

# The CMC Times

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Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

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# General Easter Vestries



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## Re-opening Church

Dear Parishioners,

We were pleased that we were able to come back to church from the beginning of July. The restrictions are tight, and we have abided by the Government / Church Guidelines. This includes no singing in church. This is very strange for Church of Ireland parishioners, as hymn-singing is an important part of our worship.

We have three services each Sunday, at 10.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla, at 11.30 a.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock, and at 7.00 p.m. in St. Thomas' Church, Mulhuddart. Moreover, we have begun to have Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month, and we also have our mid-week Wednesday Holy Communion, in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock, at 10.30 a.m. We are giving Communion in one kind only, bread / wafers, as guided by the Bishop. This is to be reviewed in November.

Kind regards and God bless,

*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.**

## CASTLEKNOCK SUNDAY CLUB IS BACK WITH A DIFFERENCE



Unfortunately, due to the National COVID-19 Emergency the Sunday Club Team are following public health guidelines and not resuming Sunday Club in the Parish Centre for now. We are very, very, very disappointed by this as we miss all the members. So we have decided to hold a Virtual **Sunday Club Quiz**, on **Sunday 11th October 2020 @ 2pm**.

In order to enter the member must be attending primary school and have an adult present with them for the duration of the Quiz. If interested in attending, please email [sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com](mailto:sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com) by **20th September 2020**. This will enable us to send the virtual invite to participants prior to the day.

Please keep an eye on your email for further information!!! Look forward to seeing you all then!!!!

Castleknock Sunday Club Team

### Print Deadline

The next edition of The CMC Times will be for **October 2020**.

The deadline for articles / photos will be **Tuesday 15th September 2020**.

# Services for September 2020

(Subject to change depending on Government guidelines)

**Sunday 6**

## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St Mary's                      Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                      Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

St Thomas'                      Evening Prayer 7.00 p.m.

**Wed 9**

St Brigid's                      Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

**Sunday 13**

## **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St Mary's                      Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                      Morning Prayer 11.30 a.m.

St Thomas'                      Holy Communion 7.00 p.m.

**Wed 16**

St Brigid's                      Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

**Sunday 20**

## **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St Mary's                      Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                      Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

St Thomas'                      Evening Prayer 7.00 p.m.

**Wed 23**

St Brigid's                      Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

**Sunday 27**

## **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

St Brigid's                      All Age Service 11.30 a.m.

St Thomas'                      Holy Communion 7.00 p.m.

**Wed 30**

St Brigid's                      Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

**Currently our Wednesday service of Holy Communion is in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock at 10.30 a.m..**

## **Clonsilla General Easter Vestry**

This was held on Sunday 30th August at 10.00 a.m. The following were the results:

**Rector's Church warden** – Alex Alino

**Peoples' Church warden** – Avril McCabe

**People's Glebe Warden** – Bob Tutty

**Parochial Nominator:** Valerie Fildes

**Supplemental Parochial Nominator:** Maurice Maxwell

**Diocesan Synod Representatives:** Liz Fleeton

**Supplemental Diocesan Synod Representatives:** Margaret Tutty

### **The following ordinary members were voted onto the Select Vestry for 2020/2021:**

Lorna Beattie, Valerie Fildes, Gordon Hill, Liz Fleeton, Maurice Maxwell, Barbara Melbourne, Prosper Abioha, Anne O'Connor & Bernard Sheridan.

At a brief meeting of the new select vestry, Maurice Maxwell was elected as the Honorary Secretary and Gordon Hill as the Honorary Treasurer.

## **Castleknock & Mulhuddart General Easter Vestry**

This was held on Sunday 30th August at 11.30 a.m. The following were the results:

**Rector's Churchwarden, Castleknock** – Rodney McCullough

**Peoples' Churchwarden, Castleknock** – Victor Raj

**Rector's Churchwarden, Mulhuddart** – Sadie Smullen

**Peoples' Churchwarden, Mulhuddart** – Gordon Kellett

**Rector's Glebewarden** – James Anderson

**People's Glebewarden** – Walter Meara

**Parochial Nominators:** James Anderson, Gladys Hutchinson & Mark Ellis.

**Supplemental Parochial Nominators:** Rachel Devlin, David Smyth & Anne Cadoo.

**Diocesan Synod Representatives:** Victor Raj & Rachel Devlin.

**Supplemental Diocesan Synod Representatives:** Kevin Daly & Hal McGuckin.

### **The following ordinary members were voted onto the Select Vestry for 2020/2021:**

Eddie Colton, Kevin Daly, Eimear Devlin, Mark Ellis, Philip Good, Gladys Hutchinson, Valerie Jameson, Alex Kitching, Pauline McConnell, Sam McKeever, Orla Moore & David Smyth.

At a brief meeting of the new select vestry, Philip Good was elected as the Honorary Secretary and Alex Kitching as the Honorary Treasurer.

# Rectors Annual Report 2020

This has been quite an exceptional year for the church and for everyone.

As someone joked, I don't know why I brought a 2020-year planner! One thing that was postponed from both parishes was the General Easter Vestry meeting, normally held around Easter. This is a triennial election year, when we not only elect a Select Vestry, Churchwardens and Glebewardens but also representatives for Diocesan Synod and Parochial Nominators. So we meet today as we were told that this work had to be done if the Diocesan Synod is to meet in October.

In-person church services had to be stopped on St Patrick's Day. I was sorry that the Confirmation service with the Archbishop, due to take place on the next Sunday, 22nd March, did not happen. The archbishop wrote to all the candidates about the postponement.

The work of the church and church services have continued, virtually. The online streaming of services from March, I think have been appreciated. In that regard, I would like to thank Philip Good, my wife Adrienne and Jenny McGrath, and all who took part in those services.

We were able to return to the churches for worship at the beginning of July, with a maximum attendance of 50 and following government guidelines. Sadly, we are not allowed to sing in church, but we thank Fern Bartley, our organist, for playing for us. Another change has been Holy Communion in one kind, i.e. bread/wafers. This is strange for Church of Ireland parishioners, however, this will be reviewed in November.

I have tried to keep in contact with parishioners through email and phone calls to our house-bound and the sick. I hope I can get back to pastoral visiting soon. I am pleased to say there have been no deaths in the Parish due to Covid-19, although some have caught the disease. Our hearts and sympathies go out to all who have been bereaved and all frontline workers at this difficult time.

Moreover, I am very involved in two schools, Castleknock National School and Castleknock Community College, our best wishes go to the Principals, staff and students as they reopen. I called in at C.N.S. and C.C.C. and realise the tremendous work taking place to have all the pupils back safely. In the

summer I was busy appointing three new teachers to C.N.S. and they are settling in well.

The Parish Centre in Castleknock had to also closed its doors. We are gradually re-opening the centre on a phased basis, again keeping in line with government guidelines.

Over the year, 2019-2020, we were able to have our Family Fun Day in September and the Winter Fair last November, as well as the Wednesday Club outings. We will have to see what is possible over this coming year.

I was pleased before the lockdown to have the tarmacadam in the churchyard in St. Brigid's re-laid, it is a fine job. Moreover, we had a new lighting conductor installed on the church spire! Added to this, columbarium walls were put up in St. Brigid's and St. Thomas' (graves can be pre-purchased in St. Thomas'). In St. Mary's a new area has been laid out for a columbarium.

Before the lockdown we were planning to celebrate 150 years since Disestablishment when the Church of Ireland gained its own 'home rule' and its independence from the state. All churches were to be open on culture night – again plans have had to be put on hold.

We have continued the search for a curate over the past year, using a number of methods to fill this position, including advertising in the Church Times. The Archbishop has indicated that he will keep us in mind for a curate. A trainee deacon was offered from September who would assist a few days a week and on Sundays but this had to be deferred also.

I would like to thank Stella Obe, our lay-reader for her help and hope she keeps well.

Finally, I would like to thank the select vestries – for all their work and service. To our organist and choir director and the choir, I still recall the lovely services, the harvest, advent carol service and Christmas carol service, that we had last year.

I want to thank all our church workers, Sunday club, youth organisations and all our groups for their work. I wish them well over the next year.

God bless and stay safe.

*Canon Paul*

# News in the Parish

## Castleknock National School



At the time of writing, C.N.S. was to reopen on Thursday 27th August and the hope is that all pupils will be back. The Principal, staff and Board of Management have been working hard to ensure a safe return.

Furthermore, we will be welcoming three new teachers to the school, appointed by the Patron, after due process.

I realise this has been a very difficult and uncertain period for everyone. For the children, they have been out of school for almost 6 months. The Principal, teachers and students have had to learn quickly about online learning. I am sure they will be glad to get back into the classroom, but it will be a new normal for everyone. We send our best wishes to all the children, Principal and staff for the new term.

*Canon Paul*

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 23rd August in St. Brigid's Church, Izuchukwu Udemezuem Aniekwena was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to him, his parents, godparents and family circle.



The water stopped trickling over the stones last September. We paid no heed during the winter months then springtime, sunny weather and Covid19 lockdown descended on us all. We ate lunchtime sandwiches in the garden, looked at the water feature with its two little carved birds and a carved frog but no water. The brittle pipe had broken in two. We contacted the supplier – no joy – the pipe and motor had come from China! Much discussion followed. Restrictions eased, we could travel further from home. Problem solved unexpectedly in a pet shop where a new pipe and motor for aquariums fitted perfectly and the water flows again with tinkling, soothing sounds.

I share the above story as it reminds me we don't currently have answers to the many complex issues of life in 2020 but eventually these answers will unfold and there will be solutions, not necessarily as we expect but bringing new beginnings. A July line in Sarah Young's Jesus Calling is "hope is a golden cord connecting you to heaven. This cord helps you hold your head up high, even when multiple trials are buffeting you" and also quoted by Sarah Young is Hebrews 6: V.19. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure".

The evenings are drawing in and I'm hopeful we will soon be back in the Parish Centre sharing stories, friendship and supporting one another. Reminding me of the late Vera Lynn (who passed away in June, aged 103). She encouraged and entertained the troops during the Second World War as she travelled to be with them in person at their camps. She inspired them with the encouraging message "We'll meet again". I hope you are well and look forward to catching up with you soon. Keep safe and God bless.

*Anne C*



# 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  
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