

# The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla**

**April 2021**



**Castleknock and Clonsilla Sunday Clubs**

**are hosting a Virtual**

# **Easter Story**

# **SCAVENGER**



# **HUNT**

**Easter Saturday**

**3rd April 2021 at 4.00 p.m.**

**All children of school going age are welcome to attend.**

**Please email [sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com](mailto:sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com) by 8 p.m.**

**on Wednesday 31st March 2021 to receive further instructions and the zoom link!!!**

**We really hope you can join us.**

## Rector Writes



Dear Parishioners,

We read in the Gospel according to St John 20 verse 19, “*the doors were shut where the disciples assembled for fear of the Jews ...*”.

Fear of the Jews was, for the disciples, more religious than racial. In the end it was like most fear, fear for their very existence and identity. It may have involved fear for the future; fear of the unknown; fear of failure; and maybe other fears besides. But in the end, it was, as I say fear for their life, their existence, their identity. There is only one basic answer to that fear, and that is something which assures you that your identity will never be taken away. And that is what Easter is about.

Most people have felt fear, uncertainty and anxiety over the past year of pandemic. Moreover, many have lost their lives and many have been bereaved. So, let us at this Eastertide, take hold again of that simple truth of God’s unimaginable love in the resurrection of Christ. That he has prepared for us ‘such good things as pass our understanding’.

Let us admit, frankly and fearlessly, that, concerning the details, our knowledge of what happens when we die is small. Words do fail. The human imagination, great as it is completely failing. ‘Now we know in part’. But there is no need for us to try and penetrate the unknown, because of one thing: Jesus has told us all we need to know. He has told us by his life that God is love. And doesn’t that say all we need to know?

Can I wish you all a happy and joyful Easter!

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.**

### Print Deadline

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



# News around the Parish

Since last writing we have had two Zoom meetings and it was super to see so many familiar faces – from Cork to the Wirral, from Co. Meath to Co. Down. We really miss those who are not in a position to join us. We send a very big thank



you to our speakers, who are both our own members. Lesley Anders took us on a virtual tour of MoLI (Museum of Literature Ireland) based in St Stephen's Green with infectious enthusiasm (where she is a voluntary story teller). Canon Aisling Shine shared her thoughts and words of wisdom with us in "Time out with Aisling" and wrote wonderfully relevant prayers for the occasion.

We are waiting, trusting and hoping both literally and spiritually as some of our members have been vaccinated and as Easter approaches we think of Jesus' crucifixion which was followed by his Resurrection, bringing hope to us all. We wait and trust for the time when society can come together and function normally and interaction can resume as it surely will. Take care and stay well, looking forward to being together for the cuppa and chat!

Blessings.

Anne C



Holy Week began on Palm Sunday this year, 28th March. This is also the beginning of summertime. With current restrictions, we can not hold in person services at the moment. The following services will be broadcast on our YouTube channel during Holy Week on [youtube.com/channel/UC\\_4GE2QH5nUxy5CdRZqoMrA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_4GE2QH5nUxy5CdRZqoMrA).

## **Wednesday in Holy Week 31st March**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

## **Maundy Thursday 1st April**

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

## **Good Friday 2nd April**

7.30 p.m. Devotional Service

## **Easter Eve 3rd April**

4.00 p.m. Virtual Easter Story Scavenger Hunt (via Zoom)

## **Easter Day 4th April**

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

# Providing Bereavement Support to All in Need – Clontarf Parish Launches New Service

The impact of the pandemic on how we mourn our loved ones has led a Dublin parish to set up a new bereavement service. The Dublin Bereavement Support Service (DBSS) was launched by Clontarf Parish recently.



Comprising a team of trained bereavement counsellors who are volunteering their time and expertise, the service will initially operate via zoom until it can safely transition to a person-to-person counselling service. They will support people dealing with grief by providing freely accessible, professional bereavement support to all who need it.

The new DBSS was born out of conversations between the Rector of Clontarf, the Revd Lesley Robinson, and parishioners Jim Kieran and Dr Tony Walsh, both of whom are experienced bereavement counsellors, focussing on the impact that the pandemic and all the associated restrictions have had on the experience of loss and grief.

Many families have lost a loved one to Covid 19 and most could not be with the dying person in their final days and hours. Meanwhile, everyone who has been bereaved over the course of the last year has been denied many of the supports and rituals which are usually such an important part of the grieving process.

“Gone are the wakes and the reposing. Funerals have mostly been arranged over the phone with the services themselves being shortened, and the attendances greatly curtailed to the extent that sometimes even close family members have not been able to attend,” Lesley observes.

“After the funeral, the traditional gatherings centred around the sharing of food and memories have also had to be sacrificed, along with all the callers who would normally bring welcome support and distraction in those difficult days and weeks after the bereavement. All of this is so counter-intuitive and counter cultural in a society like ours which normally puts such emphasis on the rituals around death and bereavement and will no doubt lead to a lot of unprocessed grief around the loss of loved ones,” she adds.

Both Tony and Jim have been involved in bereavement support for many years through the Irish Hospice Foundation and the Bereavement Counselling Service which formerly operated out of St Ann’s, Dawson Street. Following the closure of the BCS a few years ago and in the current circumstances, they and the Rector agreed that a new bereavement support service would be both beneficial and necessary. Jim used his network of former colleagues to bring on board a number of trained and experienced counsellors who agreed to be a part of this new venture, and the seed which had been sown began to sprout.

While the DBSS will be run under the auspices of Clontarf Church of Ireland parish, and is rooted in the Christian calling to show love and compassion to all, the service is open to everyone. The service is offered in an impartial, non-judgemental way which does not seek to impose religious beliefs on others and acknowledges that people’s experiences of grief may differ, but all are equally valid.

Initially, the service is being offered via zoom on a one to one basis, but later in the year when the vaccine rollout is more extensive and restrictions have been lifted, face-to-face counselling will be offered. As all the current volunteers are in the Clontarf area, the Parish Centre on Seafield Road will provide one venue, and another will be sourced elsewhere in the North Dublin area. Eventually it is hoped that with the addition of more trained volunteers the service will be extended into South Dublin.

The support service is being offered free of charge although donations can be given if desired. Prospective clients can contact the volunteer counsellors directly by accessing the contact details on the DBSS website [www.bereavementsupport.ie](http://www.bereavementsupport.ie). DBSS wishes to acknowledge the invaluable and generous contributions made by Tom Hennessy, Alive Coaching, Orla Fitzmaurice, Poppyvine Website Design, and Abigail Hicks, Designer and Illustrator in getting this venture off the ground.

# Church of Ireland Parish Choirs Online

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**Kevin O'Sullivan**

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# The Crucifixion

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**Rev. Jack Kinkead**

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**Brian Hennessey**

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**Dr. David O'Shea**

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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

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