

The CMC Times

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Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

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Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

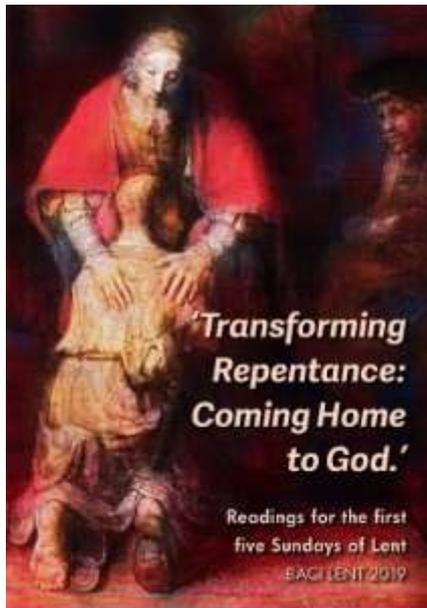
Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

This year the Biblical Association for the Church of Ireland (BACI) has launched their ninth Lenten Study entitled "*Transforming Repentance: Coming Home to God*".

This study reflects on the Lent Gospel readings from Luke and explores what Luke can teach us about repentance and the blessings it brings in a world where repentance has passed out of style.

The study can be downloaded from the BACI website at <https://bibliahibernica.files.wordpress.com/2019/01/2019-bible-studies-booklet-final.pdf>



In this months issue:

This edition reflects on the Lenten period which begins on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday falls on the *6th March* and there will be a Penitential Holy Communion service at 10.30 a.m. in Castleknock Parish Centre to mark this.

You will find our range of services for March on page 5.

On the 9th March we are having our monthly family service in Castleknock Parish Centre.

Also on the 9th March is the popular Opera Gala in St. Brigid's Church Castleknock in support of Homestart and Special Olympics Ireland. Details on the back page.

Daffodil Day
Coffee Morning in aid
of Irish Cancer Society

Friday 22nd March
9.00 am - 1.00 p.m.

Castleknock Parish Centre

Please support this worthwhile event



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CHURCH FLOWERS

Would you like to have flowers in Church in memory of a loved one or to remember an anniversary, a wedding, a baptism, to celebrate a special event or for no particular reason.

The flowers can be an arrangement, fresh flowers in a vase or a pot plant.

It does not have to be expensive

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Learning through Lent - The 5 Marks of Mission

Dear Parishioners

Over the season of Lent in Church, there is penitence, but also we try and learn something new. The Church of Ireland is an old church, and like any church needs renewal.

Yet human beings do need structure of a kind, guidelines, a plan, and a strategy. So the Anglican Communion 5 Marks of Mission offer us this kind of road-map as we contemplate Jesus' call to 'make disciples' for him.

The word 'mission' means simply 'being sent'. Christ sends his followers, his disciples, into all the world to share his love and his teaching (Matt 28: 19-20).

Over the season of Lent in my sermons and service we will be thinking of these 5 marks of mission:-

- Mark One: Tell – Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- Mark Two: Teach – Teach, Baptise and nurture new believers.
- Mark Three: Tend – Respond to human need by loving service.
- Mark Four: Transform – Transform unjust structures of society and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- Mark Five: Treasure – Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

The 5 Marks, or Aspects, of Mission are all grounded in the first – to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom. For it is only when we have been moved to do this by an awareness of God's overwhelming love and God's call on our lives that, along with fellow disciples, we can help to Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure effectively.

Yours sincerely

Canon Paul



Family 'make yourself at home' Service

The next Family 'make yourself at home' service will take place on **Saturday 9th March 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 **April 2019**.

The deadline for articles /
photos will be **Friday 15th
March 2019**.

What's happening in our Parish

Bowls

Association matches are still being played at the time of writing this, but we will wait and see how things go – the Hope Ladies are playing in the semi-finals on 20th February. We are hosting the Rohu final on 8th March. Our Club End of Season competitions have been arranged and are starting on 27th February with our finals night on 10th April to be followed the next evening with a club night out for dinner and the AGM is arranged for 1st May. How quickly the season goes by!!



Valerie Greene

Castleknock National School

On Friday 18th January, CNS had a visit from Jenny Copeland (nee Kellett) a past pupil of Castleknock NS and parishioner of St. Brigid's Church. For the past three years she has been preparing to make a summit bid on Mount Everest this coming May.

One of her goals has been about inspiring young people, daring to dream of the enjoyment the outdoors brings. Jenny gave a fascinating presentation on her journey so far, taking in Nepal (Mera and Island Peaks) in 2017 and Alaska (Denali) in 2018 and how she is preparing for an adventure of a lifetime this May.

As part of the Ireland on Everest team, she is working in partnership with Barretstown. The pupils of CNS took part in 'Odd Sock Day' and raised €280 for this worthwhile charity. We will be following Jenny and the team as one of our past pupils goes to the 'Top of the World'! We wish Jenny the very best of luck on this incredible adventure.



Sunday Clubs

The Sunday Clubs meet most Sundays 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. Please see the weekly service sheets for more details.

We were very pleased to welcome 9 month old baby



Sarah, her parents, Dania and Hashem, who came to our February meeting with Rev Abigail Sines. Sarah enthralled us all as her Mum and Dad told their story, originating in their home country of Syria, their time in Turkey and Dania's arrival in Ireland a couple of weeks before Sarah's birth. It was a reminder to us all that life treats people differently depending on where they happen to be born and how strong people need to be when there is war in their homeland and their means of earning a living disappears.

Thank you also to Rev Norman McCausland for preaching at our Opening Service on 10th February, Canon Paul for preparing the service and to our ten members who took part. The cuppa afterwards made it a very sociable morning.



We now look forward to 4th March when Gaye Ashford (of this parish literally) will tell us all about "Genealogy and How to start your Own Family Tree".

Again the cuppa and chat after Gaye's presentation are very important and everyone is welcome to come along.

Anne Cadoo

Holy Baptism

On 17th February in St. Brigid's Church, Arthur Alan & Tadhg Gabriel Westwood-Farnan were welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to them, their parents, godparents and family circle.

Services for March 2019

Sunday 3 The Sunday before Lent

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

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 6 The First Day of Lent - Ash Wednesday

CPC Holy Communion & Penitential Service 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 9 CPC Family Holy Communion Service 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 10 The First Sunday in Lent

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 17 The Second Sunday in Lent - St. Patrick

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 24 The Third Sunday in Lent

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. &
All Age Service with Brownies Thinking Day 11.30 a.m.

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

Sunday 31 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

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

Rev. Robert William Lawson

We extend our deepest sympathy to Robert's family – Ada, Theo and Paul, his mother and wider circle of family. The funeral service was attended by family, parishioners and diocesan family from Dublin and beyond.

Robert served faithfully as a Diocesan lay-reader, Deacon and Priest. He assisted in many parishes, including Celbridge and Christ Church Cathedral. He will be greatly missed, by family, friends and parishioners.

In the parish he was leader of the Boys' Brigade, helped to set up the cycling group. Under Bishop Paul Colton he became a Diocesan Lay-reader. Many parishioners benefited from his preaching and pastoral care. All this as he continued to work as a bio-chemist in D.C.U. Moreover, Robert was very much involved in the Ministry of Healing and contemplative prayer. I can say he was a deeply spiritual person. Robert saw his illness as a journey, not a struggle and helped others in their lives.

I always found Robert warm and welcoming when I visited him at home or in the hospital, always interesting and stimulating. His funeral was led by Dean Dermot Dunne and by the Archbishop and Bishop Paul Colton preached.

Robert was laid to rest in the churchyard.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

#Pennies4Plastics: A Lenten Initiative from the Church of Ireland

Throughout Lent 2019, the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, Eco-Congregation Ireland and the Representative Church Body (RCB) will be inviting individuals, families, parishes, schools, and Sunday schools and clubs to prayerfully reduce their use of plastic.

#Pennies4Plastics is an exciting initiative that celebrates God's Creation, challenges us to make small changes this Lent that help protect this Creation, and raises vital funds for Waste Aid which supports recycling in the Gambia, where many communities have no formal waste management system. It encourages all those taking part to:

1. Get informed about single-use plastic;
2. Get busy making changes (with lots of different ideas);
3. Learn about how plastic waste is being transformed in the Gambia; and
4. Pray for the important environmental issues around waste and plastics.

A resource, full to the brim with everything you need to reduce plastic waste and help others to do the same, is now available (at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/pennies4plastics).

This can be downloaded in full or in four different sections covering information, action, giving, and school assemblies and All Age Worship. You can also download labels and attach them to recyclable jars for your Lenten collection.

Lydia Monds, Education Advisor with Bishops' Appeal, says: *'As we compiled this resource we learned some startling facts. Eight million tonnes of plastic is ending up in the oceans each year – that's the weight of roughly a billion elephants. Also, Ireland is by far the EU's worst offender when it comes to buying single-use plastics. And in countries where there are no waste management systems, people's health is suffering from the mass burning of plastics whilst their livestock become ill and can die from ingesting plastic. This is not an issue for an enthusiastic few; for Christians who worship the God of all Creation, this is an issue for all of us. Take prayerful action with us this Lent.'*

Donations can be made online (at <https://store.ireland.anglican.org/donations>), through a bank lodgement, or by euro or sterling cheque (details for these payment methods are online at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org). Funds donated as part of #Pennies4Plastics will be match-funded by Bishops' Appeal and the RCB.

Eco-Congregation Ireland is an initiative of the Irish Inter Church Meeting seeking to help Christians to link the environment and their faith; it includes members from the Roman Catholic Church, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church, Methodist Church and Religious Society of Friends.



Disestablishment 150

This year is the 150 anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland. Disestablishment was put in place by The Irish Church Act 1869 (32 & 33 Vict. c. 42) and was an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, which came into force on 1 January 1871. The Act disassociating the Church of Ireland from the state and repealed the law that required tithes to be paid to it. It also ceased to send representatives to the House of Lords.

Disestablishment was a consequence of the fact that the census of 1861 showed that less than one-eighth of the population belonged to the then established church, and four-fifths were Roman Catholic.

The Church of Ireland was thus brought to rely on its own resources. It reorganized its ecclesiastical system during a convention of bishops, clergy, and laity held in 1870. Under the constitution then agreed on, the supreme governing body of the church is the General Synod, consisting of the bishops and clerical and lay representatives of the several dioceses, whose local affairs are managed by diocesan synods. Diocesan bishops are elected by an electoral college representative of all dioceses of the province in which the vacancy occurred.

The RCB Library have recently catalogued the collection of papers created in the immediate periods both before and after enactment of the Irish Church Act. These papers were stored securely in a metal trunk labelled 'General Convention Box', in the Representative Church Body and they document this period of transition from state-run Church to an independent, largely voluntary and minority denominational Church, from the perspective of those tasked with safeguarding its future in the aftermath of disestablishment. These documents tell the story of how the Church of Ireland was reorganised (with the general and diocesan synodical structures we have inherited today) and thus survived the biggest challenge of its history.

In his presidential address to the Diocesan Synod last October, the Archbishop stated that the *"period 2019–2021 will give us the opportunity to work out, through the 150th Anniversary of Disestablishment, what it is to be disestablished today. It may come as a surprise to many that the strap-line taken up by the architects of disestablishment was a positive and a pro-active one: free to shape our own future. Again we are in a position in every parish in the diocese to explore and to share this history and this future with our neighbours in an ecumenical, post-modern and increasingly post-Christian Dublin. There is an historical and a contemporary story to tell and we have our part to play and our contribution to make. Many of the churches for which we have custodianship stand on sites that are associated with our heritage both Disestablished and pre-Disestablishment. What is more, this is a great time and a great theme to share in our engagement with new communities for whom local history is so engaging and exciting."*

St. Thomas Churchyard

The Parish is now in a position to offer burial spaces in St. Thomas' Churchyard Mulhuddart, for purchase in advance.

If you would like more information on this please contact the Parish office. There will be strict terms and conditions that will need to be followed.

Canon Paul



Confirmation Group

The Confirmation Group continues to meet at 5.00 p.m. on Sundays in the Parish Centre, Castleknock. Please remember the candidates in your prayers. The Confirmation Service will take place on Palm Sunday, 14th April, at 11.30 a.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock, when the Archbishop will preside.

Hospital Visiting

I would appreciate it if families could let me know if a member goes into hospital. I may not hear otherwise, as we may not be contacted by Chaplains to Hospitals.

Many thanks, Canon Paul.



Opera Gala

This gala night is in aid of Special Olympics World Summer Games and Home-Start Blanchardstown.

Saturday, March 9th 2019 at 8pm

St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Castleknock Village.

Home-Start

Home-Start is a local charity, based in Mullmalur, that helps families help themselves.

**Special
Olympics
Ireland**



Tickets: €20.00

Guest Performers
Florence Chong-Soprano
David Corr-Baritone
Maria Matthews-Soprano
Shokri Raoof-Bass
Stephen Walker-Tenor
Pianist -Mary Scarlett
Colm Scully- Flautist

Free Parking

Tickets available from-

Rachel Devlin -086 2394387

Mary Troy -087 6295494 and from

Parish Office, Main St Castleknock, Dublin

Tel. 8200040(9.30-1pm) Except Wednesday

Limited availability at the door on the night

