

PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary





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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners.

C.K. Chesterton said, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried!" It is easy to slowly slip into a mode of fitting in to the standards and customs of the world around us. The call of Jesus was always, and still is, a call to stand up and be personally committed to his standards as recalled in the Gospels. David Platt said; "The road to Heaven is risky, lonely and costly in this world and few are willing to pay the price. Following Jesus involves losing your life and finding new life in Him."

I suspect that one of the great mistakes often made is people losing their own lives by trying to obey a list of boring rules and having a form of religion but not finding that new life in Jesus. We can so easily have the form of religion and miss out on the reality of a relationship with God that brings real joy and peace even though at the same time it demands that we become dead to self.

Twenty one young people from our Parishes stood at the confirmation service in Delgany and verbally affirmed their faith in God and their desire to follow him. Our hope is that each one will be determined to stand for their faith and know the reality of a lifelong relationship with Jesus. Please include these young people in your prayers.

Now that the steel frame has been erected for the new Hall at the Parish Centre we will see work progressing more rapidly and the expected completion time for the builders is still late July. Following that there will be painting and fitting out and we look forward to having use of the facility by September.

Thousands of man hours have been invested into this project by Select Vestry and the Building committee and it is really encouraging that we can now see the end in site.

It is always good to have friends and our parish has benefited a lot from the friendship of our Rural Dean, Canon Fred Appelbe. Fred has always been a very attentive and caring colleague and has stepped in to conduct our Wednesday Holy Communion Service whenever needed and often at very short notice - thanks Fred!

God Bless, William



Has our Rector been moonlighting? (Evidence courtesy of James Norse)

Rector's Reply: Wishful thinking will get you nowhere!



Weddings at Newcastle

13th December

Conor David Walley and Alacoque McAlpine, 57a Strand Road, off Gilford Road, Sandymount, Dublin

21st December

Niall Joseph Geoghegan and Chloe Nora Jane Madden, Kilary, Church Lane, Newcastle.

Congratulations to both couples. We wish them every happiness and God's blessing in their homes and families.

John W. H. Honner

14th July 1933 – 8th February 2014 John, a loyal and faithful member of Newcastle Parish, member of Select Vestry, Parish Honorary Treasurer and Synods Person for a number of years, passed away in Earlsbrook Nursing Home, Bray on 8th February.

We extend our thoughts, prayers and sympathy to his family circle, but especially his wife Jessie and sons John, Mervyn and David.

Funeral service was held in Bray Parish Church followed by interment in Kilbride Churchyard.

Meeting of Select Vestry

Next meeting is on March 19th at 8pm in the McLean Room.

Confirmation

Twenty-one candidates from our parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary were confirmed in Christ Church, Delgany on Sat 15th February. It was a lovely happy service. We are very thankful to the Rev Nigel Waugh for allowing us the use of the church for the service. Because of the large number of candidates we would have had to limit numbers attending if held in any one of our own churches.

We welcome each of these young people to be fully involved in every part of our community and hope that they will each live out the promises made to God at their confirmation. Please pray for and encourage each one as you have opportunity.

Confirmation Candidates:
Roisín Pike, Cathrine McCullagh,
Isabelle Reboul-Geraghty
Megan Punzet, Leah Herman,
Laura Stewart, Rebecca Stewart,
Sarah Jennings, Melanie Williams,
Michael Behan, Leo Carter,
Jack Dempsey, Stephen Gillis,
Ronan Cullen, Aaron Owens,
Trevor Sebanakita, Alan Flood,
Mark Norse, James Fortune,
Matthew Sibley, Joshua Fromholz

Date for your Diary Annual Easter Vestry Wednesday 30th April at 8pm in the McLean Room

Trip to the Holy Land

Wishing the group travelling to Israel on March 26th, and led by William, a safe and fun trip. We especially hope that Marjorie Stokes and Ellie Russell have a great time.

Fields of Life Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning for Fields of Life. We raised €1105 *Brian and Jean*

Well done Brian and Jean! The money raised will go into the account solely used to sponsor the education of our sponsored children in East Africa for Fields of Life. A very convivial morning, good catch-up chats, delicious eats, and nice raffle prizes.

Lunch

You are invited to lunch in the cottage on Thursday 20th March from 12.45pm. €10 per head. Book with Karen.

Coffee

As always, anyone and everyone is welcome to drop in to the cottage on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am. Chat, coffee, tea, treats.

Breakfast

Pop in to the cottage for breakfast from 8.40am on the morning of school assembly in the church.

Rotas

Sadly there are still quite a few gaps on the Cleaning and Flower Arranging rotas in \Newcastle Church. Come on everybody! Why not volunteer for half a month?

Parish Centre

The construction of the Parish Centre is going well despite the awful weather. You can see the steel structure for the hall at the back of the centre from Church Lane. The intention is to open the doors for use in September.

Rector on Sick Leave

William is to undergo long-awaited surgery on his eye on 24th February. He will be on sick leave to recuperate from then until March 5th. Say a prayer for a speedy recovery.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Boxes at St Matthew's Church in the run up to Christmas. Your increased generosity this year was much appreciated. Special thanks to Marie Brassington who organises the boxes each year.

Clubs and Organisations

Parish Choir

We have now started rehearsing music for Lent and Easter. The next rehearsal is Monday March 3rd at 8pm in Newcastle Church. If you would like to sing with us please come along to the rehearsal. Sopranos and Basses would be particularly welcome.

Andy Sleeman

Junior Choir

The junior choir has been rehearsing on a Wednesday afternoon after school and will be performing at the Family Service in Newcastle Church on Sunday 16th March. Put the date in your diary—you don't want to miss out on hearing them!

Sunday School at Newcastle

Sunday School dates for March are 2nd, 9th and 23rd. All school age children welcome. Come to church and leave with the Sunday School teachers after the first hymn. All children must be collected at the school after morning service.

Time Out

Time Out meets on the first and

third Tuesdays of the month in Rectory Cottage from 8pm. It's a chance for some quiet time in this busy world of ours.

Bible Book Club

The reading continues, despite a small blip due to bad weather recently. A warm fire, nice nibbles and drinks, interesting discussions, and some unusual ones—but never dull! Drop in to Rectory Cottage any second and fourth Tuesday in the month from 8pm.

Creche

Creche is held in Rectory Cottage during morning service at Newcastle every Sunday, except for Family Service when the cottage is open for any parents who want to take their children out of church (no supervision available).

Parents and Toddlers

Anyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in to the cottage on a Monday from 10.30am for play, chat, coffee, tea and snacks. New Mums welcome.

No Parents and Toddlers on St Patrick's Day.

Please send any items for inclusion in April PINS to: information.pins@gmail.com

Items must be received by MONDAY 24th March for publication

Bowls

Bowls nights seem to get busier each week but everyone always seem to get playing for most of the evening.

The matches for the Club Championships are being played now, as and when opposing players are present. It would be helpful if members would check who they need to contact and endeavor to meet up on an evening to suit both parties.

I know April seems quite a long time away but it is always a struggle to get the finals played before May so please take note of this and do your best to keep up with your matches.

Ann O'Neill

Table Tennis

The club invited Calary Table Tennis Club to join the members for a social evening on Monday 17th February. There were lots of games played followed by a lovely supper.

It is hoped to have Enniskerry Table Tennis Club for a social evening in March.

New members are always welcome. Drop in any Monday evening from 8pm at the Community Centre in Newcastle.

Junior Table Tennis

We have players but unfortunately no one available to take responsibility for rotas, etc at the moment. Any volunteers?



FRIDAY 7th MARCH FRIDAY 21st MARCH

8—9.30pm

Leaders:
Ruth O'Toole
Paul McAndrew
Andrew Johnston



World Day of Prayer

(International and Interdenominational)

"Streams in the Desert" prepared by the Christian Women of Egypt, takes place at 7.30pm on Friday 7th March 2014 in St. Patrick's Church, Curtlestown. Everyone is welcome to take part.

Parish Supper

The Parish Supper that was held on Friday 31st January was a great success. All those present enjoyed wonderful food and a great social gathering.

Music in Calary

The programme of events for 2014 is nearly completed and ready for publication. If anyone would like further information, please email derekneilson@eircom.net

Church Review

A reminder to let Ethni have any outstanding subscriptions for the Church Review.

Annaul Easter Vestry

This will take place on Thursday 1st May.

Fields of Life

Many thanks to all who supported the Fields of Life sponsorship scheme in the past year. We are supporting 9 children in Calary at the present time. We start the new year in April and you can sponsor a child by direct debit, by freewill offering at the monthly Family Service or by contacting June Roe at 2866030. We also run plant and country produce sales in conjunction with Parish events throughout the year to top up the funds. Once again, many thanks.

Table Tennis

This takes place every Thursday at 8pm in the Church Room. All experienced players and newcomers are welcome.

Table Tennis Match

Members of the Calary table tennis team visited Newcastle on Monday 17th February. It was a very enjoyable evening and a lovely supper.

Crèche and Sunday School

Sunday School continues every Sunday in the Church Room, apart from when there is Family Service.

CONFIRMATION 2014



Calling all tradesmen, babysitters, dogwalkers, housesitters, gardeners, and those offering services of all kinds

If you would like to be included in a directory to be printed in PINS
Email your details to information.pins@gamil.com or Text Karen at 087-2866889

Children's Page

BibleWise

Which Parable Is It? - Younger Children

Write the letter of parable next to the matching picture. Read the parable in your Bible.

Pictures:







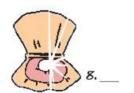
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- B. The mustard seed. Luke 13:18-19

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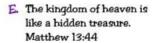


C. The pearl of great price. Matthew 13:45,46





D. The lost coin. Luke 15:8-10

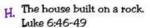


F. The lost sheep. Matthew 18:12-14





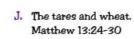
G. The sower and the seed. Matthew 13:3-23







I. The Good Samaritan Luke 10:29-37





NEWCASTLE CHURCH

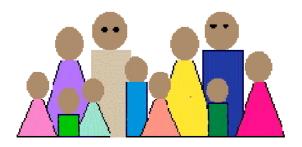
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SHORT THEMED SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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COME AND SING YOUR LOUDEST!

NO ONE IS TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD



SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
	Calary SS	9.30	MC	MP	En. 24.12.15
Sunday 2 nd	Newcastle SS	12.00	MC	MP	Ex. 24:12-15
	St Matthew's	18.30	MC	MP	Matt. 17:1-9
	Calary SS	9.30	WB	НС	
Sunday 9 th	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	Rom. 5:12-19
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	НС	
	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	Can 17.1 16
Sunday 16 th	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS + Jr Choir	Gen. 17:1-16
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	НС	Rom. 4:13-25
	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	I.l. 4.5 43
Sunday 23 rd	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	John 4:5-42
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	MP	Rom. 5:1-11
	Calary SS	9.30	MC	MP	1 5 16.1.13
Sunday 30 th	St Matthew's	10.45	MC	MP	1 Sam. 16:1-13
	Newcastle	12.00	MC	MP	Eph. 5:8-14

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 in the McLean Room.
All welcome!