



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

*Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary*

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From the Desk of the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

What a wonderful, uplifting and very special weekend we had for the flower festival in Newcastle. Thought, imagination and subtlety are words which came to mind as I looked, many times, at the various arrangements displayed. Each arrangement opened up its particular message in a beautiful, meaningful and colourful way and helped us all have time to ponder the meaning of some of the parables and miracles of Jesus.

I think those little children (boots) standing at Jesus' feet, the little mite brought by the widow, but appreciated by Jesus, the shepherd with those lambs and the Jesus who was involved in and cares for every area of life bring important faith building messages to us all. The assurance he gave of this care in the parable of the lilies of the field and he even providing wine for the wedding are pictures which will remain in our minds reminding us of a caring and loving saviour. The virgins who were ready waiting for the bridegroom, the cursed, withered tree and the lamp on its stand reminding us of the importance of being ready for when he comes back and actively spreading the good news, not hiding the light.

Jesus calming the storm and the mustard seed growing into a great shelter for the birds of the air and the little boys' lunch which eventually fed 5000 people all reminding us of the way God provides and cares. Jesus walking on the water and the miraculous catch of fish demonstrating his authority over nature. The parable of the sower challenges each of us to be sure we have our lives in condition for God the Holy Spirit to indwell and produce fruit to his glory. Each arrangement told of priceless treasures which many people never find because they do not search and this truth was graphically explained in the hidden treasure.

The miracle of miracles was beautifully shown in the garden tomb. The only things in the tomb were the linen cloths which had been wrapped around Jesus head. The culmination of Jesus' ministry on earth was that day when he astonished his disciples and ascended to heaven. This was the arrangement facing us as we entered the church and the promise of the Angel was that this same Jesus will come again as they saw him go. To personalise and experience the reality of these amazing truths God has opened up a way which is through 'The Door' or 'The Gate' - Jesus himself.

The flower festival provided a gate to many important things. It involved lots of people who gave of their time and talents freely. I can't think of another event when there have been at least 80 people actively involved in one way or another. Those who did the arrangements, brought flowers, baked cakes and biscuits, made sandwiches/ soup/ teas/ coffee and helped serve food at the cottage. The practical work of cleaning the Church, washing dishes, moving chairs/tables/furniture, decorating for the barbecue and the list could go on. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who helped make the weekend such a memorable one.

The whole wheel revolved around the hub and that hub was Karen. I know she would say that she had great help but most of us will never know how much time, thought, energy and sacrifice Karen invested in this weekend. Months of planning, enlisting, enthusing, and even a trip to Northern Ireland to see how they do it, all paid off.

We are deeply indebted to members of our parish choir and leader Dr. Andy Sleeman for their faithfulness in assisting worship. For the choir to have reached the standard of singing we all enjoy, has taken many hours of hard work and long nights of practice. Their contribution to worship is greatly appreciated. It was a real joy to see how many people attended the lunch time concert on the Saturday of the flower festival and the words of appreciation flowed freely from the lips of those in attendance. Members will now have time to enjoy a well deserved break from rehearsals until September.

A very big thank you to all involved and to our heavenly father for the ideal weather and His protection on the whole effort.

Happy and Safe Holidays
God Bless,
William



NOTICE BOARD

Plant Stall

Caroline Tindal would like to thank all those who helped out or donated plants for the plant stall at the Flower Festival. Thank You!

Ballinastoe Tug of War Club

New tug of war club in Calary! Both ladies' and men's teams. Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays—ladies at 7pm and men at 8pm. The club competed in the Leinster Championships and brought home 4 ladies' silver medals and 2 men's silver medals. Teams are now competing in the National Championships.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested please contact Edward Fox at 086-1693109

Photos of the Flower Festival

If anyone would like to purchase a CD Rom or printed photos of the flower arrangements at the Flower Festival please contact Peter Johnston at 087-2567427

Parish Chairs

Due to unsuitability and very bad repair, the parish chairs in the library/ stage at St Francis School are being replaced by the school. If anyone would like to take any of these chairs please contact the Rector.

Calary News

MUSIC IN CALARY

Calary held its annual music festival in June. On Thursday 16th, the inaugural Janet Ashe Recital was held. Janet had been a great supporter of the concerts held in Calary and, as John Medlycott said in his fulsome tribute to her, the concerts might not have continued without Janet's encouragement and advice. We were delighted that Janet's daughter Charlotte, son Robert and many of her large group of friends were able to attend.

The recital was given by Maria McGarry and her playing of pieces by Granados, Bach and Schumann was exquisite.

On Friday 17th, ten young pianists from the Wicklow area delighted the audience with some excellent performances. We hope that some of these musicians will follow in the footsteps of others who have previously played in Calary, such as Sophie Cashell and Fiachra Garvey.

On Sunday 19th, the festival concluded with a wonderful concert given by Fiachra Garvey. The large crowd was enthralled with his playing of works by Schumann and Chopin. He was later joined by Ealain McMullin (violin) and Sarah Joyce (cello) in trios by Mozart and Mendelssohn. We were delighted that some of the young musicians who had played so beautifully on Friday were able to be with us on Sunday.

The next event in Calary will be a concert of Madrigals sung by the National Chamber Choir. For details see opposite page.

CALARY CHURCH OPEN DURING HERITAGE WEEK

In recognition of the grant given to Calary Church by the Heritage Council, the church will be open between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 20, Sunday 21, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August. Parishioners will be on hand to explain the history of the Church and Darby's Pulpit and to answer any questions from visitors.

BARBECUE

On Saturday 11th June we held our barbeque in the Church grounds and we were so lucky to get a couple of hours of sunshine to enjoy our burgers, sausages, a glass of wine and delicious salads finished off with strawberries and ice-cream. A very pleasant evening and a small profit was made towards much needed funds.

PARISH WALK

The latest Parish walk was around the reservoir in Roundwood on Sunday 26th June after morning service. Many thanks to Derek and Margaret for entertaining us to lunch afterwards in their lovely garden in glorious sunshine.



HARVEST and ART EXHIBITION

8th /9th October. June Roe will be running a plant stall that week-end and is asking all those who are green fingered to start potting up so that there will be plenty of plants for sale.

WEDDING

4 June 2011, Robert David Moore and Naomi Charlotte Jobson, The Stewards House, Altidore, Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow were married in Calary. We congratulate Robert and Naomi and wish them God's blessing and every happiness in their marriage.



Calary Concert in July



Sunday July 24th

At 3.00pm, a very special concert of madrigals by the National Chamber Choir, Ireland's leading small choir, in aid of the restoration of the Church windows.

This will be followed by a Five Star Calary Afternoon Tea.

Tickets and further information from 01-2818146 or by emailing derekneilson@eircom.net

Clubs and Organisations

Parish Choir

Thank you to all the choir for all their hard work throughout the year, and particularly for Holy Week and the Lunchtime concert during the Flower Festival. The concert meant extra rehearsals, but I think we all enjoyed the practices and the event; it was great to see so many people in the audience. The choir will now have their summer break in July and August. Choir practices for Harvest will start up again on Monday September 5th. New singers will be especially welcome. *Andy Sleeman*

Tuesday Club

In spite of threatening rain all morning we had a lovely afternoon for our June visit to the Dower House garden at Ashford where we were made most welcome. We then proceeded to Hunter's Hotel where we were served a delicious afternoon tea in the garden in blazing sunshine. The date for next month's meeting will be **12th July** and, unless anyone has any better ideas, we will finish up the season's programme at 12, Hunter's Leap where Ann will be delighted to see as many of you as possible. As usual, there will be no meeting in August.



Creche/Sunday School

Sunday School and Creche are now finished for the summer. However the cottage will be open every Sunday should anyone wish to take small children out during the service.

Sunday School prize giving took place on 19 June. Numbers are very encouraging in Newcastle where there are now 50 children on the roll. Sunday School in Calary and Newcastle means that the primary school age children are being taught very important bible lessons which will certainly impact their lives for many years to come.

A very sincere thank you to all the teachers and helpers and also to those who provide a creche for the pre-schoolers at Newcastle. It is impossible to over emphasise the importance of these few short years with the children especially when there are so many other callers on their time. God's Word learned in a way that one can remember its meaning and application to every day life will always have a positive influence on our young people as they grow into adult life.

Parents and Toddlers

Parents and Toddlers finished up for the summer with a party at Rectory Cottage. We look forward to seeing anyone with a baby or toddler at the cottage on a Monday morning from September for a chat and a play.

Parish News

Holy Baptism

19 June, Charlie Alexander, son of Brenda Slack and Valentine O'Sullivan, 12 Djouce Meadow, Roundwood. We welcome Valentine, Brenda and Charlie to our parish and wish them and Charlie many years of happiness in their home in Roundwood. We hope and pray that Charlie will grow up to honour the promises made for him at baptism.

Coffee

Coffee continues in the cottage every Tuesday morning from 10.30am. Everybody welcome to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee.



Lunch

Lunch in the cottage this month will be served on Thursday 28th July at 1pm. Cost is €5 per head and every one is welcome. Please let Karen know if you hope to attend.

Apology

Apologise to the parishioners who attend St Matthew's church. In moving text around in May PINS the details of the church wardens at St Matthew's were lost. They are, of course, Douglas Hatton and Richard Ntow.

Mystery

Though all PINS were posted last month to people who receive them by post or who normally receive them on-line, it seems that some never arrived. If you did not receive your PINS (and sustentation envelope) please mention it to Andy Sleeman or Karen Reynolds. Someone out there has our PINS!

Cottage Outing

On Thursday 16th June ten of us set off for Dublin by minibus for the latest cottage outing. First drop-off point was Bachelors Walk to board a Liffey River Cruise. This was very enjoyable and informative. There wasn't a ripple on the river and we learnt all sorts of trivia about the buildings along the Liffey from our guide who insisted on calling us the 'adventure group from Newcastle'. Due to a high tide the cruise had to finish at Custom House Quay (we wouldn't have fitted under the bridges on the way back) and our bus was parked in Westmoreland St with a driver who had forgotten his phone. Luckily for us we have a 'can do' rector who jogged up the quays and met the bus. Next stop was the Cellar Restaurant in the Merrion Hotel opposite Government Buildings. A delicious lunch was had by all and some of the party even had the thrill of running into Simon Coveney Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine. Roll on the next outing!



Flower Festival

The parish weekend on 25th and 26th June, revolving around the Flower Festival in Newcastle Church, was a wonderful time for our church community. The atmosphere, camaraderie and willingness to help shown by a huge number of people was inspiring. Over the two days of intense preparation and the following two days of the festival, over eighty people gave of their time, talents, and energy. We had flower arrangers, thatchers, carpenters, cleaners, heavy lifters, doormen, tea-ladies, bakers, singers, organists, sound engineers, plant stall-holders, plant producers, hosts at the church, washer-uppers, offers of heavy lifting machinery, offers of props, and finally someone to count and lodge the money. From the moment when the first flower was placed in the first block of oasis to the point when the church door closed after the Songs of Praise, the mood was one of happiness and enjoyment. Everyone can be proud that the many visitors to the church, and afterwards to the cottage for tea, commented on the welcome and friendliness of the parishioners they met.

There were several components to the weekend. The beauty and inspiration of the flowers in the church, the polished and engaging performance of the choir at the lunchtime concert on Saturday, the lovely ambiance in the cottage where people sat chatting and catching up with friends, the happy relaxed barbecue, and the uplifting singing at the Songs of Praise.

Surely a weekend to remember.



Some Memories From The Weekend

The excitement of getting started on the arrangements and seeing what everyone else was doing. Flowers everywhere.

Sheila keeping us going with her playing on the organ when we were flagging..

Getting extremely wet on Friday night as the last of the debris, buckets, and unwanted props, were carried out to the cars in lashing rain and gale conditions.

The first sight of the church from the door when everything was finished and in place, and the (very unfortunate) cleaners had hoovered and polished. Such a beautiful and colourful sight.

The perfume in the church from roses, lilies, carnations, buddleia.

The pleasure on people's faces as they left the church.

A gaggle of almost-teenagers laughing and talking in the cottage while their parents enjoyed the barbecue outside.

People sitting in the sun outside the cottage enjoying their tea.

The choir singing 'Holy, Holy, Holy' at the Songs of Praise.



Church Lane Revellers at the barbecue

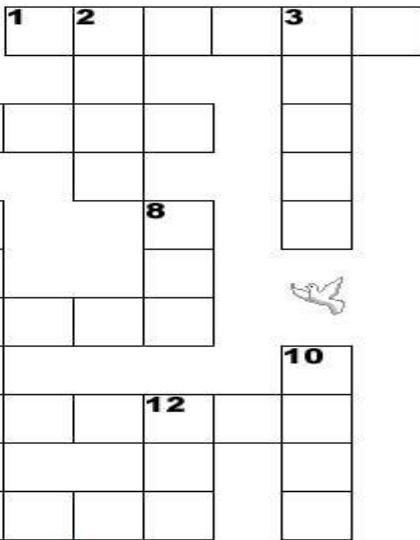
Archbishop's Cup 2011.

The Inter-parish Hockey Tournament took place on the 22nd June at St Andrew's College. Newcastle Parish entered a team which included Nicola Smyth, Tarragh Hanley, Shannon O'Brien, Orla Teehan, Horst Punzet, Graham Codd (Captain), Jonathan Codd, Paul Mc Andrew, Tony Bond, Warren Collier and Garth Collier. Eithni Seymour from Calary was a Referee. Mixed Teams from Rathfarnham, Stillorgan, Wicklow, Bray and Whitechurch were entered and the weather was kind so that some great hockey matches were played. The matches were very competitive and Newcastle won all theirs conceding no goals thanks to the great goalkeeping of Horst who had not played since leaving Australia. Newcastle defeated teams from Rathfarnham and Stillorgan in the first round. Paul and Graham scored in these matches. In the final, Newcastle defeated Wicklow 3-0 with goals by Paul, Laura and Orla. The Archbishop's Cup was presented to Garth on behalf of the team by Rev Gillian Wharton and Rev Anne Taylor .

Children's Page

Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis
Chapters 3 and 4



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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The _____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)



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Sixth Class 2010/2011

SERVICES IN JULY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 3rd				
	Calary	9.30	MP	Gen. 24:34-38.
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Rom 7:15-25
	Newcastle	12.00	HC	
Sunday 10th				
	Calary	9.30	MP	Gen. 25:19-34.
	St Matthews	10.45	HC	Rom:1-11
	Newcastle	12.00	MP	
Sunday 17th				
	Calary	9.30	MP	Gen. 28;10-19.
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Rom 8:12-25
	Newcastle	12.00	MP	Matt 13:24-30 & 36-43
Sunday 24th				
	Calary	9.30	HC	1Kings 3;5-12.
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Rom 8:26-39
	Newcastle	19.00	MP	
Sunday 31st				
	Calary	9.30	MP	Gen 32:22-31
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Rom 9:1-5
	Newcastle	12.00	MP	Matt 14:13-21



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's, followed by a cup of tea / coffee and chat in the McLean Room. All welcome!

Tea and coffee are served in the McLean Room after each service in

Select Vestry
Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

Next meeting of Select Vestry will be on Tuesday 9th August