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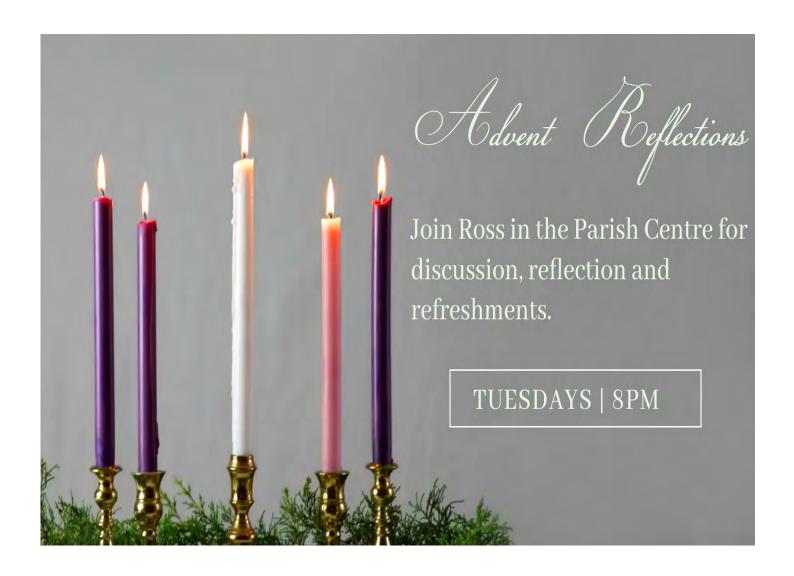
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Dear friends,

As I sit and write this, Advent Sunday is just around the corner. Now around this time of the year I earn my family reputation of being the grinch!! Christmas FM becomes our constant soundtrack and, after many years of listening to Frosty the Snowman on a continuous loop while working in retail, it doesn't bring out my festive spirit! However I do love Christmas, and I love the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of our Saviour which I sadly feel we are often in a terrible hurry to get through! Advent is a season when we concentrate on the coming light of our world. As the days draw closer and the evenings get darker, the brighter a light shines. This afternoon (Friday) the star has once again been put up on the tower of Calary church, a bright symbol of hope shining out into the darkness. Huge thanks to Diarmuid and Charlotte! Keep an eye out for it if you're driving from Kilmacanogue to Roundwood.

Christmas will be firmly on our minds as we gather in St. Matthew's church on December 3rd, to enjoy some early festive fun with crafts, food, music and carols plus a visit from Santa!

It is fantastic that we can once again gather as a community to celebrate this special time of the year. We will have our carol services on December 18th in Newcastle and December 21st in Calary. On December 11th, the Sunday Club will perform their nativity play in Newcastle church! Please also watch this space for some community carol singing in Newcastle village.

In this season of Advent, may we progress in expectation to the joy of Christmas, the great gift that we receive in the birth of our saviour Christ, the light of the world. Let us reflect that light, that love and that joy into all aspects of our lives and our community. Jesus is the bearer of that light, his love is there for all, it is up to us to open the door and let it shine into our lives, into our world and into our communities.

Fiona, Ben, Ava and I would like to wish you, and all whom you love, a blessed and a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May the light of the Christ Child fill you with joy and peace.

God bless,

Ross





THE CHRISTMAS STORY

11th DECEMBER by Sunday Club Newcastle Church, 12noon followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre



COMMUNION SERVICE AND LUNCH

Calary will hold the first Christmas Communion Service and Lunch since the Covid outbreak. This will be held on Wednesday 7 December when Communion will take place at 11.30 followed by lunch. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this special event. There is no charge but donations to Fields of Life will be accepted.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Calary's Candlelight Carol Service will take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 21 December followed by festive refreshments in the Church Room. This will include familiar carols together with singing by the Parish Choir as well as carols led by local solo artists. It is wonderful to be able to host such a popular event and we look forward to welcoming you back to Calary.

CALARY STAR

Those of you who may be driving on the road between Kilmacanogue and Roundwood over the Christmas period, please keep an eye out for the star which will again be on the church tower and will lighten the darkness.

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

Music in Calary have teamed up with the noted Wicklow musician - Eamonn Sweeney - to produce a practical musical programme for students in 3 local schools, Roundwood National School, Moneystown National School and St Francis National School. The proposal has been widely welcomed and will take place in January 2023. It has been made possible by funding from the Arts Office of Wicklow County Council.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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





Christmas Lunch

We're planning on going out for our Christmas
Lunch on Tuesday 20th
December. If you'd like to join us please let Karen know as soon as possible.

NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL CAROLS

Come along and sing
Carols in Newcastle
Hospital and put a smile on the faces of the
patients there.
Date to be confirmed.
Look out for a message.





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



Newcastle: Saturday 17th December St Matthew's: To be confirmed





We're feeling 'Christmassy'
in the Tearoom!
Upstairs in the Parish Centre
Friday mornings
10.30 am to 12.00 noon
Everyone very welcome!

Come and enjoy a mince pie and a chat





Playschool

We have a few spaces available in the Playschool for 2023. Contact Joanne at 087-7216929 for more information.

Afterschool

Very limited space available in the Afterschool.

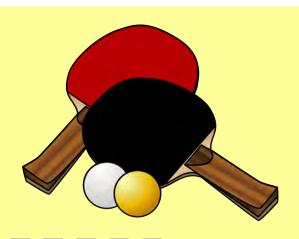
Well done to all the Afterschool kids who are busy making Christmas decorations to sell in aid of Barnardos.

A very Happy Christmas to all our kids and to our wonderful staff Joanne, Irene and Nicola.



Clubs and Organisations

Table Tennis
Mondays at 8pm
in the Parish Centre.





Mondays 8pm Parish Centre

We sing at
Holy
Communion
and special
services



Thursdays
from 8pm
in the Parish Centre
All welcome!



JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS 7—8 pm PARISH CENTRE



YOUTH GROUP

Join us!

Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 9th December
Friday 16th December

from 4th Class up

Junior Choir

Led by professional voice coach

Russell Smith



Monday 2:20 - 3pm

Newcastle Parish Centre
During termtime
All very welcome!

PINS

If you would like to receive PINS by post please forward €10 to the Parish Office. Remember you can receive PINS by email/whatsapp if you have given permission to be contacted in this way, or you can check it on the parish website if you are not in a position to pick up a hard copy

Monthly Church Review

As usual Pauline will be collecting the annual subscriptions in January for 2023'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

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.

Cleaning and Flower Rotas

Rotas for putting in flowers and cleaning at Newcastle Church will be at the back of the church from January 2023.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked away in the background doing these tasks in 2022, making our beautiful church a lovely space for worship each Sunday.

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 Theatre Dinner, Summer Fair, etc) please contact Karen in the Parish Office.







ST FRANCIS NATIONAL SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND 1:00PM TO 2:40PM





TEA, COFFEE AND DELICIOUS TREATS





St. Francis' National School Parents Association

Fundraising updates

Thank you to everybody who came along to our "Walk for Will" in Avondale on 15th October. It was a fairly damp day, but it didn't dampen anybody's spirits! A fantastic total of €3693.10 was raised, including €710 raised by the Leeson family. Thanks again to Kelleigh Carstairs for arranging the reduced entry to the Treetop Walk, which many families enjoyed that afternoon.



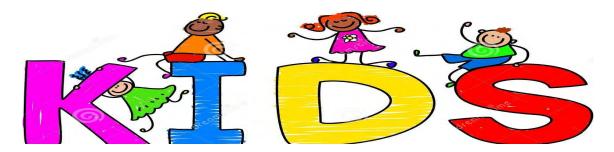
The metal recycling event on 12th November was also a huge success, with what felt like the entire village dropping off their excess metal! An incredible 22,314kg of metal was collected and it raised a wonderful €3913.48 for the school. A really huge thank you to Jonathan Watchorn for co-ordinating the event, and also to the crew who worked tirelessly alongside him on the day.

Our Bag2school clothes collection on 24th November gathered 270kg worth of used clothes, which adds up to another €108.20 raised.

Upcoming activities

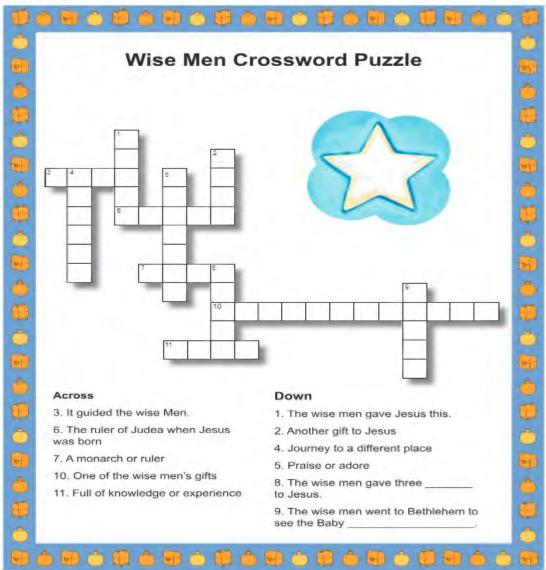
Festive Bake Sale on Friday 2nd December Christmas Jumper Day on 16th December School Play on 21st December

Claire Adams (Chair)





COLOURING



SERVICES IN DECEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 4th	Calary St Matthew's	9.30 10.45	RS RS	НС	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm 72: 1-7 18-19 Romans 15: 4-13
	Newcastle	12.00	RS		Matthew 3: 1-12
Cala	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Isaiah 35: 1-10
Sunday 11th	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	Psalm 146: 4-10 James 5: 7-10
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	Nativity Play	Matthew 11: 2-11
Condon	Calary	9.30	RS	MP	Isaiah 7: 10-16
Sunday 18th	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	MP	Psalm 80: 1-8 18-20
	Newcastle	17.00	RS	Carols by Candlelight	Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25
Wed. 21st	Calary	19.00	RS	Carols by Candlelight	
Christmas Eve	Newcastle	23.30	RS	НС	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14
	Calary	9.30	RS	НС	Isaiah 52: 7-10
Christmas Day	St Matthew's	10.45	RS	НС	Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1-4
	Newcastle	12.00	RS	Family Service	John 1: 1-18

SERVICES IN JANUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st	Calary St Matthew's	9.30 10.45	RS RS	НС	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2: 10-18
Sunday 8th	Newcastle Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9.30 10.45 12.00	RS CT CT CT	MP	Matthew 2: 13-23 Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-17
Sunday 15th	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9.30 10.45 12.00	RS RS RS	Service of the Word	Isaiah 49: 1-7 Psalm 40: 1-12 1 Cor. 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42
Sunday 22nd	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9.30 10.45 12.00	RS RS RS	Family Service	Isaiah 9: 1-4 Psalm 27: I, 4-12 1 Cor. 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23
Sunday 29th	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9.30 10.45 12.00	RS RS RS	Healing Service	Micah 6: 1-8 Psalm 15 1 Cor. 1: 18-31 Matthew 5: 1-12



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 afterwards