

PARISH INFORMATION NEW SHEET

*Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkenny
with Calary*



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**IT'S
FULL
STEAM
AHEAD!**



SEPTEMBER



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

Items must be received by Tuesday 20th September for publication

Please note that times of services and events can vary.

If you lose your copy of PINS check out the parish website:

www.newcastleparish.org www.newtownmountkennyparish.org
www.calaryparish.org and click on 'Calendar of Events'.

From the Desk of the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

After a long wait, serious negotiations, numerous meetings, detailed discussions and all that goes with striking a hard deal, members of the Select Vestry of Newcastle and St. Matthews are delighted to announce the signing of the contract for the, long awaited, Parish Development.

Kelly Contractors from Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny have been favoured with the contract. We feel very confident that excellent builders have been chosen and the first machines will probably be on site this month (September). The first stage will be the new Rectory, and then the real reason for engaging in this work is the adapting and building on to the present Rectory to provide a Parish Centre which will serve the parish for many years to come and which we will all be proud of.

Many possible alternatives were discussed and plans were drawn up for parish halls on an alternative site. Also, serious thought was given to building at the cottage. The county planners were not happy with what was presented to them, mainly because of the sensitive nature of this area and being so close to the Castle. They indicated to us that they might allow us to build the Centre on the Glebe Land but it was felt that it would be too far from the Church and School. Finally, having exhausted other possibilities, we were forced into taking what may be the slightly more expensive route, but in the long term will best serve the needs of the parish. It will be very good to have our Parish Centre close to both Church and School.

This new Parish Centre will provide facilities for every age group and will enable us to develop and serve the community in ways not possible until now.

We invite you to celebrate this new major adventure in the life of our parish with a Harvest Fair, as part of the Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend, Sept 30 - Oct 2. Read more about the plans in this issue of PINS. Please do join us over the weekend and take part in the festivities to mark this new step in our parish life..

God Bless,
William



N and N PARISH NEWS

Wedding

6 August: Liam Justin Daniel Gear and Joanne Lesley O'Riordan, Bristol, England. (Joanne, formerly Church Lane, Newcastle). Congratulations to Liam and Joanne. We wish you every happiness in your married lives together.

Christian Aid East Africa Appeal

I have sent a total of €2642-12 to Christian Aid for the famine appeal in East Africa being the combined proceeds of the special collections and coffee morning at Mervyn and Ann Garrett's home. It says a lot about our Parish that so much has been raised for those who have absolutely nothing, in a time of austerity in our own country.

In a letter I received from Christian Aid thanking the Parish for their gifts, Margaret Boden (CEO) says "Christian Aid will fund urgently needed life saving measures, such as the construction of additional water points and helping communities become more resilient to future crises. In addition we are providing extra nutrition to children and pregnant women (those most vulnerable); emergency tanks of water to villages experiencing the worst drought conditions; food for families that aren't being reached by the World Food Programme, and animal feed to protect the livestock that are so crucial for the survival of pastoralists in the area".

Andy Sleeman—Hon. Treasurer

Coffee

Coffee continues as usual in the cottage every Tuesday from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee.



Lunch

Lunch this month will be on Thursday 22nd September from about 12.45 pm in Rectory Cottage. Everyone is welcome but don't forget to book your place with Karen.



HARVEST FAIR



To celebrate the launch of the parish building project, we will be holding a Harvest Fair in the grounds of St Francis N S on Saturday 1st October as part of the Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend.

This will be an event for all the family with free admission for everyone. Attractions will include a Food Fair, Craft Area, Children's Entertainment, Crowning of the Festival Queen, and the official launch of the building development. More details next month.

Please consider getting involved in this event and helping make it a successful and fun event for everyone. Contact Karen 087-2866889

Clubs and Organisations

Bowls

The new season starts on Thursday 1st September at 8pm in St Francis School. New members particularly welcome.

Tuesday Club

We will resume after our August break on **Tuesday 13th.September** in the McLean Room at the back of St.Matthews Church, 2.30pm as usual, when we will be glad to see all our old members and hopefully welcome some new ones too. We are planning to have a miscellany of board games for a change and so that people can catch up on the chat – nothing serious!

On October 11th, we are expecting the Public Health Nurse to come and give us her tips on remaining healthy while in November we hope to take an outing which we will tell you about later. December will be the customary Christmas Party. Should anyone like to put forward suggestions for the programme after the New Year they will be most welcome.

Parish Choir

Choir practices for Harvest will start up again in Newcastle Church at 8pm on Monday September 5th. New singers will be especially welcome. Harvest Sunday on October 2nd is also St. Francis day so we will sing the hymn – All creatures of our God and King – which is based on the Canticle of the Sun by St Francis of Assisi which is represented in the door of the church. The choir will sing a short anthem by the 19th century American composer Thomas Hastings – Let the people praise Thee. Hastings was a prolific composer of hymn tunes. We will also sing the *Jubilate* by S.S. Wesley. Samuel Sebastian Wesley was the grandson of Charles Wesley, the hymn writer. He was probably the best English composer of music for the Anglican church in the 19th century and was known as one of the leading organists and choirmasters of his day. *Andy Sleeman*

Sunday School

Sunday School re-opens on Sunday 11th September for all school age children. Keep an eye on PINS for details.

Creche

If you have a baby or toddler, please note that the crèche held in Rectory Cottage during Sunday service at Newcastle Church will resume from Sunday 11th September. All little ones welcome.

Prayer Group

The prayer group will continue for September but will be on Monday evenings at 8pm at the cottage . Everyone is welcome to this informal group, so do drop in for a short while or for the full hour as you please. Wm

Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler Group starts for the new season on Monday 5th September. Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to come along to Rectory Cottage from 10.30 am on a Monday morning for a play and a chat.

Youth Club

Youth Club will resume on Friday 9th September in the cottage.
8 to 9.30pm



Shoe Box & Fields of Life Lunch

Thursday 15th September from 1pm

At Kilmartin, Newcastle

To Book Lunch Phone Grace at 2819134

Everyone Welcome

Last minute decision? Come along—we'll fit you in!



CALARY NEWS

Bereavement

Stephen Morris, Glendarragh Cottage, Newtownmountkennedy passed away on 17 August following a short illness. A service of thanks-giving for his life was held in Calary on 22nd August after which his mortal remains went for cremation. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife Fiona, the Coffey family circle and his many friends.

Calary Graveyard

A big thank you to all who turned out to clean up the graves prior to the church opening for Heritage Week.

Christian Aid East Africa Appeal

A total of €760 was sent to Christian Aid for the famine appeal. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Music in Calary Church

Thursday 1st September at 8pm.

Dublin Cello Ensemble (Annette Cleary, Sheelagh Harte, Sokol Koka, Yue Tang) play works by Bach, Debussy, Grieg, Handel, Wagner, etc.

Tickets €15 and concessions €10 from 01-2818146

St Francis National School



School opens for the 2011/2012 school year on Thursday 1st September. We look forward to seeing everybody and send a special welcome to those pupils and their parents who are joining us for the first time. We are also thinking of last year's 6th Class. Our very best wishes go to Felix Carter, Hannah Cuffe, Rachel Cullinan, Sorcha Dowd, Chloe Fromholz, Jordan Grant-Roe, Adam Herdman, Áine Hughes, Eleanor Kenna, Cormac Lock, Jack O'Connor, Gary O'Sullivan, Jordan Reynolds and Cormac Shannon as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Children's Page

Anagrams

A Bad Guy in the Bible

I joust as I card

Book of the Bible

A rich haze

Place in the Bible

O lost movie fun



Did Eve never have a date with Adam?

No, it was an apple.

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
Sunday 4th				
SS	Calary	9.30	MP	Ex. 12:1-14
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Rom. 13:8-14
	Newcastle	12.00	HC	
Sunday 11th				
SS	Calary	9.30	MP	Ex. 14:19-31
	St Matthews	10.45	HC	Rom. 14:1-12
SS	Newcastle	12.00	MP	
Sunday 18th				
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Ex. 16:2-15
	Newcastle	12.00	FS	Matt. 20:1-16
	Calary	19.00	Songs of Praise	
Sunday 25th				
SS	Calary	9.30	HC	Ex. 17:1-7
	St Matthews	10.45	MP	Phil. 2:1-13
SS	Newcastle	12.00	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 and chat in the McLean Room. All welcome!

Tea and coffee are served in the McLean Room after each service in St Matthew's.

Meetings of Select Vestry

Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy - Tuesday 6th September at 8pm

Calary - Tuesday 13th September at 8pm



**Parish of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy
Parish Centre**

FACILITIES

Ground Floor

- Hall, including stage area with storage underneath, which can seat 200 and will be suitable for indoor sports.
- Parish Offices, providing a Rector's Office and a Public Office.
- Cosy Sitting Room.
- Suite of rooms suitable for use by pre-school age children with outdoor play area.
- Kitchen with access to hall and dumb waiter to upstairs level..
- Platform Lift to all levels.
- Toilets.
- Storage.
- Spacious Foyer

First Floor

- Teenagers' Room.
- Large Meeting Room.
- Gallery/Meeting Room.
- Toilets
- Storage
- Access stairs to stage.

Outside

- Landscaped grounds, paved area, parking area which can also be used by school.

PLANNED USES

- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Bowls
- Drama/Concerts
- Parish Dinners/Dances/Suppers/Barbecues
- Parish Fairs
- Children's Parties
- After-Church Events
- Time Out
- Prayer Group
- Coffee Mornings
- Lunches
- Parents and Toddlers.
- Playschool/Montessori
- Sunday School
- Sunday Creche
- Youth Club
- Children's Clubs
- Additional Facilities for St Francis N.S.
- Meetings
- Information Evenings
- Centralised Administration
- Point of contact with the Rector
- Reception for visitors
- Storage for all parish property