



# **PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET**

**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary**



# **OCTOBER**

# **2018**



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## From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

There was a great feeling of sadness in the Parish and in the whole community at the passing of Canon Robert Jennings (Bob). This issue contains a very beautiful tribute read at the funeral service by his daughters Kerry and Clodagh. It would be impossible to paint a full picture of Bob's very interesting and productive life in any single tribute, but I think we can get a small glimpse of the remarkable person who had a profound effect in this area in many different ways.

Rector for 23 years, brought Calary Church from the brink of closure to a place which serves the whole community in that area, a visionary who got St Catherine's special school and services up and running, and was the driving force in the building of St Francis National School, are just some of the major achievements of Canon Bob in this area. His books on local history will help inform people for many years to come, and his historical walks were not only relaxing and healthy for the body, but packed with valuable information about history and nature.

Still known as "The Rector" by many people Bob leaves me with many positive memories; I will treasure greatly his encouragement and support, along with tidbits of advice dropped my way on occasion.

A visitor was leaving the house he had stayed in for a holiday and remarked that he had everything packed and was leaving nothing behind. His landlord responded 'yes you are leaving something - your influence'! Bob has certainly left his influence which will live on for a long time in this parish, this area and in the wider world.

I extend my sincere condolences to his family and his great circle of friends at this time.

God Bless,  
William



**Colin, Melanie and Yvonne are hosting a**

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**in aid of**

## **FIELDS of LIFE**

**and would love to see you there.**

**Where? Newcastle Parish Centre**

**When? Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Time? 10.30am to 1.00pm**

**Admission €5**

**Please come along and bring a friend!**

## **We're Celebrating!**

**Following a Department of Education inspection  
in four categories we scored an impressive**

**3 x 'Excellents' and 1 x 'Very Good'**

**What a great little Playschool!**

**Well done to Joanne, Catherine  
and Christine. You deserve it.**



# TRAVELLING SUPPER



**Saturday 27th October**

**Starter hosted by Carol Stringer  
Ballyloughlin, Kilcoole  
6 to 8pm**

**Main Course hosted by Rachel Lippiatt  
The Lodge, Church Lane, Newcastle  
7 to 9pm**

**Dessert at the Parish Centre  
Church Lane, Newcastle  
8 to 10pm  
Followed by tea/coffee**

**Tickets €30 strictly limited  
(includes glass wine or soft drink)**

**Available from:**

**Karen in the Parish Office  
Jean Harris  
Carol Stringer**

## **Tribute: Canon Thomas Robert (Bob) Jennings**



*(This tribute was given at Bob's funeral service by his family. It is reproduced here for those who were unable to attend the service or who were outside when the sound system failed)*

First of all, we would like to thank you all for being here today. We are truly touched to see so many people from all aspects of Dad's life.

Dad died two days after his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. He lived a long, happy and fulfilled life and often assured us that he was not afraid of death.

We have found it an almost impossible task to condense his amazing life into a short tribute. Dad was born, to John, a clergyman and Anna, a teacher, and was the sixth of eight children. He spent most of his childhood in Kildallon, Co Cavan and he and his brother, Stanley, have recently shared many reminiscences of those happy times.

Dad was ordained 70 years ago and after serving as a curate in Omagh, he joined the British Army where he served for 17 years. He was quickly posted to the war in Korea, as Chaplain to the Welch Regiment which was part of a UN force. While in Korea, he experienced the harshest and darkest of times which stayed with him for life. No doubt some of you will have heard about the cross that he had made by local Korean craftsmen from brass shell cases, which sits on the east window of this church. He used this for Holy Communion services both in his tented church and, when necessary, on the bonnet of his jeep. The hospitality and gratitude shown to him by the Embassy of South Korea and citizens of that country during the armistice 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary visit meant a great deal to him.

He served with several different regiments during his time in the army, including the Parachute Regiment with whom he was proud to have jumped more than 40 times.

One of his postings was to Aldershot in Hampshire where he met and married our mother, Jean. They were happily married for more than 47 years before Mum's untimely death in 2003. She was a constant support in all he undertook throughout their married life.

At one stage, he was posted to British Guiana where his family was not allowed to accompany him. He arrived home with presents - bunches of wild bananas and a stuffed alligator. The alligator was instantly banned from the house as it frightened the life out of us children!

Once the family grew to include five children, the constant travelling of army life became rather arduous and Dad returned to Ireland as Rector of the Killeshandra group of parishes in Co Cavan.

True to form, Dad set about improving the church, the rectory lands and the school, where proper flushing loos were first on the list. He supplemented his income by farming the small acreage that came with the rectory. We remember his glee when one month his milk payment from the creamery exceeded his stipend.

At the end of 1970, he was instituted to the grouped parishes of Newcastle, Newtownmountkennedy with Calary and was rector for 22 years. Calary was an addition to the group at that time and Dad loved going up there to take services. One of his proudest achievements was finally realised with the opening of St. Francis School.

To us as children, Dad was simply Dad. As we grew up however, we realised we had to share Dad with many groups of people who were important to him. From the soldiers in his various postings, his parishioners, older and younger members of the community and the many friends he made along the way.

A unique character, he grew from a shy and awkward young boy in Cavan into a man who travelled the world, fathered a family and touched the lives of many people. Since his death, we have

been uplifted by the number of people who have told us of what he meant to them.

He was never really content unless he had some project or other on the go. Dad along with Mum and other like-minded people worked long and hard to set up services for children with special educational needs in the Wicklow area.

He was equally concerned about older folk and was an enthusiastic member of a Diocesan committee working on the development of housing for the elderly and hospice care.

Dad had a strong sense of community and in his first few years in the parish struck up a friendship with Father Paddy Finn, the local Parish Priest. They worked well together and organised many joint community projects. It is in that spirit of community that Dad expressly wished that Fr Derek Doyle be invited to participate today.

Dad had a wonderful openness of spirit and enthusiasm for life with a vast range of interests. When he finally retired in 1992, he had the time to join numerous clubs and societies. Among others he was a member of Newcastle Residents' Association, Greystones Active Retirement Association, Probus, the British Legion, UN Veterans, several Historical Societies, CHA, Newcastle Bowling Club and more. He often connected the different aspects of his life. For example his love of travel led him to South Africa where he made the connection between Himeville in South Africa and Sir Alfred Hime of Kilcoole.

The natural world was one of his passions and he took great delight in using the beautiful panels on the door of this church to illustrate various aspects of nature. He passed on his great love of wildlife to his grandchildren, spending a lot of time with them and bringing them on all sorts of jaunts outdoors. Even in his last days and weeks, he took great pleasure in simply sitting in his sunroom watching the birds in his garden. When we finally persuaded him to stop driving, his car was pretty much worthless and rather than let it go to waste, he used it for storing bird seed and logs for the fire. Mainly it was his appreciation of and joy in the simplest things in the world that were infectious. Because of that, it was always uplifting spending time with our Dad.



He was fascinated by history and archaeology and wrote several books on local history. He was keen to encourage the preservation of local buildings, artefacts and historical features of the landscape. He was always an enthusiastic participant in Heritage Week and in 2016, Wicklow County Council awarded him 'Heritage Person of the Year'. Prior to his death he was involved in trying to establish a Heritage Park for Co Wicklow at Ballyremon Common, close to the Sugar Loaf, as it boasts numerous heritage sites.

Dad was also a very keen walker who could outwalk people half his age. At the age of 72, he climbed Dunran, Djouce and the Sugar Loaf, all before breakfast, to raise money for church funds.

Later in his retirement he took up travelling again, firstly with his sister Sheila and then with Florrie whom he met on one of these excursions, Florrie brought him much happiness and friendship during the last years of his life.

Our cousin has told us that when his father died last year, Dad had a quiet word with him and said, "Always remember the spirit of those departed lives on in their children." Those of us who were privileged to have him as a father, grandfather or great grandfather feel sure that Dad's spirit will live on in each of us in different ways.

This account of his life does not touch on the interaction he had with many different people during difficult periods of their lives. From the many personal stories that have been recounted to us over the last few days, we know that he touched many people's lives in a very special way. We hope that he will live on through these memories.

Our father was a wonderful man and we are extremely proud of him and the life he led. Losing him has left a void that cannot be filled and he will be greatly missed and mourned by his family and friends.



## **Hillwalkers' Version of 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**

The Lord is my walking pole, I shall not fall.

He leadeth me through summer suns and autumn leaves,

Through winter frosts and springtime flowers.

He restores my body, mind and spirit.

Around each step I take He is by my side.

He is my sure guide o'er the rough and dangerous paths of life.

In love and mercy He shortens my pole for the upward climb  
And lengthens it for the downward path that leads me safely on.

He makes me rest awhile beside a shady rock or babbling brook.

Looking down upon a scene of beauty, life and peace,

I sense that He is there.

I spread my lunch upon the green and flowered grass

And hear Him say 'I am the bread and wine of life'.

Then when my journey's nearly done and twilight slowly steals  
across my path,

I grip more firmly the pole of life and find the hand of a familiar  
friend.

Then by His grace I take that gentle step that leads me home

Into a new world of love and joy and peace and rest at last.

*(As read at Canon Bob's funeral service)*

## **Fields of Life Newcastle**

Many many thanks to Newcastle Sunday School for their donation of €200 euro, collected over a 12 month period.

This is very much appreciated, and also timely, as the cupboard was nearly bare at the beginning of September. Now, with this money and the legacy from Canon Bob Jennings, we are very much back in business.

We are always looking for new sponsors, not necessarily for the full amount, but even a monthly donation would possibly mean an increase from the 9 children we currently sponsor.

There are MILLIONS of children in Central Africa who have very little hope of what we would consider a normal upbringing. What we provide at least helps our few friends with a first step on the ladder. There are letters at the back of the churches from our sponsored children which can be read at any time.

Brian and Jean Harris  
01 2819709

### **Coffee**

We continue to meet in the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre every Tuesday morning from 10.30am for tea/coffee, treats and chat.  
Everyone welcome

### **Lunch**

There will be no monthly lunch in October. We hope to see you all instead at the Travelling Supper in aid of the Parish on Saturday 27th October. See page 4 for all the details.

## **Thank You**

Many thanks to Colin Watchorn who swapped the bulbs in Newcastle Church for light-saving ones

Every saving helps with electricity costs increasing

## **Fields of Life Sponsorship.**

Thank you, Canon Bob and the Jennings Family, for your thoughtful contribution, in lieu of flowers, to the Fields of life Student Sponsorship in the Parish.

Over €1000.00 euro was donated, thanks to the generosity of Bob's many friends, both here and abroad, to whom we offer our sincere thanks.

This has been shared between our three Churches to assist in the continuing sponsorship of 25 children in schools throughout Uganda, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo.

These children would come from the most disadvantaged backgrounds, whether through poverty, disease, war or famine. For more information on the work of Fields of Life, check out [www.fieldsoflife.org](http://www.fieldsoflife.org).

**Brian and Jean Harris**



## **Remembrance Sunday**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and we hope to mark the occasion in a special way. Many families in the area had family members who fought in the Great War and have mementoes, letters, diaries, etc from this period, which we would love to read extracts from during the service. If you would like to take part in, or contribute to, Remembrance Sunday this year please get in touch with Lynn Stringer, Rev William or Karen at the office.



**Starting Tuesday 16th October at 8pm  
and running 3 Tuesdays per month**

**Meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre**

**Pilgrim is designed to help every local church bring together a small group of people who want to enquire about the Christian faith**

**The 'Grow' stage, which we will be using, is designed for those who want to go further, learn more and deepen their faith in the company of fellow travellers on the Christian journey  
It is structured around four major themes of the Christian life**

**You are very welcome to come along any 2nd, 3rd or 4th Tuesday in the month and try out this recently designed course**

### **Parish Website**

The website is now up to date with current information and photos.

Why not take a look?

You can also now donate to the Parish using the Paypal button on the website

Handy if you don't have a cheque book or don't carry cash!



### **Date for your Diary**

**Catch the Vision 3**

**Sunday 25th November  
at 11am**

**Every Decade Service  
in Newcastle Church  
followed by  
Lunch  
at the Parish Centre**

# Clubs and Organisations

## Junior Table Tennis

Every Monday

7—8pm

Main Hall

at the Parish Centre

## YOUTH CLUB

Fridays 8 to 9.30pm

in the Parish Centre.

The Club is open to everyone  
of secondary school age.

Contact Stephen 085-8694201



## Sunday School

There will be Sunday School on  
Sundays 7th, 21st and 28th  
October during the morning  
service at Newcastle. All children  
of primary school age welcome.



## Coming Soon!

Junior Youth Club will meet up  
on Fridays from 7.00 to 8.00pm  
in the Parish Centre

Open to 4th, 5th & 6th Classes  
Information from Stephen  
at 085-8694201



## Junior Choir

We're hoping to re-start the Junior Choir this Autumn and  
we're looking for parents to help out. Contact Karen.

## Time Out



The prayer group continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Centre. The Pilgrim course will run on other Tuesdays in the month. See details in this PINS.

## Prayer Space

Start the week with fifteen minutes of prayer, reflection and blessing. Prayer Space meets on Monday mornings during school term time at 9am in the Sitting Room at the Parish Centre. All very welcome.

## Table Tennis

This lively club meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre. All welcome to join.

## Parish Choir

The Parish Choir, drawn from the congregations at Newcastle and St. Matthew's, sings at Church festivals and on other special occasions, such as Lent, Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 8.15 to 9.15 pm in the Parish Centre.

## Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets on Thursdays at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome to come along



New members are very welcome, especially sopranos at the moment. If you think you might like to sing in the choir, please contact the Choir Director, Dr Andy Sleeman (tel: 2819796) or just come along to rehearsal. Previous experience and ability to sight read music is not a requirement, so don't be shy. We are a friendly group so please come and join us for a good sing.

Please send any items for inclusion in November PINS to:  
[nandnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nandnparishoffice@gmail.com)

# CALARY NEWS

## **Art Exhibition**

We are delighted to announce that Calary Church is once again holding an Art Exhibition. It will open at 7.30 pm on Friday 12 October, continue between 11 am and 6 pm on Saturday 13th and between 12 pm and 2.30 pm on Sunday 14th (after which the Harvest Service will be held). This event is kindly sponsored by Wicklow County Council Creative Ireland Programme.

On Saturday 13th October, there will also be a Plant & Country Produce Sale, the proceeds of which will go to Fields of Life child sponsorship.

## **Harvest Service**

Calary's Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 14 October and will be followed by Harvest Tea in the Church Room. This is always a wonderful event and we look forward to welcoming our friends to it.

## **Bob Jennings**

There has been a great sense of loss at the recent death of Canon Bob, who enriched the lives of all who knew him. His enthusiasm for history and archaeological sites was an inspiration and his foresightedness in encouraging the parishioners of Calary to build the church room but, at the same time, to do so within the financial resources of the parish is a wonderful legacy. Ethni Seymour took this photograph of Canon Bob feeding a robin in her garden and it brings to mind the story told about St Kevin feeding the blackbird







Mia Cooper  
Violin



Beth McNinch  
Viola



Bill Butt  
Cello



John Hearne  
Bassoon

performing

Johann Stamitz *Bassoon Quartet No 5 in Bb major*

Beethoven *String Trio in C Minor*

Franz Danzi *Bassoon Quartet Op 40 no 3 in Bb*

Mozart *Bassoon Quartet in Bb*

Tickets €18 / €15

Information & Booking  
01 2818146 or [derekneilson@eircom.net](mailto:derekneilson@eircom.net)

Friday 5th October  
@ 8pm

# Calary Parish Art Exhibition & Harvst Thanksgiving Weekend 12th—14th October 2018

Exhibition Opens on Friday 12th @ 7:30pm

and continues Saturday 13th 11am - 6pm | Sunday 14th 12noon - 2:30pm

Plant & Country Produce sale Saturday 13th Proceeds to Fields of Life child sponsorship

Harvest Thanksgiving Service Sunday 14th at 3:00pm followed by Harvest Tea

Further details | Gay Nuttall 086 060 5268 | [charlotterosemond@gmail.com](mailto:charlotterosemond@gmail.com)

## Sustentation? What do you Mean Sustentation?



Sustentation is a rather pompous word which basically means upkeep or support.

We have beautiful but old churches which need constant maintenance if we are to hold on to them for worship, baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals.

We also have an amazing parish centre which is the envy of other parishes, but which needs electricity, heating, broadband, phones, bins, cleaning, etc. so that all the clubs, organisations, and activities can keep going.

All of our buildings have to be insured, the grounds maintained, and the interiors decorated.

We have a wonderful Rector but, in fairness, we can't expect him to live on fresh air. All parishes are levied by the diocese to help pay the clergy. They are not paid a fortune!

So when the little brown envelopes come attached to the PINS and you are asked to send them back with what you can afford, that's where the money goes - to keep the parish running for us, and for our children, and for future generations.

If you regularly give, thank you. It is very much appreciated.

If you haven't given before, please do try to give something. If everyone gives a little we can do so much more in the parish. Not to mention pay all our bills.

You can donate through weekly envelopes, monthly envelopes, by bank transfer (ask in the office for details) or by using the Paypal button on the parish website [www.newcastleparish.org](http://www.newcastleparish.org)

And if you can manage €250 over the year, in any combination of verifiable methods, the parish can claim the tax back.

**Happy days!**

## Parish Upkeep

Envelopes for your donation to Parish upkeep are attached, For those who receive PINS by email your envelopes will follow by post. As the cost of postage is substantial it would be a great help if you could pay your donation by bank transfer, Paypal or direct to the office soon, thus reducing the postage list. Thank you

NB If you are suffering financial difficulties please contact the Rector in complete confidence.

## Graveyard Fees

We have had a number of queries about the cost of graves in Newcastle graveyard. So here is an extract from the graveyard regulations with the current details:

### Schedule of Charges

3.1 Charges for Parishioners and accustomed worshippers who have subscribed the minimum, as described below, will be in accordance with Scale A.

3.2 Charges for all others will be in accordance with Scale B.

### 3.3 Schedule of Charges for Burial

	Scale A	Scale B
	Subscribers	Others
Conventional Grave – first burial	€1,500	€4,500
Conventional Grave – subsequent burial	€750	€1,500
Cremation Grave – first burial	€750	€1,500
Cremation Grave – subsequent burial	€500	€750

### 3.4 Charges for Permission for Headstones/Plaques

Headstone	€250	€350
Upright Miniature Gravestone	€250	€350

3.5 To qualify for Scale A the person must have subscribed annually to the Parish in an identifiable manner (e.g. through the Free Will Offering or Sustentation envelopes, by standing order, by bank transfer, or through Paypal) at least the amount specified each year by the Select Vestry.

3.6 The minimum amount so specified for 2018 is €250 per adult.



# Childcare

**Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle**

## Playschool

**Open 9am to 12.30pm**

**5 days a week**

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

**ECCE and non-ECCE**

## Afterschool

**Open 1.20pm to 6.20pm**

**5 days a week**

**Full-time and Part-time**

**Limited places available**



**For information  
and booking:  
Phone Karen at  
087-2866889**





**Now offering classes in Newcastle Parish Centre**

**Guitar**

**Piano**

**Drums**

**Keyboard**

**Voice and Vocal Coaching Services**

**All ages - children and adults**

**So if you've ever longed to  
play an instrument  
or wanted to learn to sing  
now's your chance!**

**Contact Therese for information at  
086 3265820**

**or**

**[info@wicklowmusicdrama.com](mailto:info@wicklowmusicdrama.com)**



ST. FRANCIS'  
NATIONAL  
SCHOOL

## Cleaner needed

St Francis' NS are looking for a new cleaner

Duties to include;

- Cleaning of 4 classrooms (2 toilets in each)
- Hoovering /washing of all floors
- Cleaning of library, office & SET room
- Hours 1430-1730 weekdays during term time

If interested please email with references to;

**stfrancisns.ias@eircom.net** or alternatively

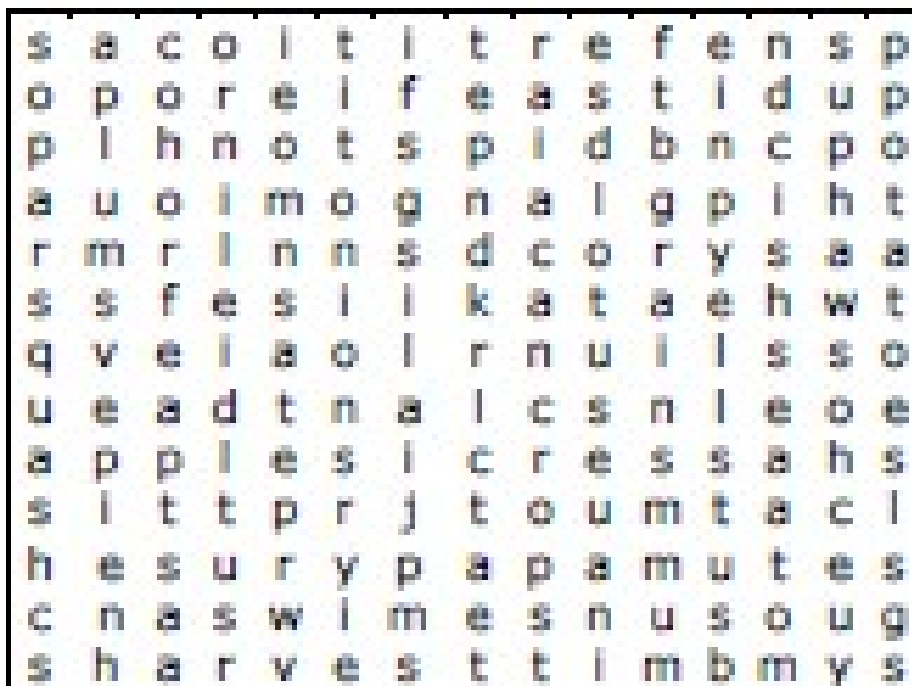
**contact 01 2819631**





## Harvest Word Search

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# SERVICES IN OCTOBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 7th	Calary	9.30	WB	HC	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Heb. 1:1-4, 2:5-12
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	HC	
Sunday 14th	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS + Baptism + Lunch	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
	Calary	15.00	WB	Harvest + Baptism	Heb. 4:12-16
Sunday 21st	Calary	9.30	WB	MP	Job 38:1-7 Heb. 5:1-10
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	MP	
Sunday 28th	Calary	9.30	CT	MP	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	Heb. 7:23-28
	Newcastle	12.00	CT	MP	Mark 10:46-52



**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**