



PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

The story is told about the little boy who was painting a picture on a sheet of paper. The teacher asked him what he was painting and the boy responded, "I am painting God". The teacher suggested that it would be very difficult to paint God because we really don't know what he looks like. The boy responded quickly, "We will when I have finished the picture"!

Relationships with friends must be worked on. We can't maintain relationships without communication, and that principle extends, in a very real way, to a relationship with God. In an increasingly secular society it is very easy to fall into the trap of feeling some comfort because we have a basic belief in the existence of God, but at the same time ignore most of what He has to say to us. Like the little boy we can have our own picture of what God is like, or perhaps what we'd like him to be. Our picture must be based on how he is revealed to us in the scriptures otherwise it's only our own picture.

The tendency is to have a one-sided picture of what God is like. Either He is the merciful loving father who forgives us regardless of what we do, or He is the judge who is very demanding and there to condemn any who might stray from the narrow way!

We develop our knowledge of God through study of the revelation of himself in scripture and we have a balanced view there. Focussing on either view to the exclusion of the broader picture leads to a gross misunderstanding. God is loving and forgiving but also demanding of our commitment and obedience. Obedience to God must reach far beyond ourselves and our own interests.

In a year when we, in this part of the world, have enjoyed a wonderful harvest, we pray that our picture of God will lead us to having thankful hearts and generous spirits so we can bless those who are very hard pressed, and be lights in a suffering, and largely confused, world.

God Bless,

William

HARVEST FESTIVAL

NEWCASTLE & NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

Newcastle Parish Church

Friday 4th October at 8pm

Wicklow Gospel Choir

Led by Neville Cox

Preacher: Trevor Sargent

Followed by Harvest Supper

Newcastle Parish Church

Sunday 6th October at 12 noon

Family Harvest Thanksgiving

CALARY

Calary Church

Sunday 13th October at 3pm

Preacher: Rev Trevor Stevenson

Followed by Harvest Tea



CALARY NEWS

Art Exhibition

The biennial Calary Art Exhibition will open at 7.30pm on Friday 11th October and, that evening, there will also be entertainment by traditional musicians from Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann in Roundwood under the direction of Janine Brennan.

The exhibition will continue on Saturday 12th between 11 am and 5pm and on Sunday 13th between noon and 2.30pm. Come along and view the paintings by local artists, which will also be available for sale.

On Saturday 12th, there will also be a sale of plants and country produce for parish funds.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Calary's Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at 3pm on Sunday 13th October and the special preacher will be Reverend Trevor Stevenson. This will be followed by a harvest tea, to which all of our friends, neighbours and visitors are invited.

Table Tennis

This takes place at 8pm each Thursday in the Church Room. Anyone who would like to try it out, please come along.

Creche and Sunday School

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

Wedding at Calary

4th September: Simon David Watterton and Anna Joy Victoria Cashell. We send our very best wishes to Simon and Anna and wish them every happiness in their home and lives in London.

Baptism at Calary

22nd September: Finlay Eugene, son of Patrick and Fiona Nuttall, Tittour, Newtownmountkennedy. Congratulations to Patrick and Fiona. We were delighted to have a very full church for Finlay's baptism and our prayer is that he will grow up to fulfil the promises made for him at baptism and bring loads of happiness to his home.

(Unashamedly copied from another parish newsletter)

'Love is friendship which has caught fire'

Baptism at Newcastle

15th September: Elliott Conor, son of Caroline and Conor O'Leary, 6 Seacourt, Newcastle. We pray that he will grow up to fulfil the promises made for him at baptism, and that he will bring joy and laughter to his family.

Lunch at the Cottage

This month's lunch will take place on Thursday 17th October. Arrive for a glass of sherry and to choose your seat from 12.45pm. Cost as usual is €10. Please book ahead with Karen at (087)2866889.

Coffee in the Cottage

Now that the days are getting shorter and cooler, the cottage will seem all the cosier for getting together for a chat and tea/coffee on a Tuesday morning from 10.30. Everyone welcome.

Breakfast in the Cottage

Call in for breakfast to the cottage on the morning of school assembly in the church. It's a great way to kickstart the day while waiting for the service to begin.

Sustentation

Your sustentation envelopes for the second half of the year are attached this month. Please give what you can towards the running of our

churches and all of the clubs and organisations that we and our families enjoy.

St Francis PA

Following on last year's success, the PA is organising another collection of second hand clothes, shoes, linens and toys for the benefit of the school. Please bring clean clothes, etc packed in black bags to the school on the morning of 7th October. A list of what can be included is posted on the notice board at the school gate.

Church Photograph

Many thanks to Peter Sheehan for sharing the lovely photo of Newcastle Church which appears on Page 11.

Dinner Cruise

Anyone intending to come on the dinner cruise on the Grand Canal would be well advised to book their place as soon as possible as tickets are very limited. A deposit of €10 will ensure your name is on the passenger list. See the ad for more details.

**Parish of Newcastle &
Newtownmountkenedy
Select Vestry**

**Next Meeting
Thursday 3rd October
At 8pm in the McLean Room**

Clubs and Organisations

Bible Book Club

The club is going well. We've had two sessions –an introductory evening and an evening discussing the first set reading. It was very interesting to hear the different observations and questions brought up by our readers. If you have been thinking of joining in, drop in on the next meeting on Tuesday 8th October. We have more books and the little cottage can squeeze in some more bodies.

Time Out

Time Out continues in prayer group format on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meet at 8pm. in the cottage.

Bowls

The bowls club meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Francis school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go.

Table Tennis

Table tennis has returned to the McLean Room behind St Matthew's Church for the winter season., playing on Monday evenings from 8.30pm.

Junior Table Tennis

Junior Table Tennis will continue

every second Monday from 7.30 to 8.30pm in the McLean Room. Dates for October are 7th and 21st.

Drama Group

Rehearsals are in full swing for the play to be staged in early November. Don't forget to put the date in your diary. See page 9 for details.

Parents and Toddlers

Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to drop in to the Parent and Toddler group at the cottage on a Monday morning from 10.30am. No meeting on Bank Holiday Monday.

Sunday School

See the back page for dates of Sunday School. A reminder that all children must be collected from Sunday School after church.

Creche

Creche is available in the cottage during all morning services in Newcastle Church.

Junior Choir

The new Junior Choir is rehearsing in Newcastle Church on Wednesday afternoons after school. More members welcome.

Youth Club

Leaders:

Paul McAndrew

Ruth O'Toole

Andrew Johnston

Friday 4th October

Friday 18th October

8pm at Rectory Cottage

Phones for Crumlin

**Don't forget to donate your old mobile phones to
the appeal for Crumlin Children's Hospital**

Collection boxes are in each of our churches

**Thank you to everyone who has helped
the appeal in the past**

Information from Linda Shannon at (086)3698485

Children's Page

BIBLE FACTS

There are 66 books in the bible

There are 39 books in the Old Testament

There are 27 books in the New Testament

The shortest book in the bible is 2 John

The longest book in the bible is Psalms

The oldest man in the Bible was 969 years old when he died and his name was Methuselah.

The tallest man in the Bible was Goliath and he stood 9 ½ feet tall

**The shortest verse in the Bible contains only 2 words
'Jesus wept.' (John 11:35)**

Newcastle Players
Present

The Book Launch

Friday 1st November
And
Saturday 2nd November
At 8pm
St Francis School

Admission €12

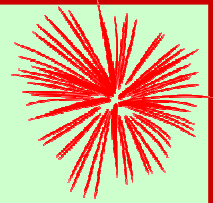
*What happens when a film star asks her
past lovers to the launch of her memoirs?*

Come and enjoy a gentle comedy

Information from Karen (087)2866889



Date for your Diary



A Very Special Night

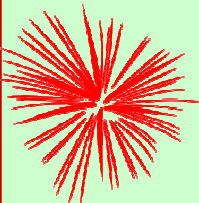
**Private Dinner Cruise
on the Grand Canal, Dublin
On Board the Replica Guinness
Canal Barge MV Cadhla**

Saturday 30th November

**Boarding within walking distance
of Grand Canal Dock Dart Station**

**Tickets: €40 per head
Adults Only**

**Limited to Fifty Places
First Come, First Served**



**Phone Karen at (087)2866889
to reserve your ticket**



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

Items must be received by MONDAY 21st Oct. for publication



Autumn
A season for reflection

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Friday 4 th	Newcastle	20.00	Wicklow Gospel Choir Trevor Sargent	Harvest + Supper	
Sunday 6 th	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	2 Tim. 1:1-14
Trinity 19	Newcastle	12.00	WB	Harvest Thanksgiving	
Sunday 13 th	St Matthew's	10.45	MC	MP	2 Kings 5:1-3 & 7-15
Trinity 20	Newcastle SS	12.00	MC	MP	
	Calary	15.00	WB/TS	Harvest	
Sunday 20 th	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	Gen. 32:22-31 2 Tim. 3:14 - 4:5
Trinity 21	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
	St Matthew's	18.30	WB	HC	
Sunday 27 th	Calary	9.30	WB	FS + Baptism	1 Thess. 2:1-8 Matt. 22:24-46
Trinity 22	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	



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!