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# PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy  
with Calary

# FEBRUARY 2018

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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Daffodils appearing and the birds, most notably the crows, pairing off and getting ready for building their nests and producing their new families, remind us that Spring time is here yet again. I hope that soon the various bugs, bad colds and flu will have left us and we all can enjoy the new life and energy which we usually expect Spring to bring.

As can only be expected, the Christmas period is always an extremely busy one in parish life. A big thank you to all who were involved in the various functions and events which took place. The special lunch and Holy Communion in Calary, and the Christmas lunch at the centre in Newcastle were both presented in a way fit for a king and were very much enjoyed and appreciated by all attending. The annual Christmas outing with shopping, pantomime at the Gaiety, and afternoon tea at the Glenview Hotel, as well as the Christmas Village Bazaar held at St Matthew's all added to the busyness of the usual family commitments for many who generously gave their time to ensure Christmas was a special time for others.

The Alpha Course ended, as planned, to give time for the Christmas busyness and now we are planning a Lenten study for six weeks during Lent. This will be held on Wednesday evenings and we hope you will make it a priority to try to attend.

Recently I listened to a conversation when individuals talked about wish-lists. For some, health would top that list; family needs, finance, education and business all occupied prominent positions in the discussion. I'm sure we could all add our own, and perhaps for the farmer the weather might make an appearance on that list.

I suspect that deep down most of us would desire inner peace, even though in public discussion that aspect is rarely mentioned. This peace, we as Christians believe, is only to be found through faith in Jesus Christ. His great promise to his followers "My peace I leave with you" is in my opinion one of the greatest blessings of the committed Christian life. May we each one experience that peace through a firm commitment to our Saviour Jesus Christ.

God Bless,  
William

# **VALENTINE'S THEATRE DINNER**



**Saturday 17th February  
at 8pm sharp**

**Parish Centre, Newcastle**



**Tickets €30**

**To include  
3 Course Dinner  
with Coffee/Tea**

**Followed by short comedy  
'A Romantic Dinner'**

**Available from  
Parish Office 2819300  
Karen 087-2866889  
or any member of  
the events committee**

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at St Matthew's

Thank you to everyone who came along  
to the bazaar and Christmas sing-along

We raised €1522 for Parish funds



## CONFIRMATION 2018

11am  
Sunday  
15th April  
Newcastle Church

## CLEANING ROTA

Newcastle Church

Please put your name on the rota  
pinned to the Notice Board  
at the back of the church

Every little  
helps to keep  
our church  
looking  
beautiful



## FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA

Newcastle Church

If you can put flowers in a jug  
we want you!

Please volunteer to help

Rota at the back of the church

## Are You Missing Something?

There are several abandoned items in the kitchen at the Parish Centre.

Drop in and see if you own one.



## Coffee

Every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre

## St Matthew's Forum

**Tuesday 13th February at 8pm  
in the McLean Room**

**Come and help plan the future of St Matthew's**



## Bon Voyage

Safe travels to the group led by William heading off to Israel on 21st February. They return on 3rd March. If you need assistance during William's absence contact Karen in the Parish Office at 01-2819300 or 087-2866889.

There will be no monthly lunch during February due to the fact that everyone will be saving their appetites for the Valentine's Theatre Dinner!



Don't forget to return your tax certificate forms to Andy Sleeman and to collect your box of free will offering envelopes for 2018, available at both churches.

## Church Creche

**Would you be willing to help set up a creche to run one Sunday per month during the service in Newcastle Church?**

**Contact Karen**



## **WE'RE GOING ECO FRIENDLY!**

**If you'd like to be  
involved in guiding  
the parish to be more  
ECO friendly  
contact**

**Kim 087-2248884**

**or drop into Karen in the Parish Office**

## **LENT 2018**

**Join us for a course during Lent which has been put  
together by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland**

**During the course we will take a journey with  
Jesus from his baptism at the River Jordan to  
the city of Jerusalem where he was crucified.**

**As well as including opportunities for discussion  
and reflection the course is accompanied by  
stories of hope as told by real people whose lives  
were changed by getting to know Jesus.**

**The course can be used at an introductory level or as a  
deeper exploration of faith, so it's suitable for everyone.**

**We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Centre  
at 8pm on six Wednesdays during Lent,  
starting on Wednesday 21st February**



## **Keep Fit With Corrie**

### **Circuit Training**

**Wednesdays from 7 to 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.**

### **Mums and Tots**

**Gentle circuit training for Mums and Tots.  
Fridays 11am to 12noon in the Parish Centre.**

**Phone Corrie: 087-6375363**

### **Sunday School**

There will be Sunday School in February on Sundays 4th, 11th and 25th. All children of primary school age welcome.

### **Parents and Toddlers**

The group meets on Monday mornings from 10.30am - 12 noon. All parents with newborns to playschoolers welcome for coffee, chat and play.

### **Youth Club**

Fridays from 8 - 9.30pm in the Parish Centre with Stephen and helpers..

### **Prayer Space**

Everyone is welcome to drop into the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre for 15minutes of prayer on Monday mornings from 9am during term time.

### **Bowls**

The club meets every Thursday evening at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

### **Table Tennis**

This lively and enthusiastic club meets on Mondays in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre. The club has now expanded to include a junior section.

# CALARY NEWS

## **Vestry Meeting**

There will be a vestry meeting in the Church Room at 8 pm on Monday 19 February.

## **Easter Vestry**

The annual Easter Vestry will take place in the Church Room at 8 pm on Monday 26 March.

## **Church Review**

If you receive a copy of the Diocesan magazine then please remember to pass on your subscription for 2018 to Ethni.

## **Music in Calary**

The programme for the 2018 series of concerts and the list will be sent out soon to people on our mailing list. If you would like to be included, please email [derekneilson@eircom.net](mailto:derekneilson@eircom.net).

## **Sunday School**

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

## **Table Tennis**

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays from 8 pm in Calary Church Room. Please contact Ethni Seymour (086 809 2211) or Charlotte O'Brien (086 835 4394) if you would like to join us.



## ***Transport for Cancer Patients***

***The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society***



**Website:**  
[www.purplehouse.ie](http://www.purplehouse.ie)

**Facebook:**  
PurpleHouseCancerSupport

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@PurpleHouseIRL

***Yoga*** with ***Angelika***

**Newcastle Parish Centre**

Thursday 10.30am—12.00am

Suitable for Beginners and Experienced

Cost: €170 for 12 weeks or €16 drop in

Call Angelika 087 2176068



# FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY  
12 NOON  
NEWCASTLE CHURCH

## Baptism at Newcastle

17th December 2017

**Harry Thomas James Kennedy** son of Louise Murphy and Graham Kennedy, Rose Hill, Wicklow.

We hope that Harry brings lots of love and laughter to his family and home, and that he grows up to honour the promises made for him at baptism.

# Children's Page

## ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash Wednesday

Holy Thursday

Forty Days

Sacrifice

Good Friday

Jesus

Almsgiving

Holy Saturday

Passover

Prayer

Easter

Foot Washing

Fasting

Palm Sunday

Resurrection

Lent

Purple

Holy Week

Palm Branch

# SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	Calary SS	9.30	NS	HC	<i>Prov. 8:1, 22-31 Col. 1:15-20 John 1:1-14</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	NS	HC	
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	<i>2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Cor. 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	MP	
<b>Sunday 18th Lent 1</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	<i>Gen.9:8-17 1Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS + Baptism	
<b>Sunday 25th Lent 2</b>	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	<i>Ex. 20:1-17 1 Cor. 1:18-25 John 2:13-22</i>
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	



**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 March PINS to [nandnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nandnparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Items must be received by MONDAY 19th February**