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Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

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In this months issue:

A great day was had by all at our Winter Fair recently and well done to all that made it a huge success. You will find more photos from the day on the back pages.

As we begin this Advent season, we are preparing for the

Christmas period. You will find our range of services over December and January on pages 4 and 5.

A date for the calendars, our Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 22nd December in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock at 7.00 p.m.

Family 'make yourself at home' Service

The next Family 'make yourself at home' service will take place on **Saturday 7th December** 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 from the Iona Community. We would love to see you.



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The Message of Christmas



Dear Parishioners,

I love Christmas. There is something wonderful about this time of the year. I know there is the danger that it will all be swallowed up in commercialism.

Why does Christmas still stir us up with magical feelings? I think it awakes in us a dream of innocence. The memory of a time when life was less sordid, less complicated, less troublesome. When we seemed to have a lot less worry about, mortgages, job security; elderly parents, no anxiety about our children – their education, their work, their future.

Indeed for many people it is a difficult time of year, for those families who have lost a love one, it's a sad time.

Christmas is the season of hope! You see the innocent baby Jesus, neatly tucked away in a hay manger, not complaining or crying – this in fact is a stained glass illusion. Fortunately it is not the real Jesus.

The real Jesus was much tougher than that. Born to refugee parents, in an occupied country, he grew up in an obscure village. Yet this man has affected the history of the world more than any other. Why? It was that he was innocent. An innocent baby, died an innocent man at Easter thirty years later. He gives us a dream of innocence.

Jesus wants to give us the integrity, the courage, the honesty to live right. He wants to take away our selfishness and give us love. He wants to take away our bitterness and hurts, and give us peace of mind.

This Christmas, dream your dreams – but go one step further, take Jesus at his word, and let him turn your dream into reality.

Can I wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Canon Paul

United Ecumenical Advent Carol Service
on *Sunday 1st December 2019 at 4.00 p.m.*
in *Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Beechpark*
Avenue, Castleknock
All Welcome

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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**
2020.

The deadline for articles /
photos will be **Wednesday**
15th January 2020.

News from the Parish

Castleknock Girls' Brigade

November has been a busy month, with the adoption of our Seal - Lavendar down at the Seal Sanctuary. The girls have seen lots of photos and a video as we are kept updated with her progress.

In keeping with our theme of "GB Cares for the World", we have also started our recycling project and are collecting crisp packets to recycle and raise money for charity.



The older girls all helped run the sweet stall, games and face painting at the Parish's Winter Fair and great fun was had by all.

The Annual Feis competitions were held and our singers sang beautifully. We were delighted that they were placed 2nd in the Junior competition and we had two 4th places and two Highly Commended places in the Explorer competitions.

We had a great turnout for our Enrolment Service in St



Brigid's and the congregation got to see our photographs of Lavendar at the refreshments after the service.

We look forward to our Christmas outings next month.

*Olive Good
Captain*

Knit and Natter

Needles are clicking and tongues are wagging keep watch on the Sunday Service sheet for dates and places where this takes place!

Valerie G.



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We were all saddened to hear of Ruth Ryan's passing after a brave journey through illness. We send our sympathy to Ruth's children David, Michael, Michelle and their families.

Ruth was a very faithful member of Mothers' Union for many years and we will miss her.

On a happier note we'd like to send best wishes and congratulations to Judith Ellis, Mark and Aidan on the safe arrival of baby Justin.

Judith played the piano for our Songs of Praise, ten days before Justin's arrival! Thank you for the great music Judith and we were delighted to receive lovely positive comments about the evening from many who were there.

At the time of print, there will be a Prayer Vigil for "16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence" in Drumcondra Church from 11.00am – 12.00 pm on Saturday 30th November .

This was a really interesting vigil last year with moving stories about the lives of women living in hostile circumstances in Dublin.

Two invitations for Monday 2nd December:

- Carol Singing at 6.30 pm in Silver Birch Older Persons' Unit, Connolly Hospital followed by Festive Supper in Parish Centre.
- At 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre, Castleknock, there will be a Festive Supper and Christmas Quiz.

All welcome to either and both parts of the evening.

As Christmas time approaches, we remember especially our members and friends for whom Christmas 2019 will be different. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

See you soon.

Anne

St. Thomas' Church, Mulhuddart

Our winter services in St. Thomas' Church, Mulhuddart, are on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The next service is on **Sunday 15th December**, at 7.00 p.m. All Welcome.

Services for December 2019

Sunday 1 Dec 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 Carol Service in Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Beech Park, Castleknock at 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 7 CPC Family Holy Communion Service 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 8 The Second Sunday of Advent

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 15 The Third Sunday of Advent

St Brigid's Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. &
Castleknock National School Carol Service 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Thomas' Late Evening Office 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 22 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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

Tues 24 Dec Christmas Eve

St Brigid's Holy Communion 11.30 p.m.

Tues 25 Dec Christmas Day

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

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 29 The First Sunday of Christmas

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

St Mary's Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

Services for January 2020

Wed 1 *No Wednesday morning service*

Sunday 5 **The Epiphany (transferred)**

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 11 CPC Family Holy Communion Service 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 12 **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 19 **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 26 **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).**

More news in our Parish

Castleknock National School



We are keeping really busy here in CNS. Our 5th and 6th Class Pupils completed the 'Kid's Marathon' in Morton Stadium, Santry on 13th November. Well done to them all!



This is the time of year when we think of others and we collected 118 shoeboxes for the 'Hope Appeal'. We know that they will be very much appreciated by children

who are not as lucky as our children.

The 'Sam Maguire' Cup visited CNS recently. We all wore blue to match the occasion! 'Up the Dubs!'



It is Science Week and the PA Sponsored Science Workshops for all classes. We really enjoyed working all the clues to solve the crime.



Bowling Club



We have been giving it our best shot but unfortunately the men's team didn't make it through the "knock out" Miller Competition. The "knock out" Hope competition for the ladies still has to be played having got a bye to the next round. At time of writing these notes the Kerr Team won their first match in that competition so well done to them. The McIlwaine team has played 2 matches so far and have won overall in both. So Kerr and McIlwaine keep up the good play !!

Valerie Greene

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 3rd November in St. Brigid's Church, Bobby Beau Macnaughton was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to him, his parents, godparents and family circle.

Christian Burial

On Thursday 24th October, a funeral service took place for Audrey Ruth Ryan, in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock. Our deepest sympathy goes to David & Anne, Michelle, Michael & Sabina and the wider family for their loss.

On Friday 15th November, a funeral service took place for Muriel Dawson, in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Joe, and children, Olivia & Seamus, Keith and Beverley & Paul and the wider family for their loss.

Confirmation 2020



The Confirmation classes began on Sunday 17th November from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Castleknock. At a parents and candidates meeting in October it was emphasised the importance of belonging and believing, belonging not only to the Church of Ireland but to the world wide Anglican Communion and indeed the wider church. We hope that confirmation will deepen this sense of belonging and commitment.

Canon Paul

Winter Fair



