

PARISH INFORMATION NEWS SHEET

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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It amazes me how animals, birds and fish have built-in methods of survival that humans can only stand back and wonder at! Migrating birds, and geese are most commonly cited, flying in V formation know how to take advantage of the aerodynamic effects of flying behind another bird. Most remarkably birds take turns at the front despite no obvious benefit to the individual. This is the most energy saving formation and is known as aerodynamic washup. Catching the up draughts of the preceding bird is as important as flapping the wings.

We can learn important lessons from these creatures. They support each other and they take turns at the front where the work is most intense.

Easter reminds us of the great front position Jesus took on our behalf. We celebrate the love he has for each of us, bringing him to this world to take our place and becoming the supreme sacrifice for sin.

We, at Easter time, have our annual Easter Vestries when people are elected to take a lead at the front on behalf of each of us. These are very important meetings and, to show your appreciation to those who have faithfully served, I invite you to attend. These are also times to share your ideas and to elect your Select Vestry for the next year. The dates for this year's meetings are Calary Monday 26th March and Newcastle/Newtownmountkennedy Tuesday 17th April.

I know they are not for a while yet but as they are important and you need a good Select Vestry for your parish I ask you to keep these meetings in your thoughts and prayers and consider who might be good to serve for next year.

We had a wonderful and enjoyable evening in Newcastle at the Valentine's Theatre Dinner. A remarkable, yet typical, experience of people coming together to produce something very special. Sincere thanks to all participants and special thanks must go to members of the events committee who planned and ensured all was a success.

God Bless, William



FAMILY SERVICE

DEVISED BY THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

SUNDAY 18th MARCH 12 NOON NEWCASTLE CHURCH

Come and Sing your Loudest!



Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service is based on the theme "All God's Creation is very Good" which was decided this year by Suriname in South America and takes place in St Mochonog's Church, Kilmacanogue at 8 pm on Friday 2 March. Please come and join us.

Graveyard Regulations and Fees

New regulations and fees for graves in Calary have been agreed with the Diocese. A copy of them is on the notice board in Calary Church Room. They include the most extensive changes to the regulations in many years.

Coffee Morning for Kenya

A coffee morning is being held at Charlotte and Diarmuid O'Brien's house at Mountview, The Paddock (between Glassnamullen and Ballyreamon Commons on the Roundwood to Enniskerry road) from 10.30 am on Friday 16 March. This is a fund raising event for 2 of our parishioners who are going to assist vulnerable people in Kenya. On 11 March, Eimear O'Brien is going to Londiani in Kenya to work with 'Brighter Communities', a charity that strives to educate and empower communities by delivering programmes that enrich lives and build strong, healthy futures www.brightercommunities.org. Claire Chambers will be going with Paula Cullen in April to visit and assist Sister Mary Killeen in the work that she does with the street children of Mukuru, a charity that Calary parish has supported for many years.

All money raised will be used for those who Eimear and Claire will be visiting and please remember that money and goods raised in Ireland are worth much more in Kenya because of the different economies. Please come and join us at the coffee morning and, if you cannot come to it but would like to make a donation, please contact Charlotte (086 835 4394) or Derek (086 831 9457).

Easter Vestry

Calary's Easter Vestry will take place at 8 pm on 26 March in the Church Room. Please come along to the meeting as it allows you to have your say on the plans for the parish in the coming year.

Fields of Life

Many thanks to all who have supported the Fields of Life sponsorship scheme in the past year. We are supporting 7 children at the moment and their photographs can be seen in the Church Room. A new year starts in April and if you would like to support the children in any way, please contact June Roe (2866030) or Charlotte O'Brien (086 8354394). Payments may be made by cheque payable to Calary Parish or by standing order.

Sunday School

Sunday School takes place every Sunday in the Church Room, except when there is Family Service

Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place on Thursdays from 8 pm in Calary Church Room. Please contact Ethni Seymour (086 809 2211) or Charlotte O'Brien (086 835 4394) if you would like to join us.



Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a fresh look at Jesus' journey from his baptism at the River Jordan to his crucifixion in Jerusalem.

Stories of Hope has been put together by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and approaches the story from a different perspective.

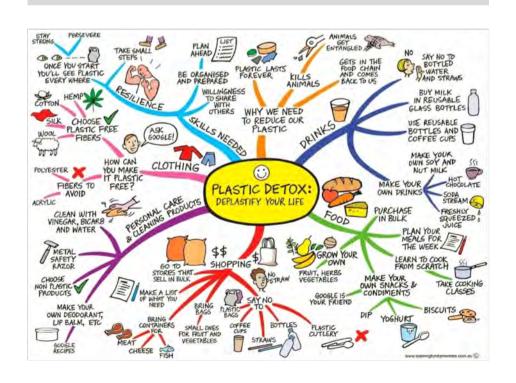
Wednesdays at 8pm in Newcastle Parish Centre.

Let's Do our Bit for our World!



You're invited to an evening of chat to share ideas on how we can reduce our environmental impact.

8pm on Monday 12th March in Newcastle Parish Centre



Do You Know What You Can Recycle?

Your new household recycling list

Rigid Plastics



Plastic Drink Plas Bottles Clea



Plastic Cleaning Bottles



Butter, Yoghurt & Salad Tubs



Fruit & Veg Trays



Plastic Milk Cartons



Soap or Shampoo Bottles

Tins & Cans



Soup Cans



Pet Food Cans



Drink Cans



Food Cans

Dry and Loose

Paper & Cardboard



Letters and Brochures



Cardboard Boxes (Flat)



Egg Boxes



Toilet and Kitchen Roll



Newspapers



Tetra Pak Juice or Milk Cartons



Valentine's Theatre Dinner Saturday 17th February

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Valentine's Theatre Dinner such a success. Together we raised a sum of €3,021 for parish funds.

Thanks to the Events Committee, to the team who set the tables, to the artists who decorated the hall, to Sheila for the table centres and her piano playing, to the kitchen staff on the night, to the cooks (Anne Garrett, Caroline Tindal, Karen Reynolds, Carol Stringer), to Pauline for the chocolates, to the waiters, to the bar staff, to the clean-up team, to those who donated raffle prizes, to the cast and band, to the Director Caroline Hill, to the Technical Director Peter Johnston, to the backstage crew and to everyone else who helped out in various ways. Lastly a huge thanks to all of you who bought tickets and came along. Here's looking forward to next year! Karen











Coffee

Coffee/tea as usual on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am in the Parish Centre sitting room.

Lunch

The March lunch, with an Irish feel to it, will take place on Thursday 15th. Book with Karen. €10 per person.

Select Vestry

The next meeting of the Select Vestry will take place on Tuesday 13th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Easter Vestry

Put the date for the annual Easter Vestry in your diary - Tuesday 17th April at 8pm in the Parish Centre. This is an important meeting in the life of the parish.

Sunday School

There will be Sunday School on Sundays 4th, 11th and 25th March during services at Newcastle Church. Children leave after the first hymn.

Prayer Space

Prayers to kick off the week on a Monday morning for about 15 minutes in the sitting room at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Parents and Toddlers

Every Monday morning from 10.30am in the main hall at the Parish Centre. Tea, coffee, toast, chat and play.

Table Tennis

Monday nights from 8pm in the main hall at the Parish Centre.

Bowls

Thursday nights from 8pn in the main hall at the Parish Centre.

Choir

The choir meets to practise on a Monday at 8pm in the Parish Centre. New members always welcome.

Youth Club

Look out for texts about Youth Club from Stephen. The club meets on a Friday evening from 8 to 9.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Parents Association at St Francis NS

'Beauty and the Beast'

Friday 23rd March at 7pm Newcastle Parish Centre Admission €2.50

Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult

What's on in the Parish Centre?

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	NIGHT
SUNDAY	Sunday School		
MONDAY	Playschool Prayer Space Parents & Tots	After School Art Classes with Bianca	Table Tennis Choir
TUESDAY	Playschool Coffee	After School Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Yoga with Yvonne
WEDNESDAY	Playschool	After School	Circuit Training with Corrie Lenten Study
THURSDAY	Playschool Yoga with Angelika	After School Lunch (monthly)	Bowls
FRIDAY	Playschool Mums' Keep Fit with Corrie	After School Anyone for Science	Youth Club
SATURDAY			

Children's Page

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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BLESSED	MIRACLES	HIGHEST	HEAVEN	CROWD
SPREAD	GLORY	PRAISE	VILLAGE	PEOPLE
DISCIPLES	CLOAKS	VOICES	LORD	PEACE
NAME	ROAD	JESUS	HILL	COLT

SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	?	SERVICE	READING
Cundou	Calary SS	9.30	NS	НС	Ex. 20:1-17
Sunday 4th	St Matthew's	10.45	NS	MP	1 Cor. 1:18-25
Lent 3	Newcastle SS	12.00	NS	НС	1 0011 1110 20
Sunday	Calary SS	9.30	WB	MP	Num. 21:4-9
11th (Mother's Day)	St Matthew's	10.45	WB	НС	Eph. 2:1-10
Lent 4	Newcastle SS	12.00	WB	MP	John 3:14-21
Sunday	Calary	9.30	WB	FS + Baptism	1 Sam. 1:20-28 Luke 2:33-35
Sunday 18th	Newcastle	11.00	WB	FS Organised by	Luke 2.33-33
Lent 5				confirmees	
 Palm	Calary SS	9.30	CT	MP	Is. 50:4-9
Sunday 25th	St Matthew's	10.45	СТ	MP	Phil.2:5-11
23th	Newcastle SS	12.00	CT	MP	Mark 15: 1-39
Maundy Thursday	Newcastle	20.00	WB	НС	Ex. 12:1-4, 11-14
29th					11-14 1 Cor. 11:23-26
Good	St Matthew's	20.00	WB	Meditation	
Friday 30th	Calary	20.00	MT	Meditation	



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.