



**PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET**  
**Parish of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy**  
**with Calary**

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## From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I know it is two months ago since our last issue of PINS but it feels to me as if it was only a couple of weeks ago. Not sure if it is due to the exceptional winter we have had so far but time has really flown since November.

I hope you have all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas as we were reminded, once again, of the most amazing birth ever to take place and change the world. Time moves on and by the time this issue reaches you we will only be five weeks away from the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday on March 6th puts us on the fast track to Easter.

Heartfelt thanks to all who made great efforts during the Christmas period. All churches were beautifully decorated, many of you were busy with your organisations, Sunday School, etc. making the celebration of Christmas a special time. Thought was given to people deserving a little help and thanks to all who supported by contributing to the special envelope collection, Sheila's floral demonstration, Jane's Christmas boxes in Newtown, special events for Sr Mary Killeen and Fields of Life, and the anonymous donations for the needy.

All of our parishes support various charities and mission organisations and this can only be done because of the generosity of parishioners. May God bless all who give with a cheerful heart!

We welcome a new neighbour to Powerscourt and Kilbride. Rev Catherine Hallissey will be instituted as Rector in Powerscourt on March 1st. Please pray for Catherine that she will know God's blessing on her ministry there and in the Diocese of Glendalough.

Our good friend and Rural Dean, Canon Fred Appelbe, has decided to 'hang up his boots' but the good news is that he is not 'throwing in the towel'. Fred will be retiring from full time parish ministry at the end of February and will, with Sonia, move to their new home in Ashford. I know that all who are acquainted with Fred and have experienced his

very attentive and exceptional pastoral care would want to wish him and Sonia a very happy, long and healthy retirement.

On a personal level I have experienced, and appreciated very much, Fred's ministry and pastoral care. This really began when I was seriously ill but has continued for the years since.

We look forward to them both living much closer and hope they will take a good, long and relaxing break following retirement before Fred allows himself take calls from clergy who would be very glad to avail of his ministry. Wishing you both shalom!

We have been blessed by having Rev Niall Stratford to conduct worship on a regular monthly basis for some time. Niall's ministry was greatly appreciated and many parishioners have expressed their appreciation to me. The Rev Leonard Ruddock of Blessington Parish will be taking a period of time off parish duty due to illness, and Niall will be covering Sunday duty in Blessington during Leonard's period of recuperation, which we hope will not be long. I ask for your prayers for Leonard and also for Niall as he takes on this important duty in Blessington.

The parishioners of Calary Parish were saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Stephen Gillis on December 19th. Stephen had been a loyal Select Vestry member for a number of years in Calary and his engineering experience was always something he was very generous to share.

We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends, but especially to Bernadette, Stephen and Brendan.

Stephen's funeral service took place in Baltinglass Parish Church and his mortal remains were laid to rest in Stratford on Slaney churchyard.

God bless,  
William

# **THEATRE DINNER**



**Parish Centre, Newcastle  
Saturday 23rd February  
Meal at 8pm sharp**



**Tickets €30**

**To include  
3 Course Dinner  
with Coffee/Tea**

**Followed by short play  
'Death at the Deanery'**

**Available from  
Parish Office 2819300  
Karen 087-2866889**

## Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of Select Vestry will take place on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 8pm in the Parish Centre

## 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 February. We hope to see you all in your finery at the Theatre Dinner on Saturday 23rd in the Parish Centre.

## Cleaning Rota

Please help by putting your name on the rota for cleaning Newcastle Church. We'll take individuals, groups of friends or families—we're not fussy. It's a beautiful little church and deserves to be kept spic and span.



## Flower Arranging

Flowers are a wonderful way to display God's glory and enhance the beauty of the church. Please put your name on the Newcastle flower arranging rota. You don't have to be a Sheila Cleary! A simple arrangement of flowers in a jug can be very lovely.

## Register of Vestry Persons

If you would like to be added to the register of vestry persons in the parish please sign the 'cheque book' form which can be found at the back of the church. Only registered persons are eligible to vote at the Annual General Vestry meeting or to stand for election to the Select Vestry.

## Waiters Wanted

We are looking for waiters to work at the Theatre Dinner on Saturday 23rd February. Hours of work are 7pm to 12 midnight. We pay minimum wage and you must be over sixteen. Contact Karen at the office or 087-2866889

# Clubs and Organisations

## Junior Table Tennis

Every Monday

7—8pm

Main Hall

at the Parish Centre

Please note, while the Parish looks for a replacement for Stephen, a group of parents has undertaken to run the youth clubs for the moment. All help very welcome!

# YOUTH CLUB

Fridays 8 to 9pm  
in the Parish Centre.  
The Club is open to 6th class  
and those of  
secondary school age.



There will be Sunday School on Sundays 3rd and 10th February.

Sunday School is open to all children who attend primary school. We leave church after the first hymn and head over to the Parish Centre. Parents then pick up children there after the service.

# JYC

Junior Youth Club meets on  
Fridays from 7.00 to 8.00pm  
in the Parish Centre  
Open to 4th and 5th Classes

**Both youth clubs will meet  
on Friday 8th February**

## 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.

## 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.



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays at 8pm.**  
**Meeting upstairs in the Youth Room at the Parish Centre.**

**A very interesting course, Pilgrim is designed for people who want to learn more about the Christian faith.**

**The current sessions are based on the Eucharist.**

**Topics include 'This is my body broken for you', 'He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread', 'Do this to remember me', and 'I am the bread of life'.**

**Everyone welcome.**

## Parish Choir

The Parish Choir rehearses for upcoming Holy Communion and special services on Monday evenings from 8.15 to 9.15 pm in the Parish Centre.

New members 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.

## Bowls Club

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

Everyone welcome to come along



# CALARY NEWS

## **Carol Service**

Calary church was full for a wonderful Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday 16 December, which started off with a beautiful solo from Amy Stratford. We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbours who joined us for the service and seasonal refreshments afterwards.

## **Communion and Lunch**

The Parish Christmas Communion and lunch took place on Wednesday 12 December when about 40 people gathered in Calary Church for this annual event.

## **Sister Mary Killeen**

We were delighted to welcome Sister Mary Killeen to our Epiphany service on 6 January. Sister Mary has been in Ireland since late November when President Michael D Higgins awarded her the Irish Presidential Distinguished Service Award for Peace, Reconciliation and Development in recognition of her 42 years service to the poor in the Mukuru slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Since then, instead of taking a well deserved rest, she has been reconnecting with those who have supported her work over the years. She gave us an inspiring update on the work that she and her colleagues continue to carry out under the most trying of circumstances in Mukuru. Her work with street children has been one of the charities supported by Calary Parish.

## **Stephen Gillis**

The sudden death of Stephen on 19 December was a shock for the whole of the parish and wider community. We would like to pass on our condolences to Bernie, Brendan and Stephen together with Stephen's parents Alan and Irene, sisters Hazel and Anna, brothers Nigel and Barry and to all of his family and friends.

## **Marriage**

The marriage of Jonathan Sutton and Mairead Hatton took place in Calary Church on Saturday 29 December. We would like to wish them a long and happy life together.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School in Calary takes place every Sunday in the Church



## Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place in the Church Room on a weekly basis. All new members are welcome and it's a great social night out and an opportunity to meet new friends. If you would like more information, please contact June 01 286 6030 or Ethni 086 809 2211.



## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD



Discover the hidden words.



I	H	H	G	L	S	R	S	S	P	N	E	L	P	F
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### Word Bank

SHEPHERD  
OIL  
LORD  
GOOD

JESUS  
PATH  
SHEEP  
FEAR

EVIL  
ENEMY  
STAFF  
PROTECTION

## **Christmas Floral Art Demonstration**



Sincere thanks to all who came to my floral demonstration on Friday 14th December 2018.

Hopefully all present enjoyed the event and the best news is a total of €725 was raised for Fields of Life. Amazing!

I am very grateful to all who helped make the morning so enjoyable. Special thanks to Karen, Grainne and Mary for all their help before, during and after..... Also to Newcastle Parish for allowing me to use the lovely Parish Centre. Many blessings to all.

Renewed thanks.....Sheila

### **Parish Registers**

#### **Wedding at Calary**

29th December 2018

Jonathan Sutton and Mairead Coleman, Fort View, Glassnamullen, Bray, Co Wicklow. We wish Jonathan and Mairead a long and happy life together.

### **Have You Loose Coins Gathering Dust?**

Margaret Murphy will gladly give you a tin to collect them in aid of the Parish. It's amazing how much you can gather and the Parish would be glad of every cent.

### **St Francis NS Parents Association**

Friday 1st February  
Pub Quiz with Super Raffle  
Castle Inn  
Teams any size  
€10 per person

Friday 15th February  
School Children's Disco

### **Christmas Box Appeal**



Jane O'Herlihy would like to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas Box Appeal.

Many thanks to Jane for organising the appeal again this year.



**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**

**Excellent range of optional extras**

**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 taking bookings for September**

# SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	Malachi 3:1-5  Hebrews 2:1-14
	St Matthew's	10.45	CT	MP	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	HC	1 Cor. 15:1-11  Luke 5:1-11
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	HC	
	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	HC	
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	Calary	9.30	WB	FS	1 Cor. 15:12-20  Luke 6:17-26
	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	MP	
	Newcastle	12.00	WB	FS	
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	Gen. 2:4-9, 15-25 Rev. 4 Luke 8:22-25
	St Matthew's	11.00	WB	MP	



**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**