

# The CMC Times



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF  
ELDEST SON OF THE REV. GEORGE WOODS, BISHOP OF  
DIED 7TH OCTOBER 1814 IN HIS 45TH YEAR  
THIS CROSS WAS USED IN HIS CHURCH AT HIS BURIAL

**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla  
November 2020**



# 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),  
Margaret Tutty (Clonsilla) or the  
Parish Office on  
01 - 8200040



## Rector Writes

Dear Parishioners,

As I write to you, we have moved to Level 5 restrictions. My thoughts and prayers are with all who have been affected by Covid-19 and those who have been bereaved. Moreover, I know this has put a huge strain on our frontline staff and hospitals. I realise too the enormous effect this is having on people, especially the housebound, and the worry and anxiety this has created on all employers and workers.

For our church services we have gone back online. We record these services and they go out at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We are alternating between St. Brigid's, Castleknock and St. Mary's, Clonsilla.

Our Joint Harvest Service was online from St. Mary's. We are grateful to our speaker, Canon Peter Campion, who spoke and at the same time baked bread! You can see the final product at the end of the recorded service.

I would like to thank Stella Obe, our Diocesan Lay Reader, and all who take part in the services. In particular I would thank Philip Good for all his help in producing the services. Our church services will have to continue online for some time.

All Saints Day is on Sunday 1st November and there will be a service of Holy Communion from St. Brigid's Church. Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday and an Act of Remembrance and Prayers for Peace and the Victims of War will be available online.

### The Confirmation

The Confirmation was due to take place on Wednesday 11th November and has had to be postponed again. I and the Archbishop are very disappointed about this. We will continue to keep in touch with the candidates and will let them know as soon as possible when there is a new date.

God Bless and stay safe,

*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 a double issue  
for **December 2020 /**  
**January 2021.** The deadline  
for articles / photos will be  
**Friday 13th November 2020.**

# News in the Parish

## Castleknock National School

A big welcome to our new staff members and our new Junior Infants. It is so good to be back to school in CNS and be together whilst staying apart. We are all keeping busy and we are getting together via zoom every Friday for assembly. As parents are not allowed in the school due to current restrictions, we are uploading photographs on our website weekly to show 'life on the inside' ([www.castleknocknationalschool.ie](http://www.castleknocknationalschool.ie))



### National Tree Day:

The 1st October was National Tree Day and we were visited by the Tree Council of Ireland and RTE News2Day to mark the occasion. The Minister for Land Use and Biodiversity, Pippa Hackett, attended and planted a Cherry Tree in our yard to mark the occasion and to celebrate our 300th Anniversary.



*Above: Minister for Land Use and Biodiversity, Pippa Hackett with some of the children of CNS.*



*Left: Planting a Cherry Tree for National Tree Day*



Why does an octopus have 8 legs, Nana? Why does water come out of the whale's back? The wonderful story of *The Snail and the Whale* (by Julia Donaldson) prompted these questions from our 3 year old grandson when having WhatsApp story time together. I have to confess, I answered that I don't know .... but that doesn't take from the fact that it's an inspiring story. The whale took the snail on an adventure, when the whale was beached the tiny snail slithered to the school and up the blackboard "writing" a silvery trail with the words "SAVE THE WHALE" and they did.

We have many questions at present and currently don't know the answers but we also have resources to help us and need to harness them (like the snail at the school). We need to remind ourselves of Jesus' promise (recently in my diary), *"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."* John 14:27 .... words that could have been written for us now as we come to terms with Covid-19 and all the changes we have to make.

We send sympathy to Stella Obe on the recent passing of her sister in Nigeria. Our prayers and thoughts are with Stella at this time. Congratulations to Valerie Greene on receipt of a certificate for 45 years membership of Mothers' Union (pictured below). Valerie has made many contributions to MU at branch level and also as Diocesan Treasurer and we thank her for her friendship in Castleknock branch over the 45 years.

Anne C



# More News

## Bowling Club

We are all missing our weekly meet up to play bowls not to mention the chat. We are also very much missing meeting our friends in the other clubs in the Association.

We hope everyone keeps safe and well and we look forward to being able to start up again whenever we are given permission to do so.

*Valerie Greene*



## Re-roofing of St Thomas' Mulhuddart

At the time of writing the re-roofing of St. Thomas has been moving ahead at speed. And should be completed within the next two weeks. Fortunately, the contractors have had good weather to carry out the work. I am grateful to Alan Kelly, James Anderson and Gordon Kellett in overseeing the work for the parish.

*Canon Paul*



## 16 Days of Activism against Gender based Violence

The Parish of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla will host a service on Sunday 26th November online, marking the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence with Dublin and Glendalough Mothers' Union. The guest speaker will be Ms. Ifrah Ahmed. Ifrah Ahmed is one of the world's foremost campaigners against Female Genital Mutilation and is Gender Advisor to the Government of Somalia. For us as a parish community, and in the Mothers' Union, we must have a distinctive voice as we join with others to support this 16 Days of Activism.



## We want to hear from you.

If you have any parish or community news which you think would be of interest to the readers of The CMC Times at large, please send it to us, typewritten or by email. Pictures also welcome, in colour only, prints or by email (high resolution). Publication cannot be guaranteed. Contact details are on page 2. Thank you!

# Sunday Club

# BIBLE

# BINGO

**Sunday 22nd November**

**2020**

**2.00 p.m.**

**Email: [sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com](mailto:sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com)**

**for more details.**