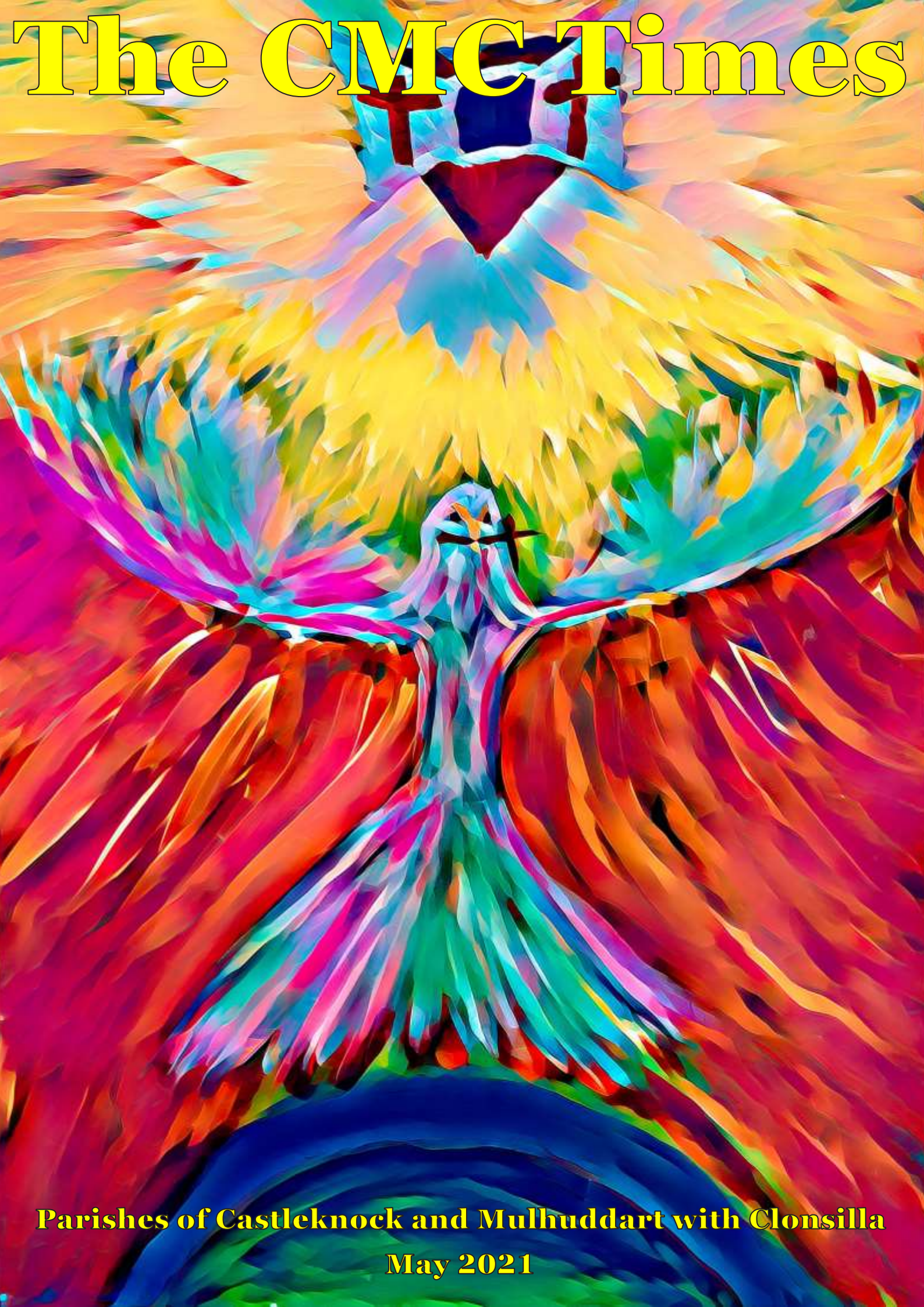


# The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla**

**May 2021**



## Rector Writes

Dear Parishioners,

It was another very different Easter this year.

I was pleased we were able to continue our live stream services. In Holy week we had services on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. I was glad to see a good many viewing at Easter.

I would like to thank all who were involved. I would like to thank Stella Obe for her continuing leadership and preaching at our services. This is much appreciated. Moreover, Fern Bartley our organist and choir director played throughout Holy Week and the choir recorded a beautiful anthem for Easter Day, 'The strife is o'er'.

I would like to thank our 3 cameramen, Philip Good, Victor Raz, and Mark Ellis for their great help. Meryl Foster beautifully decorated the Church for Easter.

The Sunday Clubs also organised an Easter Story Scavenger Hunt on Easter Eve via Zoom. It was well supported by children and their parents, thanks go to the Sunday Club Leaders for organising this event.

Again, this Easter was a great period of uncertainty. Our hearts and sympathy go out to all who have been affected by Covid-19. Those who have been bereaved, are sick, and those who are still struggling with long covid. If we are feeling tired and frustrated, what must it feel like for our frontline staff coping with this pandemic for over a year. The question remains, when will we get back to normal and what will normal look like? Keeping the flame of faith alive is something we must continue to do. For we are Easter People - people of hope and resurrection. We must bring this hope to others in these difficult days.

God bless and stay safe.

*Canon Paul*

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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 the issue for  
**June 2021**. The deadline for  
articles / photos will be  
**Friday 14th May 2021**.

# Services for May 2021

(Subject to change depending on Government guidelines)

It was with delight this week when we heard the Government announcement to ease restrictions and that churches may re-open with 50 people in attendance from May 10th. We plan to re-open both St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla, and St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock, on Sunday 16th May at 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. respectively.

Live streaming will continue from St. Brigid's for those wishing to 'attend' church this way on Sundays at 11.30am. Our midweek Wednesday Holy communion service at 10.30am we will open for service on the 19th May, this will also continue to be streamed live.

## **Sunday 16                    The Seventh Sunday of Easter - Sunday after the Ascension Day**

St Mary's                    Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                    Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

**Wed 19**                    St Brigid's                    Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

## **Sunday 23                    The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

St Mary's                    Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                    Morning Prayer 11.30 a.m.

**Wed 26**                    St Brigid's                    Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

## **Sunday 30                    Trinity Sunday**

St Mary's                    Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                    Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

**The Wednesday service of Holy Communion is in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock at 10.30 a.m.**

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We were delighted to have John Terry and Hilary Nason on our recent Zoom meeting entitled "Welcome to the garden". The wonder of technology – they joined us from East Cork and John gave a very informative talk on organic alternatives for the control of garden pests. He also shared many practical tips for successful growing. The presentation concluded with beautiful photos of their 1.25 acre cultivated garden by the sea. Many thanks for a lovely evening which was very well supported.

Zoom is wonderful and it's great to see familiar faces, even on a screen. It's no substitute for being together in person and we do miss those who have not been able to join us virtually. Take care and stay well. We'll meet again soon.

Blessings.

Anne C

## General Synod 2021

### Change of Dates

This year's meeting of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland will no longer be taking place in May but will be held by electronic communication technology from September 30 to October 2 2021, as approved by the Standing Committee.

The hours, and the link for the electronic meeting, will be communicated to Synod members in due course. Please visit the General Synod website for further information: <https://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2021/welcome>.



## Boys' Brigade

It's been a very different year for Boys' Brigade as we have been unable to hold our regular meetings in the Parish Centre.

Instead, we have continued our weekly sessions via Zoom. The weekly sessions have challenged our Wi-Fi connections, our technical skills and proven how much more technically adept our members are versus the grown-ups. Despite all of these challenges, we have been able to enjoy a wide range of fun activities.

During the year, we have explored many themes such as Boys' Brigade around the world, the history of sports and learned about some crazy sports people take part in (extreme ironing for example!). We've adventured to the Antarctic with Ernest Shackleton & Tom Crean, visited underwater laboratories and learned what life is like on the International Space Station. Most importantly though, we've been able to come together in fellowship and enjoy each other's company.

We wrapped up for the year on March 23rd with a family fun quiz and prize giving ceremony. In line with our BB tag line "The adventure starts here", each member was gifted the book, "In Quest of Adventure – 25 challenges to do before you're 12". Let's hope lockdown continues to ease so that our members can make a start on their challenges.

I'd like to thank all our members and their parents for continuing to participate in online BB this year. It's been difficult but a return to normal activities in September looks promising. A big thank you too to Boys' Brigade Ireland for all their support during the year. In addition, they have provided each member with various fun activity packs during the year.

Enjoy your summer and here's to another fun filled year ahead come September.

Barbara O'Rourke





# 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



## Clonsilla General Easter Vestry

This was held on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m. The following were the results:

**Rector's Church warden** – Alex Alino

**Peoples' Church warden** – Avril McCabe

**People's Glebe Warden** – Valerie Fildes

**The following ordinary members were voted onto the Select Vestry for 2021/2022:**

Lorna Beattie, Gordon Hill, Liz Fleeton, Maurice Maxwell, Barbara Melbourne, Prosper Obioha,  
Anne O'Connor, Bola Sobowale and Bob Tutty.

At a brief meeting of the new select vestry, Lorna Beattie was elected as the Honorary Secretary and Gordon Hill as the Honorary Treasurer.

## Castleknock & Mulhuddart General Easter Vestry

This was held on Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 7.30 p.m. The following were the results:

**Rector's Churchwarden, Castleknock** – Victor Raj

**Peoples' Churchwarden, Castleknock** – Femi Atoyebi

**Rector's Churchwarden, Mulhuddart** – Sadie Smullen

**Peoples' Churchwarden, Mulhuddart** – Sydney Nagle

**Rector's Glebewarden** – James Anderson

**People's Glebewarden** – Gordon Kellett

**The following ordinary members were voted onto the Select Vestry for 2021/2022:**

Eddie Colton, Kevin Daly, Mark Ellis, Philip Good, Gladys Hutchinson, Valerie Jameson, Alex Kitching,  
Pauline McConnell, Hal McGuckin, Sam McKeever, Orla Moore & David Smyth.

At a brief meeting of the new select vestry, Philip Good was elected as the Honorary Secretary and Alex Kitching as the Honorary Treasurer.



# Castleknock Easter Vestry on Zoom

