

The CMC Times

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Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

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Thank you

On Saturday 17th November we had our Parish Winter Fair. A thank you to all who supported the fair, ran stalls and helped out with the setup and clean up. A big thank you and well done to Jillian and Rebecca who organised the fair so well. Thanks also to Joan Burton for coming and opening our Fair. Below are some photos taken on the day.



In this months issue:

In this edition we look forward to Advent and the Christmas season.

A couple of items to point out:

On Sunday 2nd December we will be having a United Ecumenical Carol Service in St. Thomas' Church, Laurel Lodge at 4.00 p.m.

The Castleknock National School Carol Service will take place on Sunday 9th December at 11.30 a.m.

Our Annual Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 16th December at 7.00 p.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.

Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

What are we celebrating at Christmas? It's obvious we are celebrating something, but what? Sometimes in these days it is difficult to find the answer. I look at the cards that come to wish me a Happy Christmas; most of them seem to be pictures of robin redbreasts, Santa Claus, winter landscapes, etc. Not much of a clue what we are celebrating. Not much of a clue either in shop windows and the vast sums of money spent over the next few weeks.

It's only when we come into church that we begin to catch the meaning of Christmas. It seems this is the only place to ask what are we celebrating? The answer is very simple – very profound, yet very simple. We are celebrating the love of God, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son'.

That familiar verse sums up the whole event of Christmas. The Child born at Christmas is God's gift to us – the greatest gift he could give.

But as well as God's love, there is something else to celebrate. We see the value God places on us, for his Christmas gift is Himself, he comes to us in person, he makes himself one with us. He shares our life. He came to show us what human life can mean, what this life of ours should be like, what it can become. This is what God thinks we are worth. It is the greatest compliment we could ever receive!

Can I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas.

Canon Paul



Family 'make yourself at home' Service

The next Family 'make yourself at home' service will take place in January on Saturday 12th January 2019 at 6pm if you can't make Sunday morning; why not call in on Saturday evening? This service will be a Service of Holy Communion. We would love to see you.

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**If any parishioners are unwell or due
to go into hospital, please let us know
so we can visit. Contact details above.**

Print Deadline

The next edition of The CMC
Times will be for **February
2019**.

The deadline for articles /
photos will be **Tuesday 15th
January 2019**.

What's happening in our Parish

Bowls

Play continues on Wednesday nights from 8pm and Friday nights from 7.30pm. Do drop in to see us and give the game a try and we always have supper and a chat at the end of the evenings!! A couple of Association matches have been played with more to follow and our Fun Christmas evening will be on Wednesday 12th December.

Valerie Greene



Castleknock Girls' Brigade

We had a number of girls enter the Annual Feis competitions on the 23rd and 24th November. The girls sang beautifully and we were delighted that Anna MacManus (Junior) was



placed joint 4th in her competition.

We now look forward to our treats before Christmas.

*Olive Good
Captain*



Sunday Clubs

The Sunday Clubs have recommenced, at 10.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla, and at 11.30 a.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock. All children of school age are welcome.



Christian Burial

On Saturday 3rd November, a funeral service took place for Kenneth (Ken) Oliver Fildes, in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock. Our deepest sympathy goes to Ken's wife, Valerie, their children, Sonya, Jonathan and Karen and his family circle as well as his friends.

Mothers' Union

There was a great atmosphere and lots of buzz at the Mothers' Union North Area Meeting in Castleknock on 5th November. Very many thanks to Ros Garrett for sharing her talents, showing us her craft work decorating everyday items from tin cans to tables and chairs - a very enjoyable evening. Thank you also to all the bakers for a super supper.

Karen Nelson told us about a request from Temple St Hospital for "daisy" bags to give to parents with their children's personal items when their little ones pass away and also a request from Aoibhneas Womens' Refuge for pyjamas, sweets and small toiletries for the women and children staying in their centre at Christmas time.

Monday 10th December at 6.30pm: Calling all singers, male and female, all ages to join us Carol Singing at the Silver Birch Unit in Connolly Hospital. Bring your Santa hats, Christmas jumpers, tambourines, shakers. All very welcome.

MU members and the carol singers are invited to Christmas Supper in the Parish Centre from 8pm. Come for the supper and stay for the chat!

Look forward to seeing you all.

Anne Cadoo



Ecumenical Remembrance Service & Blessing of Graves

This service took place on Sunday 4th November. I would like to thank the parish priests of the area for coming, also to select vestry members and our organist, Fern Bartley for all their help. €2,750 was raised in the collection for St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown, and churchyard maintenance.

Canon Paul

Services for December 2018

Sunday 2 The First Sunday of Advent

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

United Advent Service 4.00 p.m. in St Thomas' Church, Laurel Lodge.

Sunday 9 The Second Sunday of Advent

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & CNS Carol Service 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 16 The Third Sunday of Advent

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 7.00 p.m.

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 23 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & All Age Service 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's All Age Service 10.00 a.m.

Monday 24 Christmas Eve

St Brigid's First Eucharist of Christmas 11.30 p.m.

Tuesday 25 Christmas Day

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Family Eucharist 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Family Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 30 The First Sunday of Christmas

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

Services for January 2019

Sunday 6 The Epiphany

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

Saturday 12 CPC Family Service 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 13 The First Sunday after the Epiphany / The Baptism of our Lord

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Morning Prayer 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 20 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Thomas' Late Evening Office 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 27 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & All Age Service 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's All Age Service 10.00 a.m.

**Our regular Wednesday service of Holy Communion is held at
10.30 a.m. in Castleknock Parish Centre (CPC).**

Remembrance

I was asked by a Parishioner to reprint some of the facts from my sermon, at this year's Remembrance Day Service, on the 1st World War.

One aspect I spoke about was the role of Chaplains during the Great War. The rapid growth of the British Army during the First World War from 400,000 to 4 million demanded a similar expansion of the Church Chaplaincy Provision, all churches responded. By 11th November, 1918, 878 Anglican Chaplains were deployed on the western Front, with a similar number from other churches.

They were 'temporary chaplains' sourced from their home parishes with their Bishop's approval. The role of the chaplain was to boost morale and encourage the troops. When behind the lines the chaplain worked for the welfare of the men alongside leading church parades. At the front they ministered to the wounded and dying, often supporting the medical staff as stretcher bearers. Holy Communion was offered to the living and burial services were said at innumerable ad hoc graves. Some chaplains became famous like Studdert Kennedy (pictured), who was Irish and whose Father was rector of Malahide – he was nicknamed Woodbine Willy, as the only way he thought he could comfort soldiers was by offering them a woodbine, a cigarette. He also became a Great War poet.

A total of 98 Anglican Chaplains, along with 70 from other churches were killed. Their gallantry was consistently recognised at the front, with over 120 receiving the Military Cross and 2 rewarded with Victoria Crosses.

I can only admire the courage, dedication and sacrifice of such pastors in a dreadful war, in 'Flanders Field'!



Canon Paul

Sunday 9th December

11.30 am Castleknock National School Carol Service, St. Brigid's Castleknock



Sunday 16th December

7.00 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carol Service, St. Brigid's Castleknock

Christmas Eve, Monday 24th

11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas, St. Brigid's

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion, St. Brigid's

10.00 a.m. Family Communion, St. Mary's

11.30 a.m. Family Communion, St. Brigid's

United Ecumenical Advent Carol Service

on

Sunday 2nd December 2018

At

4.00 p.m.

in

St. Thomas' the Apostle Church,
Laurel Lodge

All Welcome

Diocesan Synod

As Parish Representative on the Diocesan Synod, I attended the 2018 Synod at Temple Carrig School, Greystones, County Wicklow on 9th October. I took the Luas from Cabra to the Quays, then a Dart to Bray and then the 184 bus to Greystones on what was a beautiful sunny afternoon.

The Synod commenced at 4.00 p.m. with Opening Eucharist, followed by the Archbishop's Address, which included a mention of the World Meeting of Families 2018; I took from his address the caution not to be smug or complacent in being a member of a worldwide 2000-year-old religion. The Reports of the Diocesan Councils, the Diocesan Board of Education, the Church's Ministry of Healing, the Diocesan Council for Mission and the Diocesan Committee for Social Action were presented.

I found the report of the Church's Chaplaincy in both the 3rd Level education sector and hospitals to me very interesting and uplifting. I didn't know much about the Diocesan Outreach programme until I read it in the Reports.

The Synod was well-attended and there was a great buzz about it, especially around the stands of the various Church organisations such as Protestant Aid (a favourite Charity of mine) and Mothers' Union. The stands were most informative. Indeed I picked up a very interesting booklet at the BACI stand entitled "Same Sex Issues and the Bible" which gives a balanced view on the topic from both a traditionalist and modern viewpoint. I placed a copy of this booklet and of the Reports presented to the Diocesan Synods 2018 at the back of the church. Feel free to take them home with you to read any Sunday, and bring them back for someone else to take and read the following Sunday.

Bernard Neary



Irish Cancer Society - Volunteer Driver Service

The Irish Cancer Society has a free volunteer delivered transport service for chemotherapy patients attending our partner hospitals for treatment (the Mater; Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown; Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda and St. James's hospitals). We are really struggling to recruit drivers to facilitate patient needs at the moment and need another 200 extra drivers to support patients through their chemotherapy treatments.



There are currently 500 patients accessing the service from north and west Dublin and at various times, we cannot get them to and from their appointments. As you can imagine, this causes a lot of stress for families as sons, daughters, husbands, wives have to take time off work to bring them to the hospital, or at the other end of the scale patients have to get a taxi to treatment. This is not always feasible as taxi's cost money and chemotherapy can be 5 days a week – week on, two weeks off. This really adds up with patients struggling to find the money due to either not being able to work or being on reduced hours. Chemotherapy is a long and tiring treatment.

The Irish Cancer Society needs an extra 200 drivers for their Volunteer Driver Service in the north and west of Dublin to drive cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments. We are looking for drivers with free weekday availability and who have a car available to them. Drivers should be able to commit to driving at least two full (week) days a month. All volunteer expenses are paid. If you would like to volunteer, please call Laura on 01 2310 594, email transport@irishcancer.ie for an application form.

Castleknock National School - Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Castleknock National School gave generously this year and collected 111 shoeboxes for this appeal. Team Hope supports children and communities through longer term development projects. Last year they assisted community development projects across 16 countries in Africa and Eastern Europe.

