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PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET
**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary**

NOVEMBER
2013



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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

What an amazing year, ground temperatures still way higher than normal for October, grass still growing, winter cereals shooting up at an alarming rate and in some gardens growth and flowering still taking place like one might expect only in springtime, and thunder, lightning and rain to round off the weather varieties for October. Christmas is creeping up on us and things begin to happen in quick succession as the November and December programme gets under way

Special thanks to all who supported our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in any way. We had beautifully decorated Churches and delicious suppers at both Newcastle and Calary. We are always grateful for the use of the School and this year a much larger crowd than usual came across for supper and there was food for everyone and lots left over. Our preachers were Mr Trevor Sargent and Rev Trevor Stevenson,; they preached to packed churches. We were delighted to have The Wicklow Gospel Choir, led by Mr Neville Cox, on Friday evening; their singing was truly inspirational. Dr Andrew Sleeman had our own Church Choir in good tune for the Sunday Harvest. Thank you to all concerned for your much valued ministry in worship.

We look forward to November and a number of events which I encourage you to take particular note of. The month kicks off with a presentation by the Newcastle Players of 'The Book Launch' written by Karen Reynolds. November is called the month of remembrance and we have our remembrance services on Sun.10th. On 24th we invite you to make a special effort to attend the 'Decades Service' in Newcastle. This will be a service with a difference and will be suitable for all the family and your

visitors. More information about these events and the full calendar for your information in this issue.

Thought:- Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of his willingness.

Now that all clubs and organisations are in full swing please pray for our leaders, for members of our Select Vestries, our Lay readers and for real wisdom and that in leadership we will grow to be what God wants us to be.

With every good wish,

William



Christmas Box Appeal



It is that time again!

As usual there will be boxes in the back of St Matthew's Church for anyone wishing to make contributions of food (non-perishable)
Please note that we cannot accept toys or books.

This food will be delivered to deserving families at Christmas by the Rector.

Our thanks to Marie Brassington for organising this each year.

**Parish of Newcastle &
Newtownmountkennedy
Select Vestry
Next Meeting
Thursday 7th November
At 8pm in the McLean Room**

Coffee in the Cottage

Drop in to coffee in the cottage any Tuesday from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to stay ten minutes or all morning. Tea, coffee, toast, cake and chat.

Funeral at St Matthew's

John (Jack) Shirley

Jack was a very loyal member of the parish for many years but spent the last twelve years of his life in care, mostly in Newcastle Hospital.

Our sympathy to his family and his many friends in the area.

Jack's remains were laid to rest in Nuns Cross Churchyard.

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

Items must be received by MONDAY 18th Nov. for publication

SOME PRAYERS

**"Dear Lord,
be good to me...
The sea is so wide
and my boat is so small."**

Irish Fisherman's Prayer

**Lord, I don't ask for a faith
that would move yonder
mountain.
I can take enough dynamite and
move it if it needs movin'.
I pray, Lord, for enough faith to
move me.**

Norman Allen

**"O Lord, help me to understand
that You ain't going to let nothing
come my way that You and me
together can't handle."**

Anonymous African Boy

**O God, I thank You for this day of
life
for eyes to see the sky
for ears to hear the birds
for feet to walk amidst the trees
for hands to pick the flowers from
the earth
for a sense of smell to breathe in the
sweet perfumes of nature
for a mind to think about and
appreciate the magic of everyday
miracles
for a spirit to swell in joy at Your
mighty presence everywhere.**

Marian Wright Edelman

**May Your will be done in my life
today.**

Anonymous

Lunch at the Cottage

The November lunch will take place on Thursday 21st from 12.45pm in the cottage. The cost is €10 and, as usual, book your place with Karen at 087-2866889.

Many thanks to our guest chef, Mary Lock, who cooked a delicious main course for October. Much appreciated.

Breakfast in the Cottage

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

St Francis School PA

The Parents' Association will be holding a cake sale on Friday 8th November from 1pm to 3pm in the school hall. All parents, grannies, granddads, minders, etc welcome.

DON'T MISS OUT!

NOVEMBER

1st Play 'The Book Launch'
St Francis School 8pm

2nd Play 'The Book Launch'
St Francis School 8pm

10th Remembrance Service
St Matthew's Church 11am

24th Decades Service
Newcastle Church 12 noon

30th Dinner Cruise
Grand Canal, Dublin 7 - 11pm

Clubs and Organisations

Bowls

The Bowls Club is thriving this season and, in fact, has reached the limit for membership at present. The teams are beginning to shake down together with the A team having had more success than the B team in the matches played to date (as might be expected given that the B players, in the main, are still very inexperienced players.) Practice will rectify that and enthusiasm will play its part too.

Junior Table Tennis

Junior Table Tennis continues in the McLean Room behind St Matthew's church on two Mondays in the month from 7.30 to 8.30pm. This month's dates are 4th and 18th November.

Bible Book Club

The Bible Book Club is going well with about 20 members, though not all at the same time so far. We have read Luke, Acts and 1 Thessalonians resulting in some interesting observations and chat and everyone seems to like the format of the New Testament book which we are using. If you would like to join in, please feel free to drop in to the cottage on one of our Tuesdays. There are still a few of the books left in the cottage and

these can be purchased at a cost of €8. The next set reading covers 2 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians. Dates of November meetings are Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 26th. It's never too late to join in.

Time Out

Time Out continues every first and third Tuesday in the month, meeting at the cottage at 8pm. In this extremely busy world it is more and more important to have a place to meet in prayer together.

Junior Choir

A nice number of our younger members have joined the junior choir. The next practices will take place on 13th and 20th November straight after school in Newcastle Church. We look forward to the choir singing at the special service on 24th November in Newcastle.

Creche

The crèche is available in Rectory Cottage during all morning services in Newcastle Church. All pre-schoolers are welcome and parents can stay with their child or pop over during the service if they wish. Two volunteer parents supervise each week. The new parent volunteers are very welcome and we are always keen for more!

Parents and Toddlers

Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in to Rectory Cottage on a Monday morning from 10.30am for chat, tea/coffee and a play.

After many years of running the group Wendy Lundy is handing over the reins to Deirdre Byrne. Everyone, past and present, would like to thank Wendy for her hard work, organisation, and the warm welcome she always had for new parents and their babies and toddlers when they came through the cottage door.
THANKS WENDY!



Sunday School

All children are asked to go directly to Sunday School on Sunday 3rd November, they will then return to the church to join their families just before Holy Communion is celebrated.

The Sunday School children will be taking part in the Decades Service on Sunday 24th November, please come along and support them.

Youth Club

Leaders:

**Paul McAndrew
Ruth O'Toole
Andrew Johnston**

**Friday 1st November
Friday 15th November**

8pm in Rectory Cottage

CALARY NEWS

Calary Art Exhibition and Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to everyone who helped at the very successful Art Exhibition, who made the Church look so beautiful for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and who assisted at the Harvest Tea. Also to the musicians from Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann in Roundwood under the direction of Janine Brennan, who played so beautifully for us on the opening night.

We hope that everyone who came to view or buy the pictures enjoyed the event. It was also marvellous to see the Church so full for the service and thanks to the Reverend Trevor Stevenson for such a wonderful talk.

.Sustentations

The sustentation for 2013, which is so important for the upkeep of Calary Church is now due. Please see the attached letter from the treasurer.

Special Communion and Lunch

A special communion service will be held on Tuesday 10th December, followed by soup and festive food. This is especially for those who don't always have an opportunity to make the monthly communion service on Sunday mornings. But, please note that everyone is welcome.

Table Tennis

This takes place at 8pm each Thursday in the Church Room. We are also looking for new members, both complete beginners and those who may have played before and who would enjoy playing table tennis and having a social evening.

Creche and Sunday School

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

NEWCASTLE PLAYERS PRESENT

The Book Launch

Written by Karen Reynolds



**Friday 1st November
Saturday 2nd November
8pm**

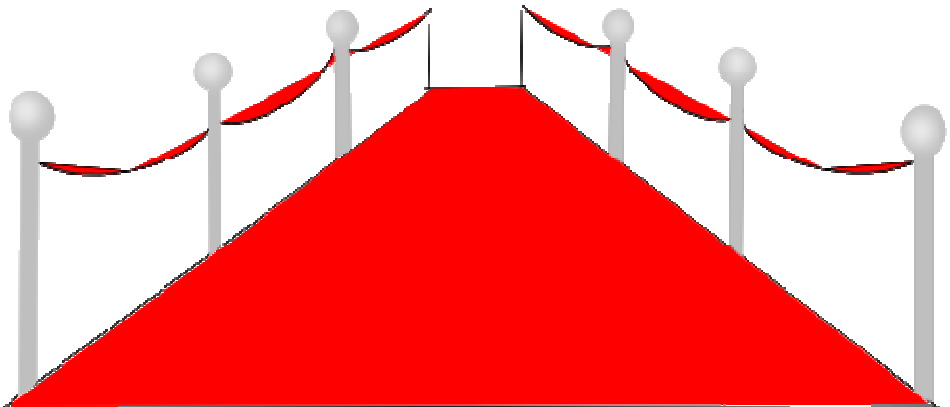


St Francis School, Newcastle

Admission: €12 Students €6

Information from Karen (087)2866889

*What happens when a film star asks her
past lovers to the launch of her memoirs?*





DECADES SERVICE



**Sunday 24th November
12 noon
Newcastle Church**



**Come and share the fun
as we celebrate every age,
every gift and every talent
within our church community**

1 Corinthians 12

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.





PRIVATE DINNER CRUISE



Grand Canal, Dublin

**On Board the Replica
Guinness Canal Barge MV Cadhla**

**Saturday 30th November
From 7pm to 11pm**

Tickets €40

**To include Cruise on the Canal,
Dinner and Dancing later
Limited to 50 places**

**Boarding within walking distance
of Grand Canal Dock Dart Station
Minibus arranged to deliver and collect from
the Dart Station at Greystones if required**

Tickets from Karen at 087-2866889



Lifeboats

WINE FAIR

In aid of Wicklow Lifeboats

**Friday 29th November at 7.30pm
Upstairs at the Beach House, Greystones**

**Tickets €12 each or 2 for €20
Raffle prizes on the night**

Contact June Noonan at (01)2811954



MOBILE PHONES FOR CRUMLIN

**Don't forget to leave your old mobile phones
in the boxes provided at the back
of each of our churches.**

Crunlin Children's Hospital needs your help.

Information from Linda Shannon at 086-3698485



Holy Land Tour

26th March to 5th April 2014

**Led by
Rev. William Bennett**

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus throughout Jerusalem and Nazareth, climb up to Mount Sinai and visit the living history of Caesarea and Masada.

Sail on the Sea of Galilee, float in the Dead Sea, relax by the Red Sea, spend your last night by the shores of the Mediterranean.

**Information from William at
bennettwilliam1@gmail.com
or phone 087 9480317**

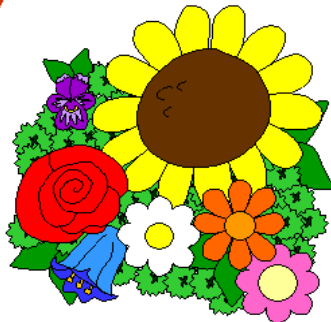
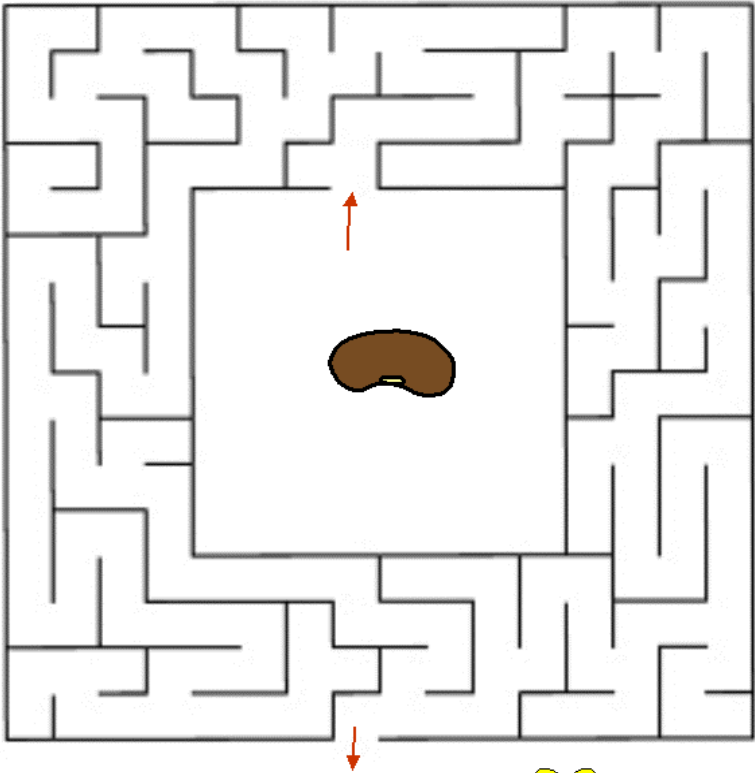
WHAT'S ON

Sunday School	Karen Kissane 087-2709759	Service am. Newcastle St Francis School
Creche	Julie Bond 087-2378613	Service am. Newcastle Rectory Cottage
Parents and Toddlers	Wendy Lundy 086-8478415	Monday from 10.30am Rectory Cottage
Youth Club	Paul McAndrew 085-7871541	1st & 3rd Fridays 8pm Rectory Cottage
Junior Choir	Gillian O'Neill 086-8586629	Wednesdays 2.20pm Newcastle Church
Parish Choir	Andy Sleeman 086-1591873	Practice Monday 8pm Newcastle Church
Time Out	William Bennett 0879480317	1st and 3rd Tuesdays 8pm Rectory Cottage
Bible Book Club	Karen Reynolds 087-2866889	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 8pm Rectory Cottage
Junior Table Tennis	Linda Shannon 086-3698485	Monday 7.30-8.30pm McLean Room
Senior Table Tennis	Heather Simpson 087-9422172	Monday 8.30pm McLean Room
Bowls	Evelyn Sutton 087-2363990	Thursday 8pm St Francis School
Drama Group	Karen Reynolds 087-2866889	Sunday 3pm St Francis School
Coffee at The Cottage	Karen Reynolds 087-2866889	Tuesday from 10.30am Rectory Cottage
Lunch at The Cottage	Karen Reynolds 087-2866889	3rd Thursday 12.45pm Rectory Cottage
Breakfast at The Cottage	Gillian O'Neill 086-8586629	School Assembly 8.45am Rectory Cottage
Calary Sunday School	Derek Neilson 086-8319457	During Morning Service at Calary
Calary Table Tennis	Ethni Seymour 086-8092211	Thursday 8pm Church Room

Children's Page

Sower and the Seed Maze

Help the seed find the healthy flowers.



SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 3rd	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Is. 1:10-18
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	Luke 19:1-10
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	EP	
Sunday 10th	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	Haggai 1:15 - 2:9
	St Matthew's	11.00	WB	Remembrance Service	2 Thess. 1-5 & 13-17
Sunday 17th	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Malachi 4:1-2
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP + Baptism	Luke 21:5-19
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	HC	
Sunday 24th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Decades Service	



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!