

# The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla**

**March 2021**

## Rector Writes

Dear Parishioners,



I was pleased to welcome the Archbishop on Sunday 7th February to preach and celebrate Holy Communion. Moreover, he dedicated our new live streaming system. We installed this system at the beginning of December and we were able to use it at Christmas. Before that we had been recording the service on Saturday and broadcasting on Sundays.

The Select Vestry of Castleknock decided that the way forward was to purchase two cameras. There is one installed at the back of the Church. This can rotate to take in the whole Church, it can focus in on the pulpit, the lectern and the side Chapel, the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Also there is a mobile camera which can focus and give more detail. It can be used at baptisms, weddings and Sundays. We now have a team of operators. Recently, we have used the cameras at funerals. With the continuing restrictions I believe the system will prove invaluable. The services can still be accessed through the Parish web-site. I see this as an asset for the Parish for many years to come.

With kind regards,

*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.**

# St Patricks Day

On March 17th, Feast of St. Patrick, a  
celebration of Holy Communion will  
be broadcast at 10.30 a.m. on our  
YouTube channel.

## Print Deadline

The next edition of The CMC  
Times will be a double issue  
for **April 2021**. The deadline  
for articles / photos will be  
**Monday 15th March 2021.**

# News around the Parish

We continue to think of you all as one month rolls into



another, we keep in touch by email/letter and Zoom for those who have access to it. Zoom is wonderful when it works and a great blessing (I've experienced the headache when it doesn't go right, internet issues and grappling with the technology but it's worth it for the end result). There was an All-Ireland meeting recently - the most striking part for me was the different accents from the four corners of our island – all blended together from our own homes.

It's 100 years since the passing on 7th February of Annabella Hayes the founder of Mothers' Union in Ireland. She set up Mothers' Union as a network of support for women in the Parish of Raheny. Mothers' Union was a radical idea and 100 years later is a worldwide organisation. The websites are a great resource to access from your home. There is a nine page booklet on the Dublin and Glendalough site titled "Grief and bereavement during the Covid-19 pandemic - Supporting yourself and others." On the All-Ireland website there is a gallery of photos from the 2020 photo competition. Mothers' Union.org shows the international dimension and there are great prayer resources.

My mantra is still that of Vera Lynn "we'll meet again". There is no substitute for real person to person contact. In the meantime "mind yourselves".

God bless.

Anne C

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday this year, 28th March.



This is also the beginning of summertime. There is still great uncertainty as to whether we will be back in Church. However, it is my intention at least to have a service on Good Friday and Easter Day, via live stream, as well as the mid-week Holy Communion on Wednesday. Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Joyful Easter!

Canon Paul

## Castleknock National School

As I write, we are back working remotely from home as schools were unable to re-open after Christmas. We are all so disappointed that we cannot all be together in CNS. However, everyone is making the best of it and hoping that we will all be back together soon!

Pupils and teachers are working away and sharing their work on Seesaw. Assembly is taking place every Friday via Zoom and all the teachers and pupils are meeting up with their classes via Zoom too. It is not the same as being together but it is good to be able to see each other!

We are running an Art Competition at the moment and the creativity and talent we can see is wonderful – we will be uploading all the great works of art on our website soon.

We have offered places for our new infants in September and we are looking forward to welcoming new pupils and new families to join us after the summer.

Hoping to be back in our school building, together, as usual, soon!

Elaine Watters  
School Secretary



Zoom Assembly for CNS

## Christian Burial



On Tuesday 26th January, a funeral service took place for James Hilton, in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his family, partner Cheryl, sons James and Anthony, daughter Jennifer, grandchildren Mia and Teddy, brothers and sisters, Cheryl's family and the wider circle of family and friends for their loss.

On Wednesday 10th February, a funeral service took place for Alfred (Alfie) Walter Inglis in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.

Our deepest sympathy to his family, sons and daughters-in-law, Alfred, Roger & Collette, William, Derek & Anne-Maire and Brian, grandchildren Andrea, Emilia, Aoife and Louis and the wider circle of family and friends, for their loss.

# More News

## New Hospital Chaplain for Connolly

Following a recent recruitment process, Archbishop Jackson has appointed the Revd Trevor Holmes as the new full-time Healthcare Chaplain for the dioceses with responsibility for Beaumont, Connolly and The Mater Hospitals, commencing in May 2021.

Trevor was ordained deacon in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin in 2013 and subsequently priested in 2015. He has served in a non-stipendiary capacity in a number of parishes in the Diocese of Meath & Kildare. He has been active in Church life since his teens and is currently a member of both Diocesan and General synods.

He has spent the majority of his career in North American multinational corporations, including in a variety of senior leadership positions. He has also served in senior roles in public service and higher education for over a decade. He was appointed the Secretary General of the Irish Red Cross in early 2020 having previously held the position of Vice President for External Affairs in Dublin City University and prior to that a similar role in University College Cork. As he prepares to take up his new position he looks forward to completing his remaining Clinical Pastoral Education over the coming months.

Trevor has been married to Anne for over thirty years and they have two adult sons, Lyndon and Elwin. In his leisure time, his hobbies include reading, travel (when it was allowed!!), theology, and current affairs.



## 42nd Co. Girls Brigade



During January and February in addition to their usual activities of craft, bible stories, games, quizzes and scripture lessons, the girls have been learning about Caring for Pets. The Juniors and Seniors introduced each other to their pets and taught the other girls in their group all about their pets and how to care for them. Our course, not all girls have a pet at home - so the Company adopted an Asian elephant and Red Panda from Dublin Zoo. Girls who did not have pets of their own could learn all about these animals and share what they learned with others in their group. Meanwhile the Brigaders' learned about the conservation projects funded by Dublin Zoo to protect Asian Elephants and Red Pandas. To finish off this project, we invited Robyn, a veterinary nurse from Cara Veterinary Hospital, to talk to the girls on a Wednesday Zoom session about her work with animals. During the call, the girls had lots of questions for Robyn about caring for pets, so many that we ran out of time. The Tiny Tots and Explorers visited our adopted 'pets' by going on a virtual visit to Dublin Zoo one Saturday and also made elephant and red panda crafts.



## Mothers' Union on RTE

On Mothering Sunday this year, 14th March 2021, the morning service on RTE will be led by members of the Dublin and Glendalough Mothers' Union with their newly appointed chaplain, Revd Canon Leonard Ruddock. The service will be televised at around 11.00 a.m. However, if you miss the broadcast and wish to watch afterwards, it will be available on the RTE player.

# Help support our Parish

Dear Parishioners

We hope you and your family are keeping well at this difficult time. With the continuing restrictions of church closures and, when opened, numbers that will be allowed to attend services being small, our parish's income has dropped significantly. Unfortunately, it was also not possible to run our Winter Fair, our main annual fundraiser, last year either.

So, we would like to appeal to you again, and if you have not already done so, to think of giving financially to the Parish in lieu of your normal envelop or plate cash donation in one of the ways outlined below.

1. Lodge your normal envelope/plate cash donation by setting up a Standing Order (say monthly) to either Castleknock or Clonsilla Parish. The appropriate Standing Order forms are available on the Parish website at <https://castleknock.dublin.anglican.org/contact/church-giving/> and, when completed, should be returned to the Parish Office for the attention of the appropriate Treasurer.
2. Lodge your normal envelope/plate cash donations through online banking to the appropriate Parish Account, details of which are below, say every four to six weeks, and in December before 31st December financial year end. Please ensure you give your family name/envelope number as a narrative.

**Castleknock:**

Ulster Bank

157 Phibsboro Road

Dublin 7

**BIC:** ULSBIE2D

**IBAN:** IE59 ULSB 9850 9025 0900 88

**Account Name:** Castleknock Parish

**Clonsilla:**

AIB Bank

37/38 Upper O'Connell Street

Dublin 1

**BIC:** AIBKIE2D

**IBAN:** IE92 AIBK 9311 3608 0140 14

**Account Name:** Clonsilla Parish Church

3. Send a cheque to the Parish Office payable to either Castleknock or Clonsilla Parish.

Choosing one of these options will ensure an ongoing regular flow of income for the Parish. Also, if anyone needs personal or financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Rector by phone on 01 8213083.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Alex Kitching  
Hon Treasurer  
Castleknock

Gordon Hill  
Hon Treasurer  
Clonsilla

# Choristerships at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Warmest greetings from Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

You may, or may not be aware that every year a number of places become available at the Cathedral Choir School for boys and girls to become choristers and come join us in the stalls.

To ensure the survival of this great 600-year-old tradition we would normally visit various schools across the area conducting preliminary general class auditions, but sadly this year for obvious reasons that isn't possible. Instead, we are reaching out directly to parents via these and other schools, music centres, teachers, choirs, churches and youth groups to inform potential parents about the Choristerships on offer here and the opportunities and experiences that their children can benefit from by becoming a Cathedral Chorister.

If your child/grandchild/nephew/niece/student is starting 3rd or 4th class this September and they enjoy singing/making music then please keep reading, a Choristership at Saint Patrick's Cathedral Choir School could be just the thing.

Becoming a chorister at Saint Patrick's Cathedral opens a world of exciting opportunities including performing to a professional standard on a daily basis in Ireland's largest Cathedral, as well for live broadcasts on both Radio & TV, Concerts, Recordings & Tours. All choristers attend the Cathedral Choir School a co-educational National School which, established in 1432, is Ireland's oldest school and its only specialist choir school. In addition to their school education, choristers receive a first class musical education for free including instrumental and vocal tuition care of our visiting team of music tutors. For those already studying privately, generous bursaries are available.

So whether you're an interested parent, teacher, relative, a family friend or neighbour, if you know someone who you think could benefit from the unique experiences & education offered here then do please have a look at our website and drop us a line, we'd love to hear from you.

We're not looking for musical genius, although we'd never turn one down, what we're looking for is potential. You'd be pleasantly surprised as to what 4 years in a Cathedral Choir can do for a young person's confidence, most children when they audition take a fair amount of coaxing to sing in front of a stranger, but that doesn't put us off, so please don't let it put you off. Given time their confidence grows and eventually there's no stopping them.

*Interested?*

Visit our website for more details about the Choir School and the Cathedral Choir, you can even have a listen to one of our most recent recordings: [www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/choirschool](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/choirschool).

Drop us an email – our staff are always happy to talk with prospective parents: [music@stpatrickscathedral.ie](mailto:music@stpatrickscathedral.ie).

Fill in a Register of Interest Form online and we'll arrange an online voice trial: <https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/choir-school-expression-of-interest/>

I hope that you'll consider such an experience for your son or daughter and will get in touch.

With all best wishes,

*Stuart Nicholson*



# Walking with Jesus in the Wilderness

## 'Walking with Jesus in the Wilderness' – Lay Readers Provide Daily Lenten Reflections

While churches remain closed, Lay Readers from the length and breadth of the United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough have gathered virtually to provide a thought for the day online during this period of Lent.

Entitled 'Walking with Jesus in the Wilderness', the series of short reflections are posted daily on the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough YouTube channel and will also be available on the Diocesan Website, Facebook page and Twitter.

Archbishop Michael Jackson began the series on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and will provide weekly reflections on Sundays throughout Lent. The Diocesan Readers take over from Mondays to Saturdays to provide hopeful reflections and prayers for our times based on the readings for each day until Maundy Thursday, April 1.



## 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) or

Margaret Tutty (Clonsilla)

