



PARISH INFORMATION NEW SHEET

Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy With Calary



175th Anniversary of Calary Church

September 2009

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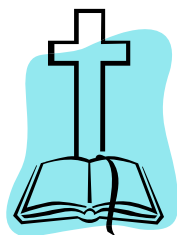
For further information visit:

www.newcastleparish.org

www.newtownmountkennedyparish.org

www.calaryparish.org

If you would like a lift to anything happening in the parish, please don't hesitate to contact us at the numbers above.



Services in September

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 6th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	James 2:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	1 - 17
<i>Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Holy Communion	
Sunday 13th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	James 3:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Holy Communion	1 - 12
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 20th:				
	Calary	9.30 am	Family Service	James
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	3: 13 - 4: 3
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 27th:				
<i>Sunday School</i>	Calary	9.30 am	Holy Communion	James 5:
	St. Matthew's	10.45 am	Family Service	13 - end
<i>S.S. & Crèche</i>	Newcastle	12 noon	Morning Prayer	



Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday, with **prayer for the sick**, at 10.30 am in St Matthew's followed by a cup of tea and a chat in the McLean Room.

Calary Sunday School will recommence on Sunday 27th September and will be held every Sunday except when there is Family Service.

Tea and coffee will be available in the McLean Room after the **Family Service** in St. Matthew's on Sunday 27th.

Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy Select Vestry meeting on Wednesday 9th September at 8pm in the McLean Room.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 26th July in Newcastle Parish Church - **Benjamin Martin**, son of Jason McDonnell and Gillian Currie, 30 Garden Village Court, Kilpeddar.

Congratulations to Jason and Gillian. We welcome Benjamin into our congregation and hope he grows up to honour the promises made for him at baptism.



Burial

Following the tragic circumstances of his death, the funeral Mass of **Robert deCoursey Stringer** took place in Kilquade Parish Church on Tuesday 18th August and his remains were laid to rest in Newcastle Churchyard.

Our sincere sympathy to Keith, Josephine, Peter and Graham on their terrible loss. Please remember the family circle in your prayers.

Parish Hall/Centre

Members of a sub-committee, elected by the Select Vestry, have been investigating various possible options regarding the provision of a Parish Centre to serve the needs of our parish in Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy. These investigations have, on occasion, led to a measure of frustration as a number of what were felt to be reasonable options were not looked on kindly by our County Planners.

The latest option to be investigated is to add to and adapt the present Rectory to make that our Parish Centre. This would mean re-locating the Rectory and the proposal is to build a new one on parish glebe land.

An architect has been engaged to design both a Rectory and Parish Hall. We hope we will soon be in a position to convene a meeting for all parishioners where draft plans will be presented and where your views on the proposed developments will be welcome. We are not yet in a position to give a date for that meeting but it will be well publicised at our Sunday services.

Confirmation

It is now time to indicate if you wish to consider confirmation in the spring of 2010. Normally candidates are those in the senior Sunday School Class but may include adults who have not been confirmed. Confirmation is open to any baptised person who wishes to make a firm commitment of their lives to follow Jesus in the Christian Faith.

Please contact me and if possible give me your name, address and contact number on a piece of paper or send those details by email to

revwilliambennett@eircom.net. I hope to get the group together before the end of September.



Harvest Festival

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will take place on **Friday 2nd October** at 8.00pm and **Sunday 4th October** at 11.00am in **Newcastle**. We look forward to welcoming Richard Henderson, Bishop of Tuam as preacher on both occasions.

Calary will give thanks for their Harvest on **Sunday 11th October** at 3.30pm as part of the celebrations for the 175th Anniversary of Calary Church.

Bishops' Appeal - Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy

Enclosed with this month's PINS for Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy parishioners is an envelope for the Bishops' Appeal.

The Bishops' Appeal helps relieve suffering around the world with the resources it receives from parishioners countrywide. In 2008 the Appeal paid out approximately €769,000. This was distributed mainly to rural development and sustainable agriculture projects (€181,000); disaster and emergency relief projects (€66,000); education (€22,000); and health - including HIV/AIDS programmes (€190,000). (For more information see www.ireland.anglican.org and follow the link)

Please support this worthy cause as generously as possible in the enclosed envelope either placing it on the plate any Sunday up to September 27th or returning it to Michael Pettigrew, 9 Hunters Leap, Newcastle, Co Wicklow.

Note: Contributions can be included in the tax refund scheme if you write your weekly envelope number or name and address on the Appeal envelope or on a slip of paper inside.

Sunday School and Crèche

Sunday School in Newcastle will restart on Sunday September 13th and is open to all children attending primary school.

Could parents ensure all outstanding Sunday School and Crèche consent forms are now returned. Once again if there is anyone interested in assisting at Sunday School please contact the Rector or Lorraine.

Now that summer is over **Crèche** is available again during the Sunday service. Parents of preschool children can leave their children into the Rectory Cottage before the service begins.

The Informal Parish Group sometimes known as the Midweek Group will have to change its name as it will now meet on Monday evenings beginning on Monday 21st from 8.00 to 9.15 pm in the McLean Room. This is open to everybody and is a chance to ask questions, chat, study.....

Fields of Life Choir

The joy and enthusiasm which emanated from the lovely youngsters who made up the F.of L. choir along with their ambitions to become doctors and lawyers must have been a great source of encouragement and satisfaction to their sponsors here in the parish. Many thanks to those sponsors, and also to the members of the congregation on Sunday 30th when thanks to their generosity €1200 was taken up in the collection towards the Fields of Life project. June Noonan also presented them with a cheque for €5000 on behalf of the parish. This was from the account which started with the Canterling Clerics and which has been built up again by various donations and the sale of jam and vegetables in the porch of St. Matthew's Church.

The Glendalough School in Mbale, Uganda is now complete and also four apartments for teachers were completed in 2008 at a cost of €25000.

If you would like the opportunity to sponsor one of these children please contact Brian Harris in Newcastle, Tony Noonan in Newtown or June Roe in Calary. They would love to hear from you!

Also to follow the Choir's itinerary go to the Fields of Life website www.fieldsoflife.com.

Thank you very much too to those who supplied lunch after the service. It was much appreciated!

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club will reconvene on 8th September at 2.30pm in the McLean Room when we look forward to seeing old friends and maybe some new ones too – all will be most welcome.

To start the new season, we hope to have a skin-care demonstration given by Jackie who is one of our Newtown parishioners.

We also suggest that everyone brings along a book which they have enjoyed recently and would be prepared to either swap or lend in exchange for another which someone else has enjoyed.

Tea € as usual.

Parent and Toddler Group



Recovering after the sponsored walk!

Thank you to those who took part in the Danone Big Toddle for Barnardos. €110 was raised and sent on to Barnardos for their Best Start Programme. Thanks also to Lorraine for inviting us all to her home afterwards! It is hoped to have some photos of the toddle put on the parish website shortly!

The first meeting after the summer will be on Monday 7th and then every Monday after that in the Rectory Cottage from 10.30 am. As always anyone with a preschool child or baby welcome. Tea, chat, play and company for €2 per family.

Coffee in the Cottage

Coffee will continue, as it has over the summer, in the cottage every Tuesday from 10.30am. If you have a few minutes to spare you are welcome to join us.



Leisurely Lunches

Lunch in the cottage in September will be on Thursday 17th. As usual everyone welcome for €5 a head. If you can let Karen or Clodagh know in advance so much the better.

Proposed Parish Trip

Assessing interest in a parish trip to the Prague Christmas Markets on the first weekend in December - Friday to Sunday.

Sight-seeing, lighting of the Christmas Trees and lights, Christmas shopping, eating and drinking!

Guide price €350 - €400 though this obviously depends on numbers and how fast we book.





If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Karen on 087-2866889 or kareng@utvinternet.com by 18th September.



175TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALARY CHURCH

- 🎵 **Friday 18th September;** Supper Dance in Greystones Rugby Club. Dancing to "Bandit" with supper at 9p.m. sharp. Main course will be provided but contributions of desserts would be appreciated. Tickets €20 available now from June 2866030, Elizabeth 2818442 or Ethni 2863890.
- 🎵 **Monday 28th September;** there will be a very interesting evening in Calary Church when the Roundwood Historical and Folklore Society will be having an evening on the history and folklore of Calary at 8.00pm. There will be a number of well-known speakers and refreshments will be available. All are welcome and it is hoped that a revised version of Canon Jennings' History of Calary Parish will be on sale.

A special celebration of the 175th anniversary of Calary Church will take place on the weekend of October 9th - 11th.

- 🎵 **Friday 9th October;** Special 175th Anniversary Art Exhibition will be opened at 7.30p.m and this will be followed by a short concert by members of Roundwood and Bray Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Youth.
- 🎵 **Saturday 10th October;** the Art Exhibition and Plant Sale will be open from 11.30am until 6.00pm.
At 8.00pm there will be a concert by Eamon Sweeney (baroque guitar) and Roisin O'Grady (soprano).
- 🎵 **Sunday 11th October;** Art Exhibition from 12 noon. Harvest Thanksgiving service at 3.30p.m.

Entry forms for the **Art Exhibition** with all details are now available from **Gay Nuttall - 2818112.**

June Roe would appreciate donations of plants for the **Plant Stall** on Saturday 10th. This year the proceeds from the stall will be split between the **Church Hall** and the **Fields of Life Sponsorship Scheme.**

All concerts commence at 8pm. Admission to regular concerts will be €15, with €10 for concessions and tickets can be obtained by phoning John Medlycott at 01-2818146 or emailing derekneilson@eircom.net

Music in Calary acknowledges the support of Wicklow County Council, FBD Insurance Ltd. and all who have contributed to our season of concerts. Calary Parish will be making donations to charity with any surplus from the events.



St. Francis' N. S. Parents Association

The annual sponsored walk in aid of the school will be on Saturday 19th September in Glendalough. All support welcome!
Members of the P.A. will be selling spring bulbs at the school gates in the coming weeks. Make sure to get yours before they sell out!

Christmas Shoebox Lunch

Grace Norse is hosting her annual lunch in her home on Thursday 10th September. This year proceeds will be divided between the Christmas Shoebox Appeal run by Samaritan's Purse, and the Fields of Life Sponsorship Fund. Lunch will be at 12.30pm and the charge is €20 per head. If possible please let Grace know in advance if you intend to be there!



Israel Biblical Tour

The tour to Israel is now fully subscribed but if you are interested in going please give your name to the Rector in case of cancellations or if there is enough interest a future trip may be organised.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Alan Stringer Tennis Tournament and Barbecue

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. Thank you to the organising committee, the tennis court owners, Greystones Lawn Tennis Club, Glenmill Golf Club, our various sponsors, donors of raffle prizes, the players, all who came to the barbecue, and anyone who helped out in too many ways to mention. On one of the few days which could be described as summer this year, an amount of €174 was raised for St Catherine's Association.



Blood Donation Clinic

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Board's mobile unit team will be at St. Patrick's Worship & Recreation Centre, Greystones on Monday 14th September from 3.00 to 4.45pm and 7.00 to 9.30pm. Contact 1850731137.

Greystones Active Retirement Association

ALL OUR ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN AGAIN AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK, BEGINNING MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER EXCEPT DANCING WHICH WILL BEGIN THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER WITH LINE DANCING CLASSES AT SCOUTS HALL TRAFALGAR ROAD 11.00AM-12.00
PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME FOR KEEP FIT MONDAYS.1.00—2.00PM.

Greystones Flower Club

September 29th with a demonstration by Yvonne O'Neill.

Historic Christian Sites in the Newcastle Area

Below are pictured some of the sites visited during Canon Bob's tour of historic Christian sites in the Newcastle area which took place during National Heritage Week.

1. Newcastle Church - there has been a church on this site for at least 800 years.
2. Killadreenan Church dates from at least the 12th century.
3. Kilmurray Church burned down in 1798 rebellion and was rebuilt
4. The Mass Rock where mass was said during Penal Times.
5. Kilmartin Church which is pre-Norman i.e. it existed before 1169
6. Old font in ruins of Kilmartin Church.

