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PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary

FEBRUARY 2020



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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As I come to the end of nineteen and a half years in your parishes, the well trodden old saying comes easily to mind “Where does time go?” or in certain parts of the country one often hears the expression “Time flies”. For me it has certainly flown!

I have never been one for keeping a well written daily personal diary but this time with you all has left many indelible memories. Many of these memories will, no doubt, be repeated numerous times in conversation, but many were so personal and confidential that they will never be spoken about. To have had the confidence of so many people and sharing in many of the highs and lows of personal and family lives has been an awesome experience. Thank you sincerely for your trust.

I know that lots of good practical things have been done, like the building of a first class Parish Centre which will provide a home for organisations, clubs, study and prayer groups, etc., but the most rewarding part of ministry for me has been seeing people grow in faith. The quiet conversations, counselling sessions, times of prayer with individuals, and to witness the Holy Spirit move in people’s lives bringing real peace, forgiveness and hope have been the highlight.

We won’t be far away and hope that many of you will pop in to Kilmurray for a cuppa and a chat.

My prayer for these parishes is that of Aaron’s blessing on God’s people, Numbers 6:22-26 - “The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Shalom,
William

THEATRE DINNER



**Parish Centre, Newcastle
Saturday 29th February
Meal at 7.30pm sharp**



Tickets €35

**3 Course Dinner
with Coffee/Tea**

**Followed by short play
'Where there's a Will,
There's a Way'**

**Tickets selling fast
for William's last
night in the Parish
as our Rector**

**Tickets available from
Parish Office 2819300
Karen 087-2866889**

William's Farewell Service and Lunch

William's last church service as Rector of our parishes takes place on Sunday 23rd February. There will be a combined service for all the churches in Newcastle Church at 11am.

This will be followed by lunch in the Parish Centre where we can bid him goodbye and wish him well for the future. We hope that as many of you as possible will attend to show your support and gratitude for all he has done in these parishes for almost 20 years.

We would also be very grateful for donations for the lunch and offers of help setting up, etc. Please ring Karen to see what is needed and to volunteer.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall softly on your fields
And until we meet again
May you keep safe
In the gentle loving arms of God

Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of Select Vestry will take place on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 8pm in the Parish Centre

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.

Lunch

There will be no monthly lunch in February. We hope to see you all in your finery at the Theatre Dinner on Saturday 29th in the Parish Centre.

Cleaning Rota

Please help by putting your name on the rota for cleaning Newcastle Church. We'll take individuals, groups of friends or families—we're not fussy. It's a beautiful little church and deserves to be kept spic and span.



Flower Arranging

Flowers are a wonderful way to display God's glory and enhance the beauty of the church. Please put your name on the Newcastle flower arranging rota. You don't have to be a Sheila Cleary! A simple arrangement of flowers in a jug can be very lovely.

Register of Vestry Persons

If you would like to be added to the register of vestry persons in the parish please sign the 'cheque book' form which can be found at the back of the church. Only registered persons are eligible to vote at the Annual General Vestry meeting or to stand for election to the Select Vestry.

Waiters Wanted

We are looking for waiters to work at the Theatre Dinner on Saturday 29th February. Hours of work are 7pm to 12 midnight. We pay minimum wage and you must be over sixteen. Contact Karen at the office or 087-2866889

Clubs and Organisations

Junior Table Tennis

Every Monday

7—8pm

Main Hall

at the Parish Centre

YOUTH CLUB

**Fridays 7 to 8pm
in the Parish Centre.**

7th February

14th February



Sunday School

Sunday School is open to all children who attend primary school. We leave church after the first hymn and head over to the Parish Centre. Parents then pick up children there after the service.

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.

Time Out



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

Parish Choir

The Parish Choir rehearses for upcoming Holy Communion and special services 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 7.30pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome

St Francis NS Parents Association

PUB QUIZ

Castle Inn
31st January
8pm



Parish Registers

Funeral at Newcastle Church

20th December 2019

David Sykes, 59 Seacourt, Newcastle, Co Wicklow

David passed away suddenly at home. His funeral was conducted by Methodist minister, Rev Mark Forsyth, in Newcastle Church, epitomising David's open attitude to different types of worship. We send our sympathies to Ruth and the wider family circle.

CALARY NEWS

William's Leaving

Williams last service in Calary will be at 9.30 am on 16 February and all members of the parish are invited to join us in saying farewell to William. William's final service in Newcastle parish church will be on Sunday 23 February.

Select Vestry

There will be a Select Vestry meeting at 8 pm on Monday 17 February in the Church Room.

Sunday School

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



Christmas Outing to the Sound of Music

Thursday 16th January

We had a lovely afternoon out for our deferred Christmas outing. Starting out with lunch in the new café on the main street in Newtownmountkennedy, and then on to the Bord Gais Energy Theatre in the Garda minibus, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. The trip was topped off with flashing lights and siren as we approached home. Many thanks to John Whelan our genial local community guard for driving.

Fields of Life Child Sponsorship Programme

Dear all,

First of all, I would like to say many thanks to all of you who have supported the Fields of Life Child Sponsorship scheme over the years. Your generosity has meant that we in Calary parish are able to support the education of **seven** children in Uganda.

Fields of Life has worked hard to keep the cost of education down over the years. However, it has now been necessary to make an increase from €20 to €28 per month per child and if you pay annually this will be €335 per annum (January to December). To supplement your contributions, we also run fundraisers throughout the year such as plant sales at our parish BBQ and Harvest events. This year we hope to run another specific fundraising event in the summer!! Keep an eye on PINS for details.

If you would like to contribute something to the scheme or sponsor a child please contact June on 087 992 6066 or Charlotte 086 835 4394.

Every little helps.

With thanks and best wishes for 2020

June Roe

FIELDS OF LIFE CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

We believe that the key to sustainable change is to support the holistic development of individual children as well as their wider school community. The sponsorship programme supports partner schools to ensure a safe and quality learning environment for every child, ultimately maximising the impact on the whole community.

The Fields of Life Child Sponsorship Programme supports school development initiatives. We equip and empower partner schools to take ownership of their own development and provide quality education.

€28 A MONTH

- Gives a primary school child an opportunity to go to school, a uniform and scholastic materials.
- Gives a secondary school child an opportunity to continue with their education, sit national examinations and progress to further education.
- Contributes to wider school development

For more information please contact childsponsorship@fieldsoflife.org

Fields of Life, PO Box 9, North Cork Delivery Unit, Cork
Phone: 00353 87 8146910 Charity No: ROI 20042677

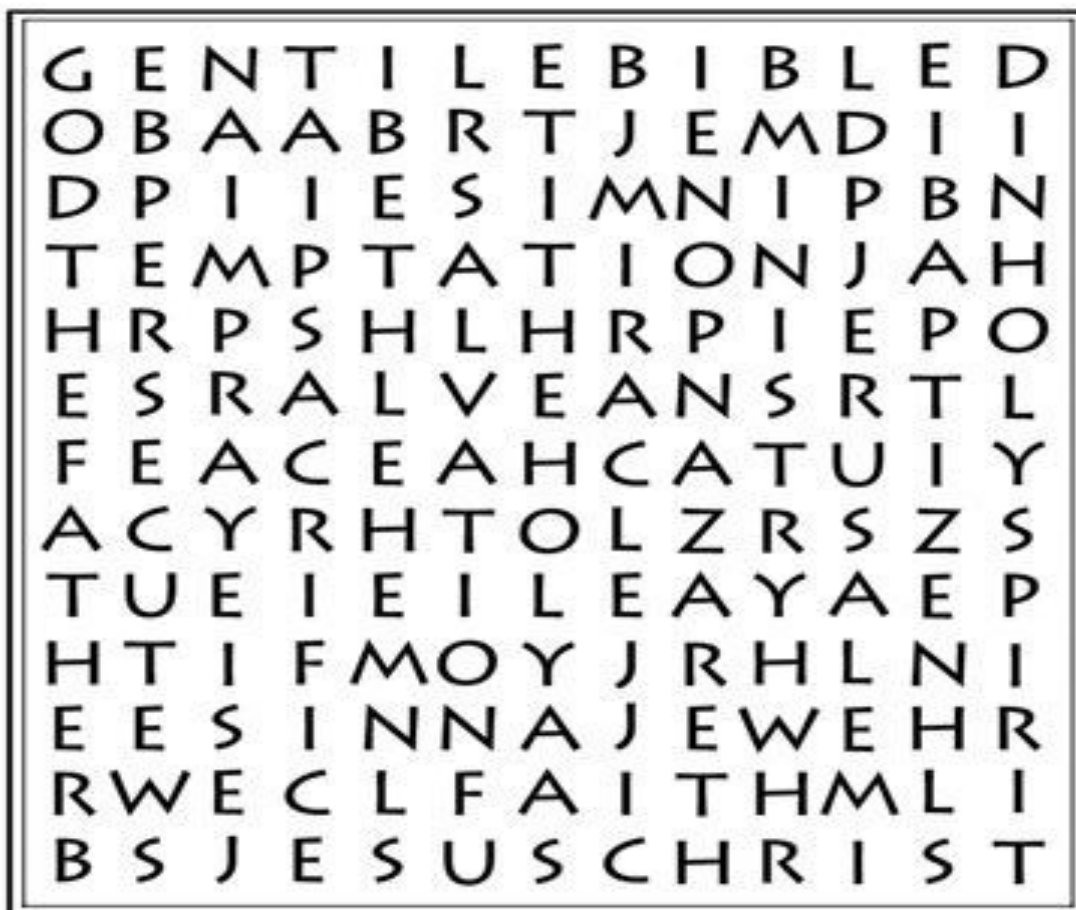



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CHANGING LIVES, BUILDING HOPE



BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE



JESUS CHRIST
 SALVATION
 JEW
 GENTILE
 HOLY SPIRIT
 GOD THE FATHER
 PERSECUTE

PRAY
 TITHE
 MINISTRY
 BIBLE
 HOLY
 SACRIFICE
 FAITH

MIRACLE
 NAZARETH
 BETHLEHEM
 JERUSALEM
 BAPTIZE
 TEMPTATION
 SIN



Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle

Playschool

Open 9am to 12.30pm

5 days a week

Full-time and Part-time places

ECCE and non-ECCE

Excellent range of optional extras

Afterschool

Open 1.20pm to 6.20pm

5 days a week

Full-time and Part-time

Limited places available

For information and booking:

Phone Karen at 087-2866889

Now taking bookings for September

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 2nd	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	1 Cor. 1:18-31 Matt. 5:1-12
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 9th	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Is. 58:1-9 1 Cor. 2:1-16
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
Sunday 16th	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	Deut. 30:15-20 1 Cor.3:1-9
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
Sunday 23rd	Newcastle	11.00	WB	United Service followed by Lunch at P. C.	1 Cor.3:10-11 & 16-23 Matt. 5:38-48



**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**