



PARISH INFORMATION News SHEET

*Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary*

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**NEWCASTLE
NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY
PARISH**

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Perhaps you know the well worn saying ' I got the blues because I had no shoes until I saw the man going down the street who had no feet! Our reactions to things which happen to us in life are usually in proportion to what we compare them to. Maybe we get very upset when we plan a day at the seaside, we have all ready for the day and it starts to rain! It might be that field of hay needing to be bailed or the barley ready to harvest when work is delayed for some reason, or maybe the property market has left you a lot poorer than you had hoped or planned for!

To a greater or lesser extent we all get upset when things go 'wrong' in life. When we think of the world and how privileged we are to live in a peaceful environment, moderate climate and the average standard of living way above most people on the planet, surely we have lots to be thankful for. If we compare our situation with the family who lost three sons in one car accident last week or those swallowed by an earthquake in Iran also last week, then I believe that many of the things we complain about fall almost into insignificance.

Many of you have experienced tragedy, disappointment, illness and bereavement and have testified to have had remarkable strength to cope. It always amazes me how many of our parishioners have suffered great tragedies in life but seem to enrich us all the more because of their experiences. I believe it is essential that we go on learning the importance of supporting each other through the rainy days as well as in the sunshine. This is what makes a real impact on any Church family.

I don't usually make a habit of mentioning, in these notes, when people are sick but I feel I must mention a baby, Ethan Adams, son of Corrie and Claire. Ethan has been critically ill since birth and has gone through emergency heart surgery leading to other complications. The great news is that he has been showing very positive signs of a good recovery.

I mention Ethan because I have rarely experienced a family who has received a greater swell of inquiries, the offer of support and the genuine prayers of hundreds of people, not only in our parish but around the world. I know this support was a real means of comfort to Ethan's family. May we continue to learn how to be a real Christian Church Family who support each other with love and prayer.

A continued sincere thank you to all who, under the good guidance of Canon Fred Appelbe, are attending to our parishes during my period of illness. We do appreciate the real efforts made by all who have given their time to minister in our Churches. Rev John Marchant has been one who has become well known and has served the Lord faithfully among us. We thank him most sincerely and wish him Gods blessing as he takes up duty in Clontarf Parish.

God Bless,
William



Summer Camp.



The old proverb, 'Many hands make light work', is still as true as ever and proves itself many times over in the parish. This was the case, from July 30th until August 3rd, for our summer camp which was held in the grounds of St.Francis' National School.

The idea, conceived by Sandra Behan, incubated by Lorraine Byrne and executed by eight energetic and enthusiastic young mothers became a reality to the delight of the 57 children who attended. Our thanks and sincere gratitude to Lorraine Byrne the main organizer and Sunday School superintendent, Sandra Behan, Pamela Roe, Wendy Lundy, Deirdre Byrne, Fiona Power, Siobhan Kennedy and Karen Kissane.

This was a wonderful success and all ran smoothly except for that water fight on the last day. Not sure what we will do about those leaders but Lorraine and Karen are wonderful with the water guns!! Roll on next year.

NEW RECTORY AND PARISH CENTRE

We are happy to report that, apart from the architect's snag list, the new rectory has now been completed. The architect and the building contractor are to be congratulated for producing a building with character and quality of workmanship to a high standard.

Landscaping to comply with planning conditions has been undertaken but will require further designing and planting when there is clarity as to what funds are available to us.

Next Stop Parish Centre!

Mervyn Garrett
Chairman Parish Building Committee



Proposed New Parish Centre

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Newcastle

Fri. 28th Sept, 8.00pm. followed by harvest supper.

Sun. 30th Sept, 11.00am.

Calary

Sun. 14th Oct. 3.00pm. followed by afternoon tea.

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Wedding at Newcastle

11th August, James Pennycook and Clara Mackey who both live in Norfolk, England. Congratulations to James and Clara we wish you every happiness in your lives together

Service of Thanksgiving

Following committal at the Crematorium a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Eileen Good, Leamore Lane, Newcastle was held in Newcastle Parish Church on Sat. 28 Sept. Eileen had suffered failing health for some time and passed away, peacefully, at Greystones Nursing Home. We extend our sympathy to Ann Rountree, her daughter, and to her great family circle and numerous friends.

Holy Baptism at Newcastle

22nd July 2012. Jack Ewan, son of Stuart and Lauren Collins, 39 Druids Ave., Druids Glen, Newtownmountkennedy, Co Wicklow. We welcome Jack and his parents to the parish and pray that he will grow up to honour the promises made for him at baptism.

175th Anniversary

St Matthews Church, Newtownmountkennedy was dedicated 175 years ago and a special Songs of Praise Service is planned to take place on September 23rd at 7pm. It is hoped that there will be a tree planted in the grounds and everyone attending will be invited to refreshments following the formalities.

Coffee in the Cottage

Everyone is welcome to drop in to Rectory Cottage on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am for tea/coffee and a chat.

Lunch in the Cottage

This month's lunch will be served on Thursday September 20th. Everyone welcome but please book your place with Karen at 087-2866889. Cost €7.50 per head.

Clubs and Organisations

Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting again for all school going children on 9th September. Consent forms will be given to children on the 9th and should be returned no later than 30th September.

If anyone would like to go on the rota for Sunday School please contact Lorraine Byrne.

Creche

The crèche will re-open on Sunday 2nd September. Parents are welcome to drop in their pre-schoolers to Rectory Cottage during the service in Newcastle Church, where there are lots of toys to keep them amused.

Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler Group resumes normal service on Monday 3rd September. Everyone with a baby or toddler is welcome to come along to Rectory Cottage from 10.30 am on a Monday morning for play and a chat.

Youth Club

Youth Club will meet on the first and third Fridays in the month from 8—9.30pm at Rectory Cottage. Look out for your reminder text from Paul.

Time Out

Time Out will meet on the first Tuesday in September in Rectory Cottage at 8 pm.

Table Tennis

The table tennis club will re-open in October. More details next month.

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club will recommence on Thursday, 6th. September at 8pm. in the School. We hope that several new people would feel that they would like to come along and give Bowls a try. We can assure them that they would be made most welcome.

The AGM will be held the following week, 13th, which we would urge all current members to attend.

Hope to see you there

Newcastle Choir

Well the summer is nearly over and the choir will be back in action with choir practices starting on Monday September 3rd at 8pm in Newcastle church. New singers in all parts would be very welcome. September will be busy for the choir as there is a Songs of Praise in St. Matthews on the evening of Sunday 23rd September to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church, followed by the Harvest on Friday 28th and Sunday 30 September in Newcastle, a week earlier than usual. We will be rehearsing the Te Deum in A Major by Mendelsohn for Harvest. Harvest will also be the weekend we say goodbye to our organist Joe Bradley, as he goes to take up his new position as Organ Scholar in Trinity College Dublin. We wish him well in his new role and will miss his playing greatly. However, he has offered to come back when term ends to help us at Christmas. *Andy Sleeman*

Drama

Rehearsals for the postponed play 'The Sands of Romance' start on Sunday 9th September. Proposed performance dates are 2nd and 3rd November.

From the Treasurer

Many thanks to those of you who have returned completed tax claim forms for 2011. There are still quite a few parishioners who haven't returned them to me. I would appreciate it if outstanding forms could be forwarded to me either in the collection plate or by post (Greenacres, Blackditch, Newcastle) as soon as possible so that I can get the tax refund before the end of the year. *Andy Sleeman*

CALARY NEWS

Sunday School

Sunday School will recommence in the Church Room from 9 September with great new plans for the coming year.

Harvest

This will take place on Sunday 14 October and more details will appear in next month's PINS.

Table Tennis

The new season starts on Thursday 13 September with juniors' sessions between 7pm and 8pm and adults from 8pm on.

Parish Barbeque

A big thank you to everyone who made the BBQ such a success and we greatly appreciate those of the parish's friends who joined us for such an enjoyable occasion.

Concerts

Both of the concerts that were held in July were great successes and we would like to thank those who helped on the nights and hope that those who attended the concerts enjoyed them. As both concerts were played to full houses, the organisers would stress the need to book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment. This can be done by adding your names to the email or telephone lists and please contact John (01 2818146) or Derek (01 2818118) to do this.

After Service

It's great to have the opportunity to get together after Service each Sunday for a chat over tea and coffee. It also gives the preacher the chance of a break before going to their next Service and also to talk with the parishioners.



Youth Club/Confirmation Group at Alton Towers

The trip to Alton Towers was a long and tiring day but well worth the early morning start. We ran onto the plane. For most people it was their first time flying without a family member. When we arrived at East Midlands Airport, we piled onto the bus and as we headed for the town of Alton, we began to feel excited and nervous. We eagerly waited for tickets and maps at the entrance, divided into small groups and rushed to the nearest rides.

We soon discovered that queueing would slow us down, but we had eight hours of fun and every queue was worth it. There was a variety of rides. Some were full of pure fear and excitement for adrenaline junkies, like Nemesis, Rita and Thirteen. From absolute splashers like the Flume and Congo River Rapids, to Oblivion, a 30 second ride which you fall straight down into a dark hole and Air where you felt like you were flying. It was a warm day and the rain stayed away for a change. It gave people a great opportunity to face their fears.

We would like to give a big thank you to Ruth, Paul and Mr Bennett for taking us and for being there throughout the day. It was a really great day and one which I personally will never forget.

Sophie O'Neill

St Francis National School



School opens for the new school year on Thursday 30th August and we look forward to seeing everybody who is returning from the summer holidays. We extend a special welcome to the new Junior Infants and their parents who are joining us for the first time and hope that they will be very happy in St. Francis' N.S. Our thoughts are also with those pupils who finished 6th class in June - we wish them well as they start secondary school this week.

This year we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of the school and we are delighted to tell you that during the year we will get a permanent building to replace the prefab. The architect is currently working on the plans and when they are ready we will seek planning permission. If all goes according to plan we hope to see work starting on the building before Christmas - a super birthday present for St. Francis' N.S.



NOTICE BOARD

NEWCASTLE BRIDGE CLUB

**Newcastle Bridge Club will re-open at the Castle Inn on September 11th at 7.30 pm.
New bridge players very welcome.**

Children's Page

Kids Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Animals in the Bible Puzzle # 1



BEAR
CAMEL
DONKEY
GAZELLE
GOAT
HART
HORSE
IBEX
JACKAL



LEOPARD
LION
MOLE
MOUSE
NIGHTHAWK
OSTRICH
SHEEP
UNICORN
WOLF



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RIDDLE

David killed me as a young shepherd

What animal am I?

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	READING
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Sunday 2nd

Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Deut. 4:1,2, 6-9</i>
St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>Mark 7:1-8,</i>
Newcastle	12.00	MP	<i>14,15, 21-23</i>

Sunday 9th

Calary	9.30	HC	<i>Prv 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23</i>
St Matthews	10.45	HC	<i>James 2: 1-10, 14-17</i>
Newcastle	12.00	HC	<i>Mark 7: 24-37</i>

Sunday 16th

Calary	9.30	MP	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>
St Matthews	10.45	MP	<i>James 3: 1-12</i>
Newcastle	12.00	MP	<i>Mark 8: 31-3</i>

Sunday 23rd

Calary	9.30	MP	<i>James 3:13-4:3</i>
St Matthews	19.00	Songs of Praise	<i>Mark 9:30-37</i>

Celebration of 175 Year Anniversary

Friday 28th

Newcastle	20.00	Harvest	
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Preacher: Canon Fred Appelbe

Sunday 30th

Calary	9.30	MP	<i>James 5:13-20</i>
Newcastle	11.00	Harvest	<i>Mark 9:38-50</i>



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.