

# The CMC Times

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## 'Caring for Creation'

The Biblical Association for the Church of Ireland (BACI) have launched their 2020 Lenten Bible Study recently. The study, entitled 'Caring for the Garden of the Earth', has been written by scripture scholar Margaret Daly-Denton.

Launching the study, Archbishop Jackson said that she had drawn on her expertise to highlight the relationship between theology and the Fifth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion which centres on care for Creation. The series also makes the connection between Gethsemane and Paradise, he added.

"People who use this resource will be greatly enriched by it," he stated. "One of the delightful things that Margaret does is to turn scripture into prayers and we can all try this approach too. A lot of work has gone into these studies and it is demanding but those who engage with them will get a lot out of them."

'Caring for the Garden of the Earth' is divided into five sections: What must we do to perform the works of God?; Supposing Him to be the gardener; 'My Father is still working and I am also working'; God, the Lover of Life; and Jesus feeds five thousand people.

The Bible Studies can be purchased at €3.00 or £2.50 (plus postage) from BACI treasurer Barbara Bergin at [berginba@gmail.com](mailto:berginba@gmail.com). The Bible Studies will also be available for download from the BACI website [bibliahibernica.wordpress.com](http://bibliahibernica.wordpress.com).

## In this months

### issue:

The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday with a Holy Communion and Penitential service. This service will be on **Wednesday 26th February at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre, Castleknock.**

### Dates for your diary:

**On the 9th February we will welcome The Most Reverend Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare, to preach at the Mothers'**

**Union Opening Service in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla. She will also preach in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.**

**The Brownies and Girl Guides will join us in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock, on the 23rd February for their Thinking Day.**

**Please also remember the young people preparing for their confirmation on the 22nd March in St. Brigid's Church. Archbishop Jackson will join us on the day to take the service.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Blessing Ijaye Azie-Obioha who was recently conferred with her Masters in Mental Health (Psycho-Social Strand) from Trinity College Dublin. She is pictured with her husband, Dr. Prosper, after the conferring ceremony.



Also, congratulations to Beth Angela Wherity who was recently baptised in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla. Pictured is Beth with her parents, Eoghan and Susan, and Canon Paul.



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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

For more information please contact  
Meryl Foster (Castleknock) or  
Margaret Tutty (Clonsilla)



### Family 'make yourself at home' Service

The next Family 'make yourself at home' service will take place on **Saturday 8th February** 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.

**Family Service**



### 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 16th February**, at 7.00 p.m. All Welcome.



# Valentines

Dear Parishioners,

There are rival claimants for the relics of St. Valentines. They come from Dublin, Glasgow and Edgbaston – and his head, some say, was once buried in Winchester.

I don't find myself all that attracted to the subject of 'old bones', especially as some say there were two St. Valentines – one a Bishop and the other a priest – and that much of what is said about both of them is legend.

There is the great deal of commercialisation of St. Valentine's Day (14th February). This year the shops and advertisement columns will be crowded with decidedly expensive valentines of one sort or another, which I think debases the whole idea.

But please don't get me wrong and think I'm against them. But romance is best conveyed, I reckon, by simplicity: a simple poem, or even a letter. And let no one with love in their heart think there's nothing of the poet in them. One of my favourite poems – 'First meeting' by A. S. J. Tessimond – begins just like a valentine - "*When I first met you, I knew that I had come at last home. Home after wondering, ... long being lost*". And he goes on - "*... I was walking and talking and laughing easily at last .... and these words are the beginning - of my thanks.*"

St. Valentine himself, since we know very little about him, doesn't provide much raw material for our valentines; but there is help. One writer said '*friendship lies close to perfection and friendships like a step to raise us to the love and knowledge of God*'.

As we approach Valentine's Day, I find myself thankful that my closest friends have done just that for me. They have taught me that prayer can be a kind of valentine that we send to God himself – in return for the gift of his love.

Yours sincerely,

Canon Paul



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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 **March  
2020**.

The deadline for articles /  
photos will be **Thursday 13th  
February 2020**.

# News from the Parish

## Castleknock Girls' Brigade

Before Christmas the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders enjoyed a great evening at Awesome Walls. The girls all got to try out various difficulty levels of climbing walls at their own pace. There was great excitement when the leaders got harnessed up as well and climbed some of the walls.



The Tiny Tots and Explorers enjoyed a more sedate outing when they went to see Frozen 2 in the cinema in Blanchardstown on the Saturday before Christmas. The girls were all mesmerized by the movie and enjoyed singing along to some of the songs.

We had to say goodbye to Lavendar, our adopted seal, as she has been released by the Seal Rescue Centre just before Christmas.

After Christmas the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders finished their craft which they had been working on over the last couple of months. The Juniors have made button bracelets and the Seniors woven bracelets whilst the Brigaders all knitted hats. These will all be donated to Team Hope for their shoebox appeal. The Explorers have started decorating umbrellas for their main craft of the year.



As part of our theme #GB cares for the world, the Juniors and Seniors have produced movies/documentaries on what we have been doing and learning

about as a company to do our part to help save and protect the environment. These movies/documentaries are the girls entries for the Chaplain's Challenge competition.

The girls are also working hard on practicing all their dances for the forthcoming Modern Dance, PE and Skipping competitions which take place in February and March.

*Olive Good,  
Captain*

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On January 6th we had a two part programme. Many thanks to Ada and Sharon for a light-hearted start to 2020 and to Rachel for an informative talk about the HomeStart Diocesan Project. There was lots of fun and friendship along the way – a most important aspect of the evening.

Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, His Personal Story is the title for our meeting on 3rd February. Cllr O'Brien is Mayor of Fingal and we look forward to learning about the work of a county councillor.

Our MU theme for 2020 is "Building Hope and Confidence". We are very pleased to welcome The Most Reverend Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare, as our preacher at the Opening Service in St Mary's Church, Clonsilla on Sunday 9th February at 10.00 a.m.

Diocesan Breakfast Meeting will be held in Springfield Hotel Leixlip on Saturday 29th February at 9.30 a.m. The Guest Speaker will be Mr John Saunders, CEO of Shine (National organisation supporting people affected by mental ill health). Tickets are €8.00.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chatty Eager during her hospital stay and we send her our good wishes.

We extend a warm welcome to all at our branch meeting, opening service and diocesan breakfast meeting. Hope you can come along.

See you soon.

*Anne*

## 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.*



## Services for February 2020

- Sunday 2      The Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas**  
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 8      CPC      Family Holy Communion Service 6.00 p.m.**
- Sunday 9      The Third Sunday before Lent**  
St Brigid's      Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. & Morning Prayer 11.30 a.m.  
St Mary's      Mothers' Union Opening Service 10.00 a.m.
- Sunday 16      The Second 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.  
St Thomas'      Late Evening Office 7.00 p.m.
- Sunday 23      The Sunday before Lent**  
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.
- Wednesday 26      Ash Wednesday**  
St Brigid's      Holy Communion & Penitential Service 10.30 a.m.
- Sunday 1 Mar      The First 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).**

# More news in our Parish

## Castleknock National School



On the last day of school in December Santa paid a visit to CNS to visit all the good girls and boys. They sang Christmas carols and Santa chatted to all the children and provided them with a treat and a

gift for the classroom. Thanks to the Parents Association for facilitating the visit by Santa

There is a new board of Management for Castleknock National School. We welcome the new members of the Board for the next 4 years, they are:- Alan Chiswick, Patron's Representative, Marian Flanagan & Mark Gargan, Community Representatives, Shane Loughrey-Grant & Chloe Webb, Parents Representatives and Damien O'Connell, Staff Representative. The Rector continues as Chairperson of the Board and Sandra Moloney the Principal is also on the board. Mark Gargan has agreed to serve as Hon. Treasurer and Shane Loughrey-Grant as Hon. Secretary. I would like to thank the out-going Board for all their work over the past four years. I look forward to working with the new board for the benefit of all the children in the school.

*Canon Paul*

On the 19th January, we welcomed Ms. Shona Rusk, Diocesan Lay-Reader, who preached at our main morning services that day. She is pictured with Canon Paul in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla.



## Christian Burial

On Monday 23rd December, a funeral service took place for Sarah Lilah McCleary, in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, John, and to her family for their loss.

## Bowling Club



We are still giving it our best shots in the Association competitions ..... The Kerr Team won their 2 matches away (Glenageary & Tullow) and will play both those teams at home in January. The Mcllwaine Team has played 4 matches and won the 4. The Hope Ladies won their match so are through to the next round of that "knock out" competition. Our last play night in December was our Christmas competition and fun night. Dressed up in Santa hats and jumpers, 4 teams played each other over 5 ends and the winning team then played a solo shot to get nearest the jack. Beatrice, Marie, Nigel and Malcolm played their shot and Malcolm was the winner ..... well done! Canon Paul presented the prizes. The night finished with a lovely supper, plenty of chat and a small present for "everyone in the audience" We resumed club play on 3rd January and as I write these notes the Mcllwaine Team have played away in Finglas but only got 1 point. The Kerr Team are playing home matches on Friday 24th January against Glenageary and Friday 31st January against Tullow. The Mcllwaine Team play Greystones at home on Friday 17th January and Whitechurch away on Monday 27th January. So hopefully we will have more "wins" to report.

*Valerie Greene*

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 12th January in St. Brigid's Church, Jeremy Liu was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to him, his parents, godparents and family circle.

## Confirmation 2020



The Confirmation classes continue on Sundays from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in the Parish

Centre, Castleknock. 15 young people are preparing for their Confirmation, which will take place on **Sunday 22nd March 2020 at 11.30 a.m.** We hope that confirmation will deepen this sense of belonging and commitment and that you will keep all the candidates in your prayers.

*Canon Paul*

# Other News



## Craft Corner

The Craft Stall at the Winter Fair was a huge success! It was lovely seeing how creative so many of you are! We were amazed at the amount of people that showed an interest in the vast range of hand-crafted items.

We chatted to lots of people and exchanged ideas. We would love to combine and share all the ideas in a new group where we can encourage people to try new things and create unique masterpieces from everyday items.

Are you interested in Crafts or Upcycling items? A small group of us would like to run an adult Craft morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Parish Centre once a month.

Our first get-together will take place on **Monday 24th February**. The main aim of Craft Corner will be to meet up and share ideas, free of any charge, in a relaxed atmosphere. We will have some craft materials available or you can bring along something to make or just come along for ideas and creative chat.

*Ruby Bannister*

## Brownies/Girl Guides

The Brownies and Girl Guides will have their Thinking Day service on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** at 11.30am in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.

## Visit from Christian Aid

On **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** there will be a visit from Ms. Dee Huddleston of Christian Aid who will be looking at the critical issues of climate change and the world. She will speak at both the 10.00 a.m. service in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla and the 11.30 a.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.

## Wednesday Club

Our opening meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th February** at 11.30 a.m. in Castleknock Parish Centre. This will take the form of an AGM followed by a beetle drive and tea and sandwiches. The finalised programme for the next six months will be circulated. Can you please let a member of the committee know if you will be coming to the AGM for catering purposes.



## Voluntary Vacancy

The Board of Trustees of Mothers' Union Dublin & Glendalough are seeking to appoint an Honorary Secretary to work as part of the Dublin & Glendalough Mothers' Union team. The post holder will support the work of Mothers' Union throughout the diocese.

The successful candidate will be required to work flexibly from their home base and closely with the Board of Trustees and Diocesan President.

The successful candidate will need to be able to work on own initiative and have:

- Strong communication, written and verbal skills
- Excellent presentation and interpersonal skills
- Competent in Microsoft Office / Excel

Reasonable office and travelling expenses will be paid.

Further information, a job description, and the application form are available from [presidentdgm@gmail.com](mailto:presidentdgm@gmail.com)

## Poppy Day Appeal

The Poppy Day Appeal in Castleknock and Clonsilla raised €270. Thank you to those who contributed on Remembrance Sunday. This fund goes to assist the needy ex-servicemen, women and their dependants in the Republic of Ireland.



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# **DAFFODIL DAY**

*(IN AID OF IRISH CANCER SOCIETY)*

**FRIDAY MARCH 27TH 2020**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**IN THE**

**PARISH CENTRE, CASTLEKNOCK**

**9.00A.M. - 1.00P.M.**

**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT**