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PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary



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From William

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What a month this has been for me, as most things I have been involved in I now step back from in these parishes. The sincere outpouring of love, good wishes and kind words has really humbled me and made me even more aware of the amazing community I have been privileged to work with and live amongst for nineteen and a half years. The exceptional generosity of parishioners, Select Vestry members and many who have no affiliation to these parishes, but people I have encountered in the course of everyday life, has far outpassed anything I could have imagined in my wildest dreams.

It has indeed been a great privilege to share with all age groups, and those with strong faith and belief in God, but also to have made many friends amongst those who struggle with the idea of the spiritual realities which have come to be the main anchor that gives me peace, hope and assurance, not only for this life, but for eternity.

I want to express a heartfelt and sincere thank you to you all who have made us, as a family, feel part of your community, and that is not just our own church community but the whole area. Ministry for me has never been just to those attached to our own church but to every person I meet, and it was very easy to be involved with that kind of ecumenism as a basis. God, I am convinced, is not very interested in judging between the different churches, denominations or where we worship, but is committed to the individual more than the group!

I leave these parishes with very mixed feelings. I know it is time to 'hang up the boots' and that makes the decision easier but I can assure you it was a very difficult decision to come to terms with. I have now come to terms with the idea and leave with fantastic memories but a little lump in my throat!

May the Lord bless you all and I encourage you to encourage each other and know more each day of the joy of the Lord.

With love and every good wish,

William



Peter Johnston presents a painting to William 'Moss Rose' by botanical artist Lynn Stringer in Newcastle



Painting of Sammy, William's much-loved horse, by Gay Nuttall presented to William in Calary

How is a new Rector appointed?

As every Church of Ireland Rector is an 'incumbent', this means that legally an appointment procedure cannot begin until the parish is actually vacant.

A Board of Nomination will be called by the Archbishop, This Board consists of 4 Parochial Nominators and 5 Diocesan Nominators (4 clerical, 1 lay) with the Archbishop as Chairperson. The Board is not summoned until the Archbishop is satisfied that the parish finances are in order and that the Rectory is suitable and in good condition.

The 4 Parochial Nominators are Michael Croly, Karen Reynolds and Muriel Norse from Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy, and John Medleycott from Calary.

The Board is chaired by the Archbishop and once it meets it has a maximum of 3 months to make a nomination and if it fails to do so, the appointment falls to the Archbishop. It is important to note that at the first meeting of the Board each member has to subscribe to a motion of confidentiality and this therefore means that the Parochial Nominators cannot divulge who they are talking to, how they are getting on etc. until the process is complete. The Board may meet on several occasions.

Once a person is nominated, agrees, and is accepted by the Archbishop, it may be the case that he/she may be obliged to give notice to his or her parish meaning that there could be a 6 month interregnum before the institution of the new Rector can take place.

During the vacancy, Revd Niall Stratford will be responsible for taking Sunday services. The Rural Dean, Revd Nigel Waugh, will be responsible for pastoral care.

Please phone Karen at 087-2866889 if you have any queries or concerns during this time.

CALARY NEWS

Annual Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry will be held at 8.00 pm on Monday 23rd March in the Church Room. Everyone is welcome and it is your opportunity to help shape the future of our parish.

William's Leaving

William's last service in Calary was on 16th February when a large congregation saw him presented with a painting of his favourite horse together with a donation and a bouquet of flowers for Elspeth. In a moving speech, William reminded us that he has served in the parish for over 19 years. The parish has been blessed to have such a wonderful and caring pastor and family for such a long time and he has certainly made his mark and so many friends in Calary. We all wish Elspeth and William all the best for the future.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year, the service will take place in Curtlestown Church on the road between Enniskerry and Glencree at 7.30 pm on Friday 6 March. The theme of the service, which comes from Zimbabwe, is "Rise – take your mat and walk".

Road to Roundwood.

A Roundwood group is hoping to bring a refugee family to the village under the auspices of the Irish Red Cross. Calary Parish has agreed that it will help in any way that it can.

To start the ball rolling, there will be a family fun day on Sunday, 15 March (St Patrick's weekend) at the Parish Centre in Roundwood to raise funds for the project.

Sunday School

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

Coffee

Everyone is welcome to drop in to the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am for tea, coffee, toast, treats and chat.

Lunch

The March lunch will take place on Thursday 19th in the Parish Centre. It's still very good value at €10 per person for main course, dessert and tea/coffee.

Annual Easter Vestry Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy

Thursday 2nd April 2020
at 8pm
Newcastle Parish Centre

Date for your Diary

'All Things Bright and Beautiful'
Floral Demonstration with Sheila Cleary
Friday 3rd April at 10am
Newcastle Parish Centre

Emergencies

Should you have an emergency during the vacancy
please contact the Rural Dean
Revd Nigel Waugh at 086-1028888

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

Clubs and Organisations

Junior Table Tennis

Every Monday

7—8pm

Main Hall

at the Parish Centre



**Sunday
School**

There will be Sunday School on
Sundays March 8th and 22nd

Sunday School is open to all
children of primary school age.

YOUTH CLUB

Fridays 7 to 8pm
in the Parish Centre.

The Club is open to
4th, 5th and 6th classes.
Look out for texts.

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
to come along



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.

Prayer Space

Start the week with 15 minutes of
prayer, reflection and blessing.
Prayer Space meets on Monday
mornings during school term time
at 9am at the Parish Centre.

What's on in the Parish Centre?

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Playschool Prayer Space	Afterschool Guitar lessons	Junior Table Tennis Senior Table Tennis Choir
Tuesday	Playschool Coffee	Afterschool Drumming lessons	Time Out
Wednesday	Playschool	Afterschool Piano lessons	Bowls Matches Drama
Thursday	Playschool Yoga	Afterschool Lunch (monthly)	Bowls
Friday	Playschool	Afterschool Science Piano lessons	Youth Club
Saturday	AVAILABLE	TO	RENT
Sunday	Sunday School		



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 4. capital of Ireland
- 5. a type of Irish dance
- 7. if you do not wear green on March 17 this will happen
- 9. the day St. Patrick's Day falls on
- 11. the national emblem of Ireland
- 12. yellow and blue make _____
- 13. from Ireland

Down

- 1. the 3rd month of the year
- 2. good fortune
- 3. nonsense or misleading talk
- 6. called the Emerald Isle
- 7. a starchy vegetable
- 8. a sprite
- 10. 4 leaf _____

SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 1st	Calary SS	9.30	NS	HC	Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Rom. 5:12-19 Matt. 4:1-11
	St Matthew's	11.00	NS	HC	
Sunday 8th	Calary SS	9.30	NS	MP	Gen. 12:1-4
	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	Rom. 4:1-5,13-17
	Newcastle SS	12.00	NS	HC	John 3:1-17
Sunday 15th	Calary	9.30	NS	FS	Ex. 17:1-7
	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	Rom. 5:1-11
	Newcastle	12.00	NS	FS	John 4:5-42
Sunday 22nd	Calary SS	9.30	NS	MP	1 Sam. 16:1-13
	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	Ep. 5:8-14
	Newcastle SS	12.00	NS	MP	John 9:1-41
Sunday 29th	Calary SS	9.30	NS	MP	Ez. 37:1-14
	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	Rom. 8:6-11
	Newcastle	12.00	NS	MP	John 11:1-45



**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.**

