

The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla
October 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
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Rector Writes

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago, a letter appeared in a newspaper from a mother of student age children. She stated that there seemed to be no confidence whatever in that generation, especially in regard to climate change and now the pandemic – Covid-19. She felt the greatest task is to try to recover hope for the future. I suspect she was speaking for many.

What do we say about these things from a Christian perspective? In the Old Testament we read of someone like the prophet Elijah, a frightened and hopeless man being hunted down. There is a moving picture of Elijah standing outside his hiding place while the most dramatic forces of nature soared around him, wind, earthquakes and fire and God was in the least dramatic of all 'the still small voice'. Of course, this was written a long time ago. Yet the stories from the Old Testament can speak to us and the story of Elijah is one of these.

First comes the point about purpose, the prophet had lost his belief in any purpose because of the shattering events of his time. He could not hear God's voice! He couldn't even be sure that God existed! In the end, he had to sense that purpose through the small things of life – the 'still small voice'. Against all the odds, sometimes against the evidence we need to hold on to the belief, that there is a loving purpose around us and working through the events of our time.

Secondly, we need a commitment by more people to the struggle for a better future. So many people are just drifting through life caring only for their own comforts, their own career, their own hobbies or family. Of course, we need to care for all these things. A battle is going on around us and it calls for commitment, it calls for solidarity amongst all of us. We need a vision not simply of a better Ireland but a better world. The Gospel does not speak of preserving the world as it is. It declares the transformation of all things. In the life, death and resurrection of Christ the God of history, gave history a new direction. His spirit is still at work in his world and in his church and gives us faith and hope for the future - that love will triumph.

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.**

Print Deadline

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

The deadline for articles /
photos will be **Thursday 15th
October 2020.**

News in the Parish

Re-roofing of St Thomas' Mulhuddart

I am pleased to say that the much needed re-roofing work began on the 6th September and will take several weeks to complete. The evening services at St. Thomas' have had to

be cancelled. St Thomas' is a small, beautiful church and worth preserving for future generations. Its renovation is an on-going project.



Canon Paul

Castleknock Parish Centre

Castleknock Parish Centre has re-opened on a phased basis. The after-school group, School Kids Aloud, has returned to the centre as part of Phase 1. This has been done following current Government Guidelines. It is hoped that Phase 2, which is due to commence late September or early October, will be bringing back some of the parish organisations to the Centre.



After a long break, the Boys' Brigade finally returned on Tuesday 15th September. At present we're holding virtual meetings until we're clear to return to our regular meetings in the Parish Centre. For our first meeting, we had a fun "get to know each other" session followed by some quizzes.

We've a great group of members and we're always open to new joiners. We currently meet online on a Tuesday evening. Our Anchors section (boys and girls in Junior Infants to 2nd class) meet at 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Our Juniors & Company sections (boys and girls in 3rd class up) meet at 7.15 pm to 7.45pm.

If you're interested in joining the BB you can contact me by email on 10BBCastleknock at gmail.com

Barbara O'Rourke, Company Correspondent



Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

It was a welcome gift – a tray of 6 viola plants. They were perfect for the recently cleared Belfast sink in the back garden and produced a lovely display of colour in contrast to the white container. One day in early July, I looked out the window and the violas were headless very disappointing. However, with some treatment and the passage of time a new display has returned, bigger and better than the first one and unexpectedly lifted the spirits. The story reminds me of our current situation when life is unpredictable, surprising, disappointing, changing but still goes on with its twists and turns. I saw a quote from Harriet Beecher Stowe recently. She tells us to "Never give up, for that is the place and time that the tide will turn". (She wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin in 1852).

It's autumn time and the virus tide has not yet turned so we sent out an invitation to meet outdoors on Saturday morning and all who responded were delighted to get together, see each other's faces, rather than masks. The weather was kind and this simple gathering brought joy. We're looking at other ways of staying connected and continue to keep in touch by regular email letters. To quote Vera Lynn, "We'll meet again". Keep safe.

Anne C

The leaders have been meeting and planning our return to activities over the past number of weeks.

We are looking forward to restarting with the Tiny Tots and Explorers in the Parish Centre on Saturday 10th October at 10.00 a.m.

We will be restarting the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders on Wednesday 14th October but this may have to be online to start with due to ongoing COVID restrictions in Dublin. We hope to meet face to face with this group as soon as possible.

We have lots of activities planned for all the girls and although it will be different from previous years by necessity, we hope they will all have lots of fun.

Olive Good, Captain.



‘Be a voice of hope in difficult times’

Report on the Mothers’ Union Diocesan Festival Service by Lynn Glanville, DCO.

Mothers’ Union and the Church of Ireland must be a voice of hope in difficult times. This was the message members of Dublin & Glendalough Mothers’ Union heard at their annual Diocesan Festival Service in Christ Church Bray on Thursday September 10. The Rector, the Revd Baden Stanley, said that now more than ever, the Church of Ireland and the wider community needed the family supports offered by Mothers’ Union. But he said both the Church and Mothers’ Union may have to change how they engage with people.

Archbishop Michael Jackson presided at the service which was attended by representatives from across Dublin & Glendalough. While the size of the congregation was restricted, the service was recorded and is available for all to watch online - <https://youtu.be/QVd3fKyrrSg>.

The Diocesan President, Karen Nelson, read the Epistle and during the service three trustees were commissioned. Rachel Devlin was commissioned to the office of Vice President for Fundraising and Communications, Ann Mulligan was commissioned as coordinator for Finance and Central Committees and Rom Olusa was commissioned as co-ordinator for Faith and Policy.

The theme for Mothers’ Union for the coming year is ‘Building Hope and Confidence’. The Rector tied this in with Disestablishment as the Church of Ireland commemorates the 150th anniversary of its disestablishment.

He suggested that the Church of Ireland faces similar challenges now as it did 150 years ago when its status and connection within the State was changed. “I don’t

think we can fully grasp the shock felt by the Church of Ireland community when their whole sense of identity was married to being the established church and the connection to the Church of England. It had repercussions for years to come,” he commented.

Mr Stanley observed that now members of the Church of Ireland were very comfortable with being disestablished. Part of the reason for this is that we have come to see the benefits of the situation, he said. Growing up in the countryside, he recalled the reticence within the Church of Ireland community. “We didn’t put our heads above the parapet,” he said. However, he added that over the years they had built hope and confidence and now “we can be a voice of hope in times of difficulty”.

He said he had gained an insight into the passion of Mary Sumner and her clear vision for the need for Mothers’ Union. That movement has grown into itself with bonds and connections across the world.

“I’ve loved watching in recent years Mothers’ Union growing in confidence as we become aware of the calling that is on our lives and our community to nurture and pray for all who are struggling with family life. There has never been a greater need for this. We don’t know if the Church of Ireland is going to be here in this form. Everything is changing under our feet. There is a shift as seismic as Disestablishment. The way that we do and be church is not connected the way it needs to be. It is the same for Mothers’ Union. We need to be creative,” he stated.

He said that what both the Church and Mothers’ Union offered was still needed but as we emerge into a new reality, we are “woefully unprepared”.

“The vision is right but the model may need tweaking,” he explained. “We may need to go back to the drawing board in how we do church, in how we do Mothers’ Union. The world is changing and we lack the ability to bring people closer to God. The example Jesus gave us is one of servant and surrender and therein lie the roots of what we have to offer. What is important is what God does with and alongside people.”



Photo left: Newly commissioned Mothers’ Union trustees Rachel Devlin, Rom Olusa and Ann Mulligan with Diocesan President Karen Nelson (centre) and Archbishop Michael Jackson and the Revd Baden Stanley.

Virtual QUIZZ

The background is a dark blue space filled with yellow stars of various sizes. There are several cartoon-style illustrations: a red rocket on the left, a grey spaceship with a character in the cockpit on the right, a ringed planet (Saturn) on the right, a yellow crescent moon in the center, a large yellow cratered moon at the bottom left, and several astronauts in white suits floating in space. White wavy lines resembling orbits or energy waves are scattered throughout the scene.

Sunday Club

Quiz

Sunday 11th October 2020

2.00 p.m.

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for more details.