try to procure more tickets (no guarantees)

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



**AT THE PARISH CENTRE**

**Thursday 19th December**

**€10 per head**

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

# NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL CAROLS

Thank you so much to the group who gave their time to sing at Newcastle Hospital on Sunday 8th December



# Calary Candlelight Carol Service

Friday, 20th December at 7:30pm

Everybody is welcome  
to join us in Calary Church  
for a traditional  
service of Lessons and Carols

followed by  
'Seasonal Refreshments'  
and a chat in the Church Room  
after the service

The collection will be divided between  
Tiglin Ashford and  
Dublin Simon Community



# CALARY NEWS

## **Calary Candlelight Carol Service**

Calary's Candlelight Carol Service will take place on Friday 20 December at 7.30 pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Church Room. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who wishes to join us. The collection from the Carol Service will be going to Simon, which helps young people tackle homelessness, and Tiglin, which assists people to deal with different forms of addiction.

## **Concert for Sister Mary Killeen**

This concert, which was held in October, was a great success with the audience enjoying the wonderful singing of young local artists. The amount raised for Sister Mary's work with the street children of Mukuru in Kenya was €4,000.

## **Music in Calary**

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported our events this year – our 20th anniversary. We hope that those of you who were able to attend our concerts in 2019 enjoyed the performances. We were delighted to be able to showcase artists with a Wicklow connection and to provide a platform for a number of local teenage music students and we thank you for the warm welcome that you gave them.

2020 will be the 250th anniversary of the birth of Beethoven and 100 years since the death of Max Bruch. While we will be celebrating these 2 events in concerts during 2020, we will also be including a range of works by other composers. The committee has been working on the events for next year for a number of months and we will send out a list of our 2020 concert series early next year. If you would like to join our mailing list, please email [derekneilson@eircom.net](mailto:derekneilson@eircom.net).

## **Sunday School**

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





## Calary Christmas Communion and Lunch

Calary Christmas Communion and Lunch on Wednesday 4th was once again a lovely event that allows folk who ordinarily can't make (and some who do) the 9:30 service to partake in a Holy Communion Service followed by a festive lunch. We welcomed some of our friends from Newcastle and Newtown along with other folk from Calary community. This year the collection has been donated to Fields of Life.



# Clubs and Organisations

## Junior Table Tennis

Every Monday

7—8pm

Main Hall, Parish Centre

## Table Tennis

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

All welcome to join.

## Time Out

The prayer group continues to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

## Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome



## Sunday School

Nativity Service on 15th December at 12 noon in Newcastle Church.

There will be Sunday School on Sunday 12th January.

## 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.

## YOUTH CLUB

Fridays

6th & 20th December

17th & 24th January

## 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.

## **Vestry Meeting**

The next meeting of Select Vestry will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2020 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 Pauline will be collecting the annual subscriptions in January for 2020's monthly Church Review. If you would like to be included for next year's issues please contact Pauline at 087-9535981

Please send any items or photographs for inclusion in February PINS to: [nandnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nandnparishoffice@gmail.com)

## **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 24th and 31st December.

## **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.

# **AUCTION OF PAINTING**

**This is an amazing opportunity to own an original watercolour by award-winning local botanical artist Lynn Stringer, who has kindly donated one of her pieces in aid of Parish funds.**

**The painting is  
Moss Rose 'William Lobb'**

**The reserve is €195**

**Bids should be made in writing  
to the Parish Office  
- drop in, post, or email  
[nandnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nandnparishoffice@gmail.com)**

**Closing date is 15th February 2020**

**The Parish would be very grateful if any other local artists or craftspeople would like to donate an item for inclusion in this auction for Parish funds.**



*Moss Rose 'William Lobb' by Lynn Stringer*

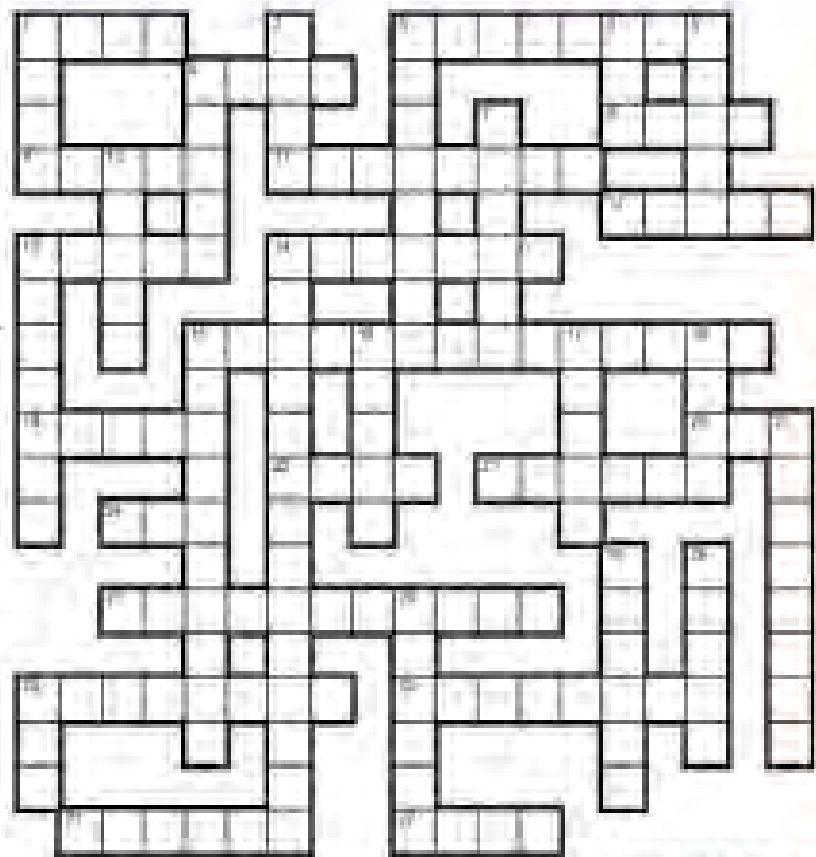
*To see the original watercolour please call in to the Parish Centre*

# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

## Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)

- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 \_\_\_ log, traditionally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)



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## Down

- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take away (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets, flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5, 3, 6)
- 15 Formal events (10)

- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)

# SERVICES IN JANUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	Is. 60:1-6  Ep. 3:1-12
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Is. 42:1-9  Acts 10:34-43
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	Is. 49:1-7  1 Cor. 1:1-9
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS Organised by Confirmees	
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Is. 9:1-4  1 Cor. 1:10-18  Matt. 4:12-23
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle	11.00	WB	Confirmation	



**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**

# SERVICES IN DECEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Nativity	
<b>Friday 20th</b>	Calary	19.30	WB	Carols by Candlelight	
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Is. 7:10-16
	Newcastle	19.00	WB	Carols	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Newcastle	23.30	WB	HC	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Family Praise	
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Is. 63:7-9 Heb. 2:10-18 Matt. 2:13-23
	St Matthew's	11.00	CT	MP	