

# The CMC Times



Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

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



## Rector Writes



Dear Parishioners,

It was a strange Christmas and New Year. Numbers were small in church. However, we were able to broadcast the services on our live streaming cameras from St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock. Moreover, we broadcasted a recorded Carol Service on Sunday evening, 21st December. We have also trained up 4 people to help with the cameras on Sundays, we would like to have more people involved.

Both St. Brigid's and St. Mary's were beautifully decorated for Christmas and the Epiphany. I would like to thank those who were involved, for their creativity and imagination. Moreover, to thank the parish choir, and our organist and choir director, Fern Bartley, for the beautiful carol service.

We do not know at present how long the latest 'lockdown' will last, but we will continue to stream our service on Sunday mornings at 11.30 a.m. and our mid-week service on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. via our website. These are also recorded but it may take 24 hours before they go up on YouTube.

### Castleknock National School

We send our best wishes to the teachers and staff of CNS, and indeed to all our children and young people whatever school they are attending. This is a difficult time for all of them. I know teachers and staff have now switched to 'Blended Learning'. I have been taking part in Zoom assemblies which are another way of keeping in touch.

I have been impressed with the educational programmes on RTE2, School Hub, on for 2 hours each morning and also programmes on BBC. I hope with the vaccines we will see light at the end of the tunnel.

### Christian Unity Week

I have been in contact with the new chaplain at TUD – Blanchardstown, Susan Jones, to see how we may be able to co-operate. During Christian Unity week, I did a broadcast to students and staff. The theme this year was 'Abiding in Christ' and the importance of 'Welcoming Others'. I hope we can build on our relations with Educational Colleges.

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 a double issue for  
**March 2021**. The deadline for  
articles / photos will be  
**Monday 15th February 2021.**

# More News

## Bowls

A big THANK YOU to Margaret Tutty for all she did in writing cards and buying and packing the lovely Disney socks for all in the club for Christmas. We still miss meeting up to play but when we will get back together remains very much in doubt at the moment. Keep safe and well everyone in the meantime.



Valerie Greene

It was great to see so many on our recent Zoom night when Dougie Hobson told of the challenges the Mustard Seed Street Project faced during 2020. They keep in



nightly contact with the boys and girls on the streets of the city, bringing food, basic clothing and above all kindness and hope. He received very positive feedback on his way of relating to people, both on the streets and as a speaker.

We are also uplifted by the changing seasons and nature.

The recent harsh frosts turned the geraniums black.

When discarding them the stored pots of spring bulbs caught my eye. One pot was stacked on top of another but nature was at work. The shoots were bent over and had pushed their way around the pot above them – a remarkable feat. Now that they are free of their burden, they've straightened up and by the time you read this we will have a display of daffodils. They didn't get the message about the pandemic and the sight of them from the kitchen window will warm our hearts - spring, new life and new beginnings are on the way. Take care and God bless.

Anne C



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a service of Holy Communion and Penitential service at 10.30 a.m. that will be live streamed on our YouTube channel.

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 13th December in St. Brigid's Church, Oscar Jack Fox was



welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to him, his parents, godparents and family circle.

## Castleknock National School

Before Christmas the school celebrated Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. We were all getting very excited as we looked forward to our holidays. Our assembly that morning was about Advent. Canon Paul spoke to us about waiting, preparing and visiting. He was wearing his Christmas jumper as he visited us via Zoom! We looked forward to seeing our families and friends safely over the break. We will be back together in CNS in the New Year.



Sandra Moloney

## Services online



Please join us online on our YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_4GE2QH5nUxy5CdRZqoMrA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_4GE2QH5nUxy5CdRZqoMrA) for services each Sunday at 11.30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. from St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.

# New Stamp Marks Church of Ireland Anniversary

A new stamp marking the 150th Anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland issued recently (Thursday December 7) from An Post. The €1 'N' rate stamp, by Dublin's Vermillion Design, features an image of the Sun, Moon and Stars stained-glass panel in the Cathedral of Saint Fin Barre in Cork City.

The Church of Ireland was officially disestablished on 1 January 1871. This meant it was no longer tied to the Church of England or to the State. Disestablishment (along with Home Rule and the Land Act) was part of the then British Prime Minister William Gladstone's efforts to deal with 'the Irish question'. Disestablishment was of national importance, removing the status of a state church that had commanded the allegiance of a minority of the population.

Archbishop Michael Jackson welcomed the new stamp saying: "Disestablishment has enabled the Church of Ireland to be free to shape its own future. Today's Church of Ireland wants to invest the energy of that freedom in the life of today's Irish society.

"When the Irish Church Act 1869 dissolved the union between the Church of Ireland and the state, an early strategist of the disestablished church said that the Church of Ireland was 'free to shape her future course, independent of state control' and focus on its own personal and spiritual mission.

"Disestablishment would see the Church of Ireland becoming an entity in its own right from 1871, tied to neither the Church of England nor the State. It has enabled the Church to find afresh its independence and mission. It has conferred freedom for laity and clergy to develop a synodical way of life and understanding and to engage with confidence with those of other traditions", he concluded.

The Sun, Moon and Stars panel is one of the 74 windows in St Fin Barre's Cathedral featuring the watercolour paintings of William Burges, who was awarded first prize in the architectural competition to rebuild the cathedral in 1863, and Horatio Walter Lonsdale. The image was reproduced by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral.

The stamp and a special First Day Cover envelope are available from [anpost.com/shop](https://anpost.com/shop) (with free delivery) for 12 months, at the GPO Dublin and main Post Offices.

<https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2021/01/07/new-stamp-marks-church-of>

