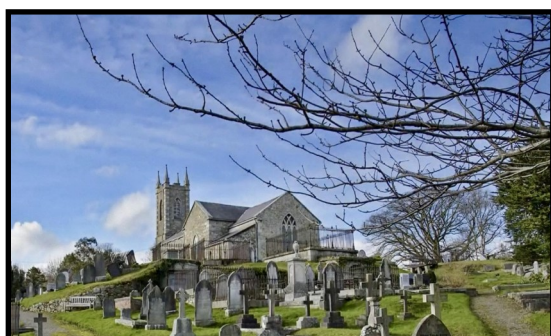




# **PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET**

**Parishes of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary**

# **MAY 2025**



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[www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org](http://www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org)

[www.calaryparish.org](http://www.calaryparish.org)



Dear Friends,

This time of year is a time of change and growth, as birds are frantically building their nests and new buds break forth into the warming air. As the world around us is changing, so to, through Easter, we are given the opportunity to change, to grow and develop our own lives and our own faith.

We held our Daffodil Day coffee morning on Friday 28th March and we raised a total of €630. Thank you to everyone who came and to Lorraine for organising it!

Sunday 30th March was a very special day in Newcastle church, as friends and family gathered for the baptism of Georgie Roe. We wish Georgie and her family every blessing at this special time and in their journey of faith together.

On Thursday April 10th, Caroline Tindal hosted a parish lunch in her beautiful garden as a parish fundraiser. Sincere thanks to her and to everyone who attended! The lunch raised €520!

While there was no sun at our Sunrise service this year, we had a beautiful service and a breakfast on the beach! Sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our lovely breakfast, to Jacqui, Sean, Nathan, Tina, Orla, Millie, Aoife, Eoghan, Fiona and Ed, to Sheila for her beautiful playing and to everyone who came to join us at 6am and a special welcome to Rev. Natasha and her dog Rufus, who joined us for the first time! A huge thank you to our very talented flower arranging teams in Calary Church, Newcastle Church and in St. Matthew's Church. They always decorate so thoughtfully and so beautifully. We are incredibly grateful for the grateful for them. The churches both look and smell wonderful! Sincere thanks to our choir who sang so beautifully on Easter Sunday and throughout Holy Week. Thanks again to Sheila our organist for her magnificent playing, she is a delight to listen to. They all make our services truly special! Many thanks also to our church wardens who give so much of their time to ensure the smooth running of services. Their hard work is truly appreciated!

The weekend of 26th and 27th April was filled with drama! I hope you

all enjoyed 'Newcastle Players' production of 'The Birthday Party' as much as we enjoyed performing it! A huge thank you to Karen who wrote, directed and made it all happen, to Peter who worked tirelessly on light and sound, to all the cast and crew who so generously gave of their time and talent, to Caroline, Jane and Maeve who cooked the delicious food we had on Saturday night, to all those who set up, tidied up, to those who so kindly donated raffle prizes and to everyone who joined us, you were wonderful audiences! As well as being great fun, we raised just over €4,000 for parish funds. Thank you! Looking forward to next year!!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter parish lunch in the Woodenbridge Hotel, it was delicious! We are looking forward to our next outing in June, with a trip to St. Patrick's Cathedral and lunch!!

As our Easter Vestry meetings are taking place, I would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank all of our vestry members on both vestries, church and glebe wardens, treasurers and secretaries. They give so much of their time and talents and it is most appreciated. Please do join us on the evening and put yourself forward if you would like to join vestry!

We look forward to Rogation Sunday, 25th May, when we have a combined outdoor service and picnic for all three churches in Dunran!

Summer is a time when gardening comes to the fore, If you have any gardening related questions, Gardeners' Question Time is back in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 28th May! Please feel free to send me any questions in advance. Also sincere thanks to our gardening experts Cherry and John!

As we enter my favourite month of May, I wish you all every blessing and may you enjoy the light and beauty of our natural world and the light of God's love, given to us all.

God bless,  
Ross

# Calary News

There was a good attendance on Easter Sunday at our 9.30am Holy Communion Service with lots of children who enjoyed the egghunt after the Service and were also delighted to go home with the Rector's gift of Easter eggs.

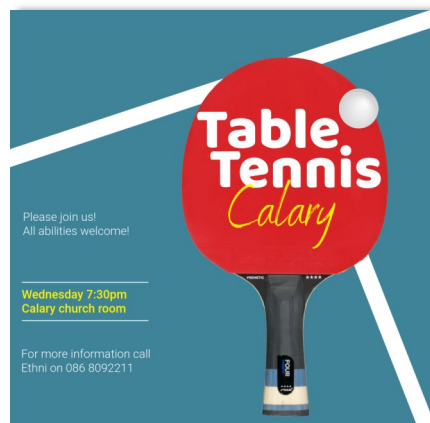
Thanks to all who donated flowers and helped to decorate the Church for Easter.

On Thursday of Holy Week at 8pm we held the first concert of the "Music in Calary" season appropriately the "Seven last words of Christ" by Joseph Haydn performed by the Arteo

Quartet. There was a large audience who were enthralled and very moved by the words and music performed in the beautiful setting of our Church. Many thanks to Sokol and the Arteo Quartet and to those who did the readings.

On Good Friday evening there was a good attendance at our service of Reflection. Many thanks to Marjorie for a very thought provoking and peaceful time of contemplation.

Our next concert is on Saturday 24th May. This is the John Medlycott Memorial Concert and the performers are Anna Cashell (violin) and Aisling Ennis (harp). The money raised at this concert will help fund the Bursary in John's memory. As usual contact Derek Neilson for tickets: 01 2818118 or derekneilson11@gmail.com. [Music in Calary is sponsored by Wicklow Co.Co. Arts]







**Parishes of Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy with Calary**

# *Easter* **Vestry**

**Come and be a part of the  
important decision making in YOUR  
parish!**



Calary - Wednesday 7th May 2025, in  
the Calary Church room @ 7:30pm

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy  
- Thursday 8th May 2025, in the Parish  
Centre @ 7:30pm



Parishes of Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

# Rogation Sunday

United all age Family  
Service and Picnic

SUNDAY, May 25th  
11:30am



Dunran  
A67 P300



Bring your picnic baskets, rugs,  
deck chairs!

**Directions:**

Take the 2nd right turn after Abwood. Pass Duran Castle on the right.  
On the right enter through the gates with balloons to the parking and  
picnic site.



*Parishes of Newcastle and  
Newtownmountkennedy with Calary*



Confirmation Spring 2026


Classes starting in Autumn 2025

For children currently in 5th and 6th class

Please register your interest with Ross or  
e-mail the Parish Office, Thank you!



# Gardeners' Question Time



With:  
John Stephenson  
Cherry Sleeman  
& Ross Styles



All your gardening questions answered!

**Wednesday 28th May - 8pm**

*Parish Centre, Newcastle, A63 X782*

**Tickets €10**

Ticket price includes refreshments and entry to a raffle for  
a hanging basket or a window box!



# Music in Calary

## 2025

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**The Seven Last Word of Christ by Joseph Haydn**

Arteo Quartet: Sokol Koka (cello) Jisun Min (violin)

Andrew Sheeran (violin) Giammaria Tesei (viola)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**John Medlycott Memorial Concert**

Anna Cashell (violin) Aisling Ennis (harp)

**June Piano Festival with Steinway Grand Piano**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June **Festival Opens**

Kalle Peura (piano)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June **Janet Ashe Memorial Concert**

Lorna Breen (soprano) Sarah Kilcoyne (mezzo) and accompanist (piano)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Fionnuala Moynihan (piano) Kieran Moynihan (flute)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Macdara Ó'Seireadáin (clarinet) with piano and viola

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July **Musici Ireland**

Ioana Petcu-Colan (violin) Beth McNinch (viola) Vourneen Ryan (flute)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September **Art Exhibition**

Chien Buggle (classical guitar)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September **Culture night**

Andrew Sheeran (violin) Catriona Finnegan (cello)

### Information & Booking

01 281 8118 | derekneilson11@gmail.com

**Calary Church** is on the R766 | Exit 8 off N11 | A98 H766

**Concerts start at 8 pm** €15 | €18

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by Wicklow Co. Co. Arts





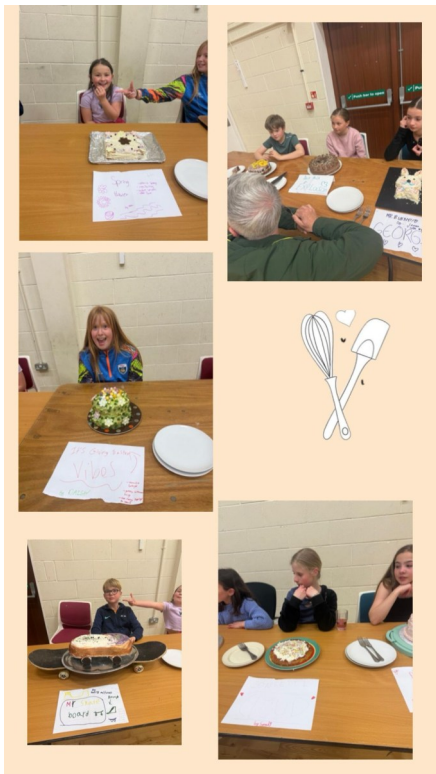
# Around the Parishes in April!



Sunday Club Easter

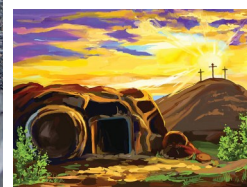
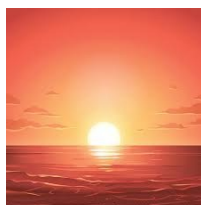


Junior Youth  
'Bake Off'





## Sonrise Service Easter Day

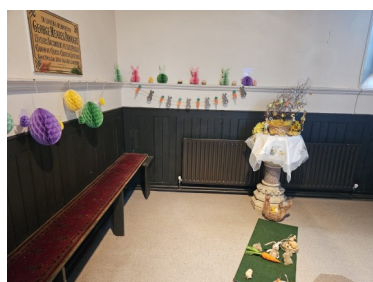




## Our Churches beautifully decorated for Easter



**Calary Church**



**St Matthew's Church**







Newcastle Church







Newcastle Players











PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTRE

## *Tea, Coffee and treats!*

FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM  
10:30AM - 12PM

**ALL WARMLY WELCOME!**

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT ONCE PER MONTH OR ON AN AD  
HOC BASIS, PLEASE LET ROSS OR ONE OF OUR  
VOLUNTEERS KNOW!

## Stay and Play



*starting January 2018!*

**WHEN:** every Wednesday

**WHERE:** Parish Centre, Newcastle,  
A63X782

**TIME:** 10.00~11.30

**FOR:** newborns ~under 5's and their  
adults

All welcome to this friendly, informal group.  
Lots of fun for little ones while we grab a  
cuppa.

Whatsapp/text 0860659637 for more info or just drop  
in.

No charge, donations towards tea and biscuits welcome

## We're looking for a Junior Choir Teacher

**Monday 2:30-3:30pm & One  
Sunday per month  
11:30am-12:45pm**

Please  
contact Ross  
on 087  
9892941

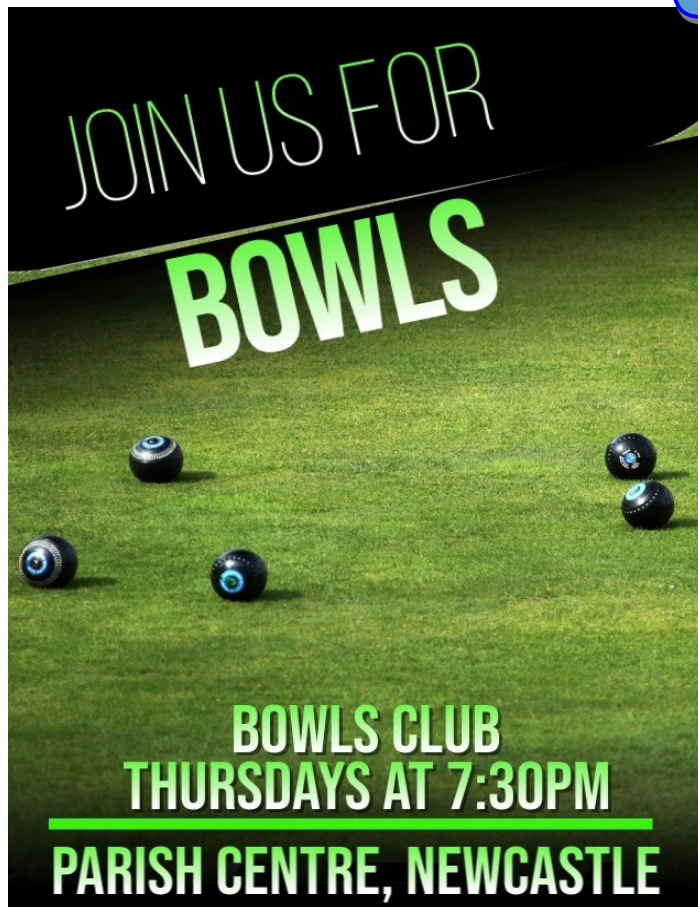
**During termtime**

**Competitive rates of pay**





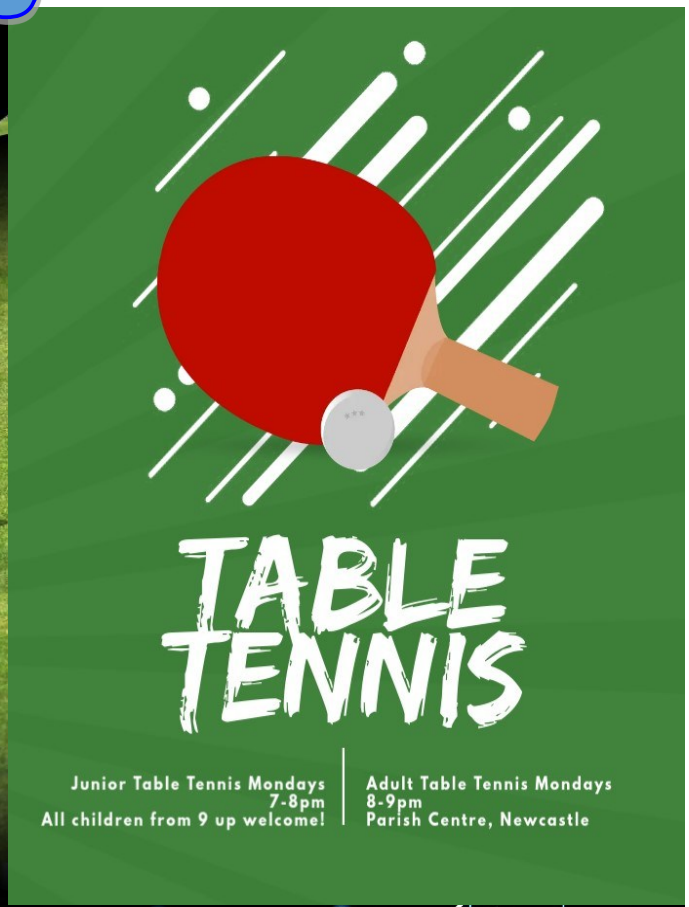
# Clubs & Organisations



A poster for the Bowls Club. The top half features a green lawn with several blue and white bowls scattered on it. The text 'JOIN US FOR' is in white, and 'BOWLS' is in large, bold, green letters. Below this, 'BOWLS CLUB' is in green, 'THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM' is in white, and 'PARISH CENTRE, NEWCASTLE' is in green.

JOIN US FOR  
**BOWLS**

**BOWLS CLUB**  
**THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM**  
**PARISH CENTRE, NEWCASTLE**



A poster for Table Tennis. The top half features a green background with a red table tennis paddle and a white ball. The text 'TABLE TENNIS' is in large, white, stylized letters. Below this, the schedule for Junior and Adult Table Tennis is listed.

**TABLE TENNIS**

Junior Table Tennis Mondays  
7-8pm  
All children from 9 up welcome!

Adult Table Tennis Mondays  
8-9pm  
Parish Centre, Newcastle



A poster for the Rector's Breakfast. The top half features a banner with 'RECTOR'S' in white and 'Breakfast' in a cursive font. Below this is an illustration of a breakfast meal: a bowl of cereal, a glass of orange juice, a sandwich, a plate of eggs, and a stack of pancakes. The text 'Tuesdays, from 8:45' is in white, 'During Termtime' is in orange, and 'in the Parish Centre' is in white. At the bottom, 'All very welcome!' is in white.

**RECTOR'S**  
*Breakfast*

**Tuesdays, from 8:45**  
**During Termtime**  
**in the Parish Centre**

All very welcome!



A poster for the Parish Choir. The top half features a blue background with musical notes and a treble clef. The text 'Parish CHOIR' is in large, white, stylized letters. Below this, the schedule for Practice is listed. The text 'Come and join our friendly group!' is in white, and 'We sing at monthly Holy Communion services and for special events.' is in white. At the bottom, 'For information, please contact Andy on 086 1591873' is in white.

**Parish**  
**CHOIR**

**Practice Mondays, 8pm**  
**Parish Centre**

**Come and join our**  
**friendly group!**

*We sing at monthly Holy Communion services*  
*and for special events.*

*For information, please contact*  
*Andy on 086 1591873*



# Book Club

**Wednesday 21st May**

**7:45–8:30pm**

In the Parish Centre Youth Room

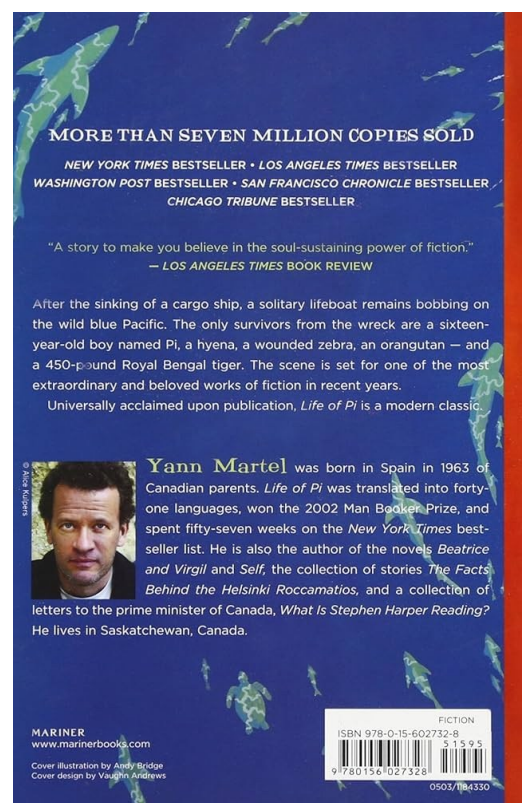
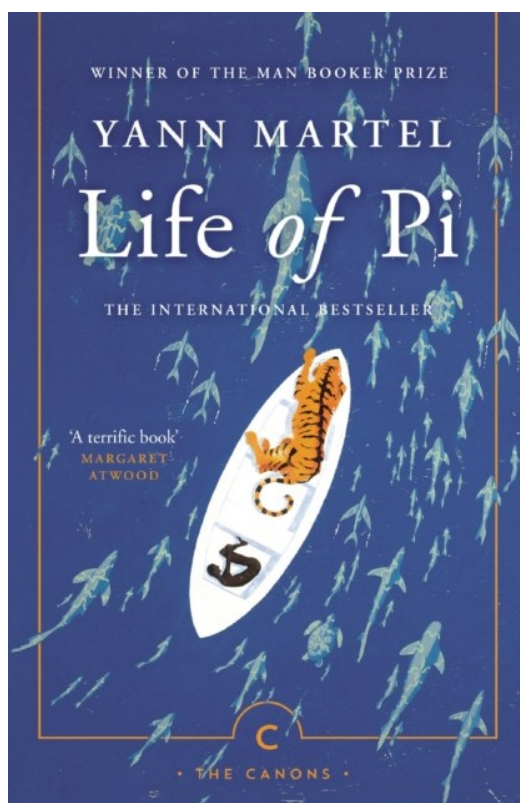
Refreshments provided!

*Looking forward to seeing you  
there!*

**From 1st year students upwards!**



If you would like to read along we are currently reading  
**Life of Pi by Yann Martel**





# YOUTH CLUB

Join us!

## Newcastle Parish Centre

Friday 2nd May - Go Quest

Friday 16th & Friday 30th

7:30pm - 9PM



from 4th Class to 1st year

# Senior YOUTH Group

Sunday 11th May  
@ 7pm - 8:30pm  
Parish Centre

*From 1st year up!*

All warmly welcome!

# SUNDAY

# CLUB

# FUN

# GAMES

# CREATE

Sunday 4th May & Sunday 18th May

Newcastle Church 12pm!!

Games

Treasure Hunts



Baking



Stories



Arts & Crafts

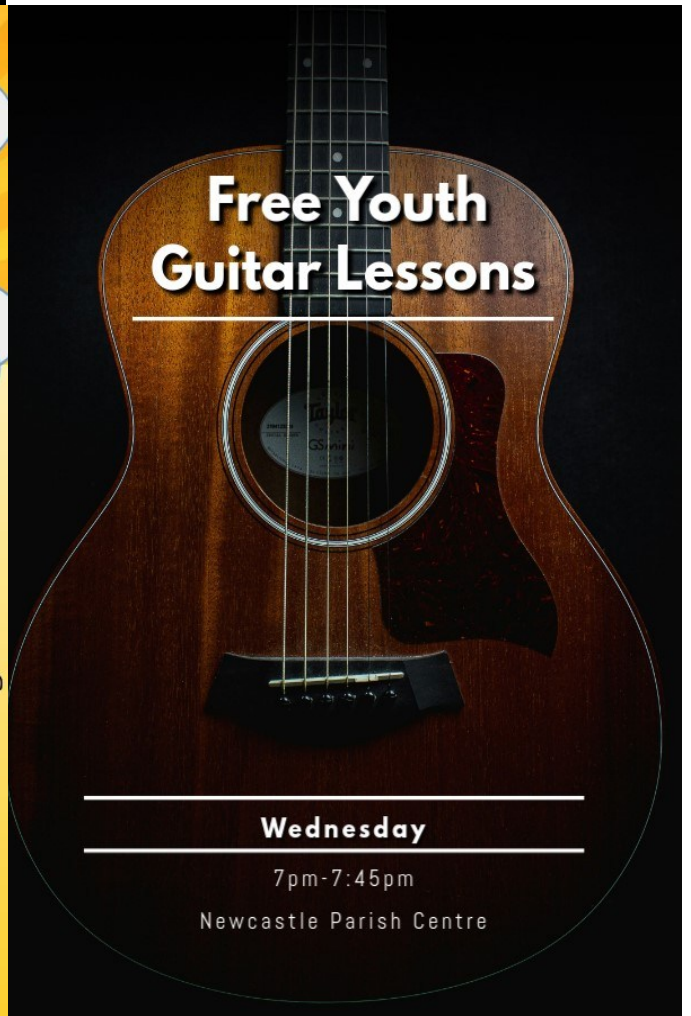
Come and join the fun!

## Free Youth Guitar Lessons

Wednesday

7pm-7:45pm

Newcastle Parish Centre





# Children's Corner



## A Prayer For May:

May you be happy.

May you stay healthy.

May you feel safe.

May you find comfort.

May you sense peace.

May you give love.

May you possess courage.

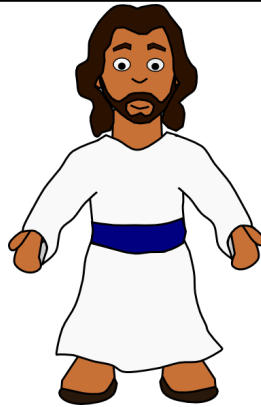
May you have faith.

May you spread joy.

May you be kind.







## Global Gospel Mystery

1 John 4:10 • Each number represents a letter from the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the number to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	22	8	19	4	27	12	21	30	3	16	11	25	1	20	10	29	5	17	13	26	2	15	24	7	28

1. 11 20 2 4

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2. 17 21 20 15 30 1 12

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3. 17 4 1 19 30 1 12

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4. 15 20 5 11 19

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5. 14 13 20 1 30 1 12

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6. 17 14 8 5 30 27 30 8 4

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7. 17 30 1 17

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8. 3 20 21 1

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9. 12 20 19

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You can then look up the passage in the bible!



# Irish Nature and Wildlife

## BLACKTHORN/SLOE

Draighean

*Prunus spinosa*



The Tree Council Of Ireland

Found on roadsides and hedgerows, blackthorn forms dense scrub cover where it is left untrimmed and ungrazed. It bears dense clusters of small white flowers, which contrast with the dark bark of its twigs, very early in the year.

Blackthorn hedges can appear to be covered in white. After it flowers, the small oval leaves appear, and then, in autumn, the harvest of sloes develops. These look like small damsons but are very sour and are not eaten directly by people, although birds take them.

Sloes have traditionally been used for flavouring gin or poteen. The use of blackthorn wood is mainly decorative, for example the manufacture of shillelagh walking sticks and tourist souvenirs.

It is easier to collect sloes in late September/October when the leaves have fallen, and the fruits are more visible. Use gloves if collecting by hand.

# Lemon and Blueberry Loaf Cake

## Ingredients:

175g softened butter (plus extra for greasing)  
500ml tub Greek yogurt (100ml in the cake, the rest to serve)  
300g lemon curd (2 tbsp in the cake, the rest to serve)  
3 eggs  
zest and juice 1 lemon  
200g self-raising flour  
175g golden caster sugar  
200g punnet of blueberries (85g in the cake, the rest to serve)  
140g icing sugar

## Method:

Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Grease a 2lb loaf tin and line with baking parchment. Put 100g yogurt, 2 tbsp lemon curd, the softened butter, eggs, lemon zest, flour and caster sugar into a large mixing bowl. Mix until the batter just comes together. Scrape half into the prepared tin. Weigh 85g blueberries from the punnet and sprinkle half into the tin, scrape the rest of the batter on top, then scatter the other half of the 85g berries on top. Bake for 1 hr 10 mins- 1 hr 15 mins until golden, and a skewer poked into the centre comes out clean.

Cool in the tin, then carefully lift onto a serving plate to ice. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl and stir in enough lemon juice to make a thick, smooth icing. Spread over the top of the cake. Serve in slices with extra lemon curd, Greek yogurt and blueberries.

You can also decorate with edible flowers!







**Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle**

**Playschool**

**Open 9am to 12 noon**

**5 days a week**

**Full-time and Part-time places**

**ECCE and non-ECCE**

**Excellent facilities indoors and outdoors**

**Afterschool**

**Open 1:20pm to 6pm**

**5 days a week**

**Very limited Full-time and Part-time places**

**For information and booking:**

**Please contact Joanne on**

**087 7216929**

**Registered for National Childcare Scheme**

**Limited places available for September  
2025. Waiting list now in operation.**

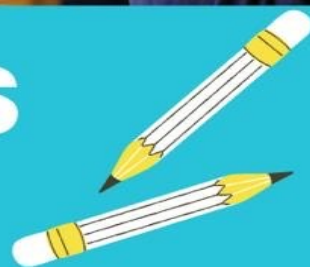




ST. FRANCIS'  
NATIONAL  
SCHOOL



# SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE AUGUST 2025



St Francis' NS school  
has places available  
for some classes from  
August 2025.

Are you moving to the  
area? Are you looking to  
become part of a vibrant  
and active community?  
Please get in touch.

## WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ State of the art facilities
- ✓ Kind and inclusive environment
- ✓ Enthusiastic and supportive staff

Application forms can be  
found at;  
[www.saintfrancisns.com](http://www.saintfrancisns.com)



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

☎ 01 2819631

🌐 [Saintfrancisns@gmail.com](mailto:Saintfrancisns@gmail.com)





## **Donate to Fields Of Life**

**You can help children in East Africa to thrive!**

When you give to Fields of Life, you provide children in East Africa with access to quality education and the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Thank you to those who already give to this worthwhile cause.

If you would like to start sponsoring a child, please contact June for Calary and the Parish office for St. Matthew's and Newcastle.

**Thank you!**





St. Francis National School

# GOLF CLASSIC

Fundraising for our School



**Friday  
16th May  
2025**

**Tee Time: 11am – 4pm**

**Tickets: €300 per team  
(four persons)**

**Contact Amy at 087 639 9299**

**Prize Giving  
afterwards  
in Club House**

**Sponsor a green for €100**

**Wicklow Golf Club, Dunbur Road, Wicklow A67 VP29**

# Parish Centre Room Hire

Large hall with stage suitable for performances, seminars, parties, sport, dance and much more!

Also, a fully equipped kitchen, a youth room, sitting room and large conference room.

Wheelchair accessible.



**Contact the parish office for more details or to  
view on 085-1640133**

Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle, A63 X782



## Sustentation

Your sustentation is vital to the everyday running of the Parish. We are, as always, extremely grateful for your continued support in ensuring the parishes remain special places of worship and a vibrant part of the community. If you prefer to give your sustentation annually or bi-annually, now is the time to donate! You can leave an envelope on the plate at church, contact the parishes treasurers, drop it into the Parish Office, post it in or use bank transfer! Please do not forget to reference your name. Thank you!

*Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry, AIB Grey-stones:*

**IBAN IE72AIBK 9335 5415 2450 30**

*Calary Select Vestry, AIB, Bray:*

**IBAN IE35AIBK 9334 8103 1800 56**

*St Matthews*

Church cleaning and flower arranging

If you would like to help, it  
would be greatly appreciated!  
Please let one of our church  
wardens know.  
Thank you!

*Newcastle Church*

Church cleaning and flower arranging.

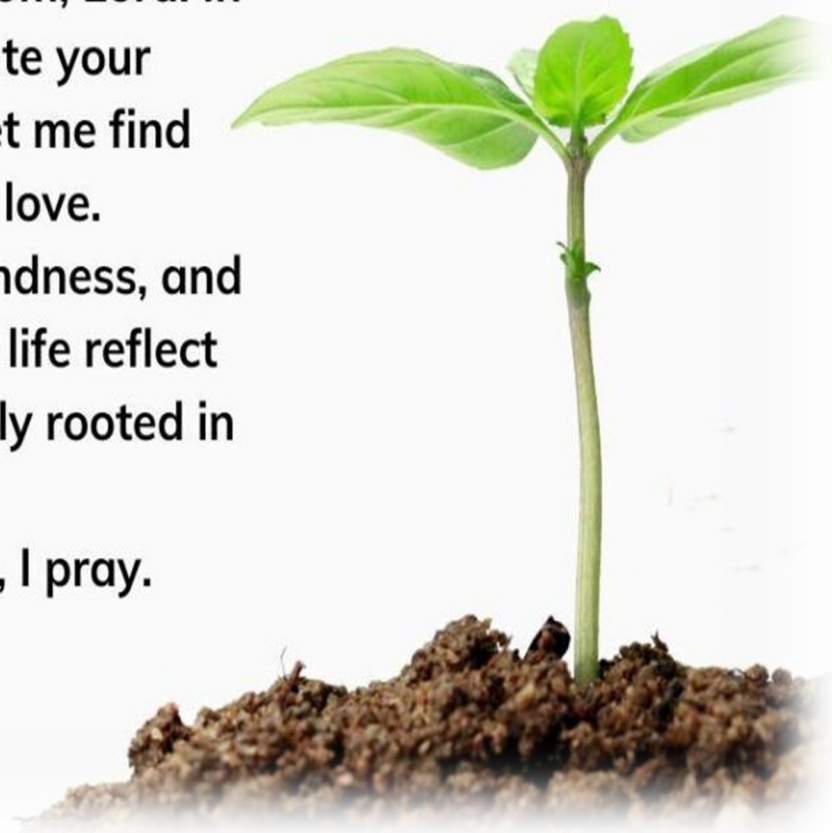
We'd be delighted with your help!

If you can help out, please add your name to the  
rotas at the back of the church!

Thank you!

# *Rooted In Faith Prayer*

Dear God,  
Help me stand strong in my faith,  
like a tree by the water's edge. In  
doubt and confusion, be my  
certainty and clarity. Let my faith  
be my anchor in all life's storms.  
Fill me with your wisdom, Lord. In  
joy, let me celebrate your  
blessings. In pain, let me find  
comfort in your love.  
Teach me patience, kindness, and  
compassion. May my life reflect  
your grace, as one truly rooted in  
faith.  
In your holy name, I pray.  
Amen.





# SERVICES IN MAY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b><i>Sunday 4th</i></b> <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Holy Communion	Acts 9: 1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19
<b><i>Sunday 11th</i></b> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	CT	Morning Prayer	Acts 9: 36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30
<b><i>Sunday 18th</i></b> <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Calary St Matthew's Newcastle	9:30 10:45 12:00	RS	Service of the Word	Acts 11: 1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21: 1-6 John 13: 31-35
<b><i>Sunday 25th</i></b> <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday</i>	<b>Dunran</b> A67 P300	11:30	RS	United All age Family Service & Picnic	Acts 16: 9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5 John 14: 23-29



**Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday,  
with prayer for the sick, at 10.30am in St Matthew's.**

**Everyone is warmly welcome for tea/coffee in the  
McLean Room after all services.**

*My peace I give to you.*

John 14:27

