



Parishes of
Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla



Service of the Word for
16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2020
Sunday 29th November 2020

Welcome to All who join us Online Today

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Introduction

Karen Nelson
Diocesan President Dublin & Glendalough MU

The 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence is an international campaign beginning on 25th November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ending on 10th December, International Human Rights Day. In Ireland, our focus will continue to be on highlighting domestic abuse now sadly termed by the World Council of Churches as the “second pandemic”.

Each year our Mothers’ Union activities evolve prayerfully and practically as we host a Vigil in each diocese, support our local refuges provide information and worship materials and contact politicians. This year our diocese of Dublin and Glendalough will focus on Female Genital Mutilation.

In 2017 an estimated 5,790 women and girls living in Ireland had undergone Genital Mutilation, central Statistics Office data/ Akidwa. Worldwide 200 million women and girls have undergone Female Genital Mutilation (UN).

In challenging social injustice, Mothers’ Union has a long standing three -pronged approach - PRAYING, ENABLING AND CAMPAIGNING. We are therefore very pleased to have Ms Ifrah Ahmed here today to speak about Female Genital Mutilation.

During these 16 Days of Activism, we are focussing on Violence against Women and Girls and asking that you do what you can to inform yourself, your friends and the community about this issue that affects one in three women worldwide. Through prayer and campaigning let us work towards there being no more 1 in 3!

We invite you to join us in Sunday Morning Worship which will be led by Rev. Canon Paul Houston, Rector of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla.

Welcome

Rev. Canon Paul. Rector of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

Greeting

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all the people shall see it together.

Isaiah 40.v5

Opening Hymn 136

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward:
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch forth thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Charles Coffin (1676 - 1749)
tr. John Chandler (1806 - 76) altd.
based on Luke 3: 1 - 18*

Opening Prayer and Confession

Loving Lord, who has called us to be the body of Christ,
make us ready to act as his hands and feet in the world,
to raise awareness of what must be challenged and to
address the plight of the vulnerable. **Amen.**

**Forgive us, Lord, who call ourselves your own
but daily cause you pain,
Who see someone in need and walk across the
road, hear about injustice and fail to say a word.
Forgive us Lord who call ourselves your own.
Renew our hearts our souls and minds;
Strengthen our faith and make us a people who
are your hands, your feet and voice with this
world. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to
put on the armour of light now in the time of this
mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility; that on the last day when he shall come
again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the
dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from Genesis chapter 1 beginning at verse 27.

So God created humankind in his own image in the
image of God he created them; male and female He
created them. God blessed them and said to them. Be
fruitful and increase in number.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God designed us in His image to work in his created world. Our physical bodies are an important part of the body of Christ, and the temple of the holy spirit. Every aspect of our bodies has a purpose. To damage our body is to say we know better than God. We are each beautiful and precious in His sight.

The Second Reading

A letter from Corinthians 1 chapter 12 beginning at verse 12.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it so that there should be no division in the body, but that its many parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Interview by Rachel Devlin MU

‘Female Genital Mutilation’
with Ms. Ifrah Ahmed, Gender Advisor to Prime Minister of Somalia.

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgiving

Loving Lord,
your care and love are ever present in our lives.
We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the
world who live in situations of abuse and violence.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our Prayer.

Give them hope in their hopelessness;
Help them find strength in their weakness;
Grant them freedom from their oppression;
Transform their brokenness into wholeness;
and heal their wounds, visible and invisible.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our Prayer.

Grant us all the courage and wisdom, grace and
humility, To act in all times with compassion and care.
And grant all who are harmed by abuse or coercion,
peace through justice. This we ask in Jesus name.
Amen.

Mothers’ Union Prayer

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given
to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless
the work of Mothers’ Union as we seek to share your
love through the encouragement, strengthening and
support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your
Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in
love and service reach out as your hands across the
world. In Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
gladden your hearts and scatter the darkness from
before you; and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 365

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and
salvation!
All ye who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting
sustaineth;
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.
Joachim Neander (1650 - 1680)
tr. *Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Announcements for - Sunday 29th November 2020

**With Covid-19 restrictions in place attending services will be postponed
but will be streamed online until restrictions are lifted.**

Sunday 6th December

Holy Communion for the Second Sunday in Advent, from St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock
can be viewed from 10.00 a.m. from the parish website:
www.castleknock.dublin.anglican.org

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.

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