

The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla
October 2021**

Thank You

My Dear Parishioners,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you so much for your generosity towards me and Adrienne.



I found Sunday 26th September, in St. Mary's and St. Brigid's very moving. I would like to thank you for your generous gifts. The crystal glass bowl, which was inscribed recognising my twelve years here and forty years in ministry will take pride of place in my new home in Terenure.

Moreover, I was moved by the speeches made by Maurice Maxwell in Clonsilla and Philip Good in Castleknock. They had obviously put a lot of thought into the speeches. I would like to thank them very much for their words.

I attended my last school assembly on Friday, 24th September. I was surprised that it was dedicated to me. I was presented with a beautiful photograph of the school including all the pupils, making the figure of 300 (C.N.S. was 300 years old, last year). This was taken from a height via a drone. Moreover, each class contributed to a large booklet wishing me well in retirement.

The weekend of 26th was a busy one. I was very pleased that we could have the confirmation on Friday 24th September, in St. Brigid's when 15 young people were confirmed by the Archbishop. It was also an emotional occasion for me, as this confirmation had been postponed from March 2020 due to Covid.

As I said on my last Sunday, we must as a parish look forward to the future with faith and confidence. There is tremendous potential in these parishes, but it will be a team effort to maximise them.

It has been a honour and privilege to have been your Rector over the past 12 years. I wish you God's richest blessing for the future.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Canon Paul

Vacancy Cover

During the vacancy period Rev. Dr. Norman Gamble, former Rector of Malahide, will be looking after the Sunday services, assisted by Stella Obe. He will also look after any emergencies. Norman can be contacted by mobile / text on 086 8153277, or email

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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 the issue for
November 2021. The
deadline for articles / photos
will be **Friday 15th October
2021.**

Services for October 2021

(Subject to change)

Sunday 3	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)
St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Sunday 10	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)
St Mary's	Harvest Thanksgiving with Eucharist 10.00 a.m.
St Brigid's	Harvest Thanksgiving with Eucharist 11.30 a.m.
Sunday 17	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)
St Mary's	Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
St Brigid's	Morning Prayer 11.30 a.m.
St Thomas'	Holy Communion 7.00 p.m.
Sunday 24	The Fifth Sunday before Advent (Proper 25) / Bible Sunday
St Mary's	All Age Service 10.00 a.m.
St Brigid's	All Age Service 11.30 a.m.
Sunday 31	The Fourth Sunday before Advent (Proper 26) / All Saints
St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

During the vacancy, there will be no Wednesday service of Holy Communion.

Live streaming will continue from St. Brigid's Church on Sundays at 11.30 a.m.

Confirmation 2021

The long delayed Confirmation Service took place recently on Friday 24th September 2021. The service was led by the Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Michael Jackson, assisted by Canon Paul Houston and Stella Obe.

We congratulate those who were confirmed - Emily, Mary, Darrell, Edward, Tamunoiyalla, Lola, Elliot, Victoria, Faye, Ruairi, Sam, Blossom, Nathan, Adam and Victor.

Please remember them in your prayers.



Almighty Father,
you have made us heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom,
and in the waters of baptism you have promised
a measure of grace overflowing to all eternity.

Take our sins and guilt away,
and so inflame us with the life of your Spirit
that we may know your favour and goodness towards us,
and walk in newness of life, both now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Canon Paul's Farewell

On Sunday 26th September, it was with great sadness that we said goodbye to our Rector, Canon Paul, as he is leaving this Parish for his retirement. He has been with us for the past 12 years and has served over 40 years in ministry in the Church of Ireland. There was a presentation to him in both St. Mary's Church in Clonsilla and St. Brigid's Church in Castleknock. He was presented with an engraved Dublin Crystal bowl on behalf of the group of parishes to mark his ministry with us and in the Church of Ireland. His wife, Adrienne, was also presented with a small gift. He was also joined by his some of his family. We wish him the very best in the years to come in his retirement.



Castleknock National School



We hosted a 'socially distanced' welcome coffee morning in the yard to welcome our new infant parents to CNS. Canon Paul joined us for a cuppa and then he visited all the classrooms to welcome everyone back to school. We are all delighted to be back to CNS.



On Friday 24th September, we held a special assembly to mark the retirement of Canon Paul who has served over the past 12 years as Chairperson of Castleknock National School. The children shared memories of his time with us and wrote special prayers for the assembly. We presented him with a lovely framed aerial photograph of the school taken by drone to mark 300 years of CNS. The children made a beautiful book of messages for Canon Paul.



We would like to wish Canon Paul a happy & healthy retirement and we will be watching out for postcards of his travels in the future.



We were pleased to welcome June Butler, All-Ireland



President of Mothers' Union to Castleknock Church before a 7km walk to the Phoenix Park on a very wet 7th August and thank her for travelling from Belfast. Thank you also to the Rector for the prayer service and for walking with the MU members.

We look forward to welcoming Lydia Monds of Bishops' Appeal who will speak to us on 4th October. In September and October we're collecting for Home Start in Dublin 15 and for the Mustard Seed Street project.

We were sorry to hear Canon Paul Houston is leaving us, we thank him for all his support and encouragement, which we really appreciate. We also wish him a happy, healthy retirement and the opportunity to pursue new interests.

We're pleased to hear that recent surgeries of three of our members' have gone well and send best wishes for continued good health. We say thank you to the prayer circle members for their prayers of support. We're also very sorry to hear of Charlie O'Connor's passing after a long illness and our thoughts and prayers are with Anne and her family as we send sincere sympathy to them. Stay well, looking forward to seeing you soon, best wishes and God bless.

See you soon.

Anne

Bowls

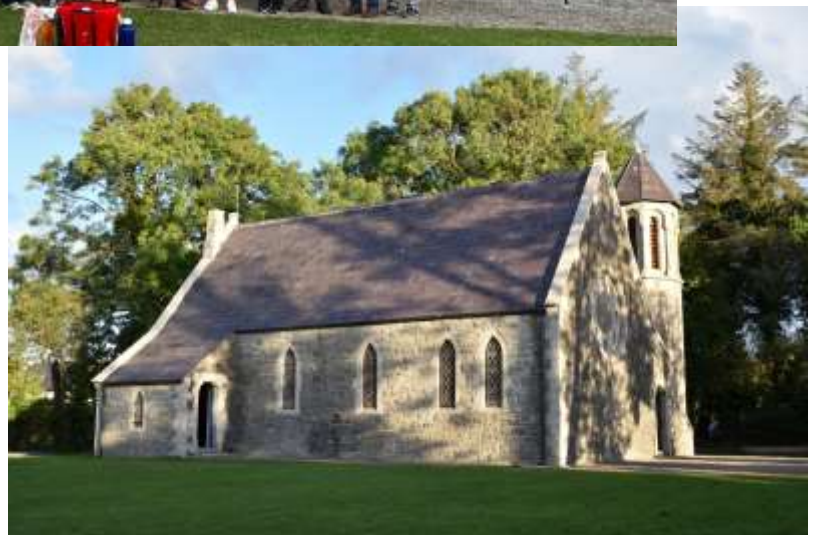


- We were back in action on Wednesday 22nd September and adhered to all Government and Parish Centre guidelines. There were 11 of us there and the 2 mats were put down to play on and I had the pleasure of playing the first wood and Sadie had the first Toucher of the night !!!
- It was a lovely evening of play and catchup chat. Lots more to come we hope.

Valerie Greene

Re-opening of St. Thomas' Church

On Sunday 19th September, it was with great pleasure to have a service in St. Thomas' Church, Mulhuddart, following extensive renovations to the church. These renovations included extensive work on the roof, plaster work, painting and varnishing of the interiors and work on the grounds. Well done to all involved in this work. The service was followed by coffee and biscuits in the grounds in the beautiful evening sunshine.



More News



Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club finally got back together on Wednesday 29th September where they gathered together in Finnstown House Hotel for lunch. This had been a long time coming as we had not been together as a group since before the first lockdown. Canon Paul also attending and was presented with a small gift from the Wednesday Club to mark his retirement.

We would like to wish him well in his retirement.

WEDNESDAY CLUB



Holy Baptism

On Saturday 21st August in St. Brigid's Church, Ava Faith Byrne was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to her, her parents, godparents and family circle.

On Sunday 5th September in St. Brigid's Church, Ben William Fennell was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to him, his parents, godparents and family circle.



Christian Burial



On Saturday 4th September, a funeral service took place for Charles (Jack) Jolliffe, in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family, wife Jo, sons Mark, Paul, daughters Melanie and Amanda, grandchildren Aaron, Kieran, Ellie, Liam and great-grandad of Oscar, his sister Sylvia and the wider circle of family and friends for their loss.

St. Thomas' Churchyard

The Parish is now in a position to offer burial spaces in St. Thomas' Churchyard, Mulhuddart, for purchase in advance.

If you would like more information on this please contact the Parish office. There will be strict terms and conditions that will need to be followed.

Canon Paul



More News

Castleknock Girls' Brigade

We were delighted to welcome back the girls to Girls' Brigade down in Castleknock Parish Centre on Saturday 25th September and Wednesday 29th September, and it was lovely to welcome some new girls as well. We had lots of fun with games outdoors and activities indoors where we are operating in pods of six girls with leaders.



At the time of writing we are looking forward to having lots of fun at our Open Morning for Tiny Tots and Explorers on Saturday 2nd October where girls can come along and see what GB is all about. Hopefully a lot of the girls who attend the Open Morning will decide to join our company.

We will still be accepting new members throughout October, so if any girl would like to come along and try out GB, please get in contact (see advert on back page for details).

Olive Good

Captain

10th Co Boys' Brigade

You're invited to join the fun!

The Boys' Brigade opens the door to new skills, experiences, learning, fun and friendship. We welcome boys and girls from the age of 5. At Castleknock BB, we have 3 sections: Anchors (ages 5 - 8), Juniors (ages 8 - 11) and Company (ages 11 - 14). We meet in the Parish Centre on a Tuesday evening.



Last year, we continued our adventures online. For example, we adventured to the Antarctic with Ernest Shackleton & Tom Crean, visited underwater laboratories and learned what life is like on the International Space Station. After a very difficult 18 months, we're hoping to return to in-person meetings in October. Date to be confirmed shortly!

If you're interested in hearing more about our BB, please contact us on 10bbcastleknock@gmail.com.

Barbara O'Rourke

Captain, 10th Company BB



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





FIND YOUR TALENT AT GIRLS' BRIGADE

JOIN US!

**CASTLEKNOCK
PARISH CENTRE**

SATURDAY MORNINGS GIRLS AGE 2-8

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS GIRLS AGE 9+

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