

The CMC Times



SAINT BRIGID

Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

February 2022

Services for February 2022

(Subject to change)

Sunday 6 The Fourth Sunday before Lent

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

Sunday 13 The Third Sunday before Lent

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's Morning Prayer with Baptism
11.30 a.m.

Sunday 20 The Second Sunday before Lent

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 27 The Sunday before Lent

St Mary's All Age Service 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's All Age Service 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.

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 **March 2022**. The deadline for articles / photos will be **Tuesday 15th February 2022**.

Revised restrictions from 22nd January 2022

It is important to remember that the last two years have been a difficult journey for everyone. There has been worry and fear, and at times we have had very tough restrictions to cope with. We continue to remember those in our parish and further afield who have died in the last two years and with those who have lost loved ones.

We are still awaiting guidance for public worship from authorities, however, the COVID regulations have changed and we are entering a new phase of this pandemic where we can be a little more hopeful that the end is in sight.

There are many who will welcome this change and wish to return to a more normal life but there are others who will still be extremely cautious and wary about this new phase of the pandemic. Covid has not gone away and it is vitally important that we are vigilant. If anyone has tested positive for Covid or is a close household contact, it is important that you do not attend services. We need to be mindful of everyone in our parish by our actions.

It is recommended that masks continue to be worn throughout the services. Tea and coffee will not be provided at the moment after services, but this will be reviewed over the coming months.

The government restrictions regarding social distancing have been lifted, however, we continue to take a cautious approach and would ask that you be mindful of those who may still be 'shielding' for someone vulnerable at home or that may be wary of being too close to others both during the service and afterwards.

Further instructions will be provided during the services as required. The select vestries will also be discussing the best way forward for everyone over the coming weeks.

Without the support of everyone in this parish it would not have been possible to continue the work of the church during this pandemic. Let us pray that we can continue to keep everyone safe as we gather to worship together as a community.



I hope this finds you well and for anyone who has been ill, I hope and pray you're making a good recovery. It was wonderful to meet in the Parish Centre in October, November and December. Then January brought new scenarios and our get together moved outdoors.

New beginnings also for our own Ada Lawson who has been elected president of Dublin and Glendalough MU, succeeding Karen Nelson. We send Ada huge congratulations and promise our support and prayers for her new role, wishing her many joys and new experiences along the way. Many thanks to Karen Nelson for her dedication and enthusiasm for MU, especially the regular lockdown letters to members.

From our desk calendar by Iris Hesseldon: ***"Let faith be strong, to hold you in the sadness, Reach out for love, and love will see you through."***

We were delighted Pat Gray was with us in December to present a 45 years membership certificate to Muriel Kellett. Pat was an enrolling member when Muriel joined Castleknock MU. Sending best wishes to you both.



Anne C.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 9th January in St. Brigid's Church, Anna Maguire was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to her, her parents, godparents and family circle.



Castleknock National School



Orchestra Visit to CNS

CNS had a visit from PLAY Ground Orchestra sponsored by a grant from Fingal Co. Council on Thursday 2nd Dec. The children were delighted to experience this in CNS school grounds and they were treated to a Christmas concert with festive carols to put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Kind regards

Elaine



Bowls



It is just great to be back bowling on Wednesday nights all toggged out with masks and using sanitizers and adhering to regulations.

We had our Christmas Party night - the last night of play before Christmas. We played Top Score and Target Bowls and combined the scores and Christopher was 1st overall, Valerie was 2nd and Gordon and Ada joint 3rd. We spaced ourselves out and had a lovely supper and there was a gift for everyone in the audience.

We are back to play now since the 5th January so hopefully that will continue and we will enjoy each evening.

Valerie Greene

Christmas Decorations



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Castleknock Girls' Brigade

We are delighted to report that we have welcomed lots of new members into all age groups in the company and the girls have been enjoying a programme of activities including dance, crafts, bible stories, badgework, games, social nights whilst working within our theme for the year of "Bee Kind".

Back in November, as part of the Bee Kind to Others theme, the girls and leaders put on their walking shoes for the virtual sponsored walk. On the Wednesday 10th, the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders along with the leaders walked from the Parish Centre down into Blanchardstown village and back

clocking up 108km, whilst on Saturday 13th the Tiny Tots and Explorers with the leaders did a circuit in Castleknock

clocking up 51km. These amounts were added to the walks the girls undertook themselves during the week and in total the girls and leaders walked 1402 km in total which meant we managed to walk around every GB company in Ireland.

The girls collected sponsorship and we raised a total of €2,205.72 which will be divided between the Down Syndrome Centre and the Irish Cancer Society.

In December we made lots of Christmas decorations and did some Christmas baking with all

the age groups. We finished off with a Christmas treat of a Games and Movie party in the Parish Centre for the Explorers and Tiny Tots, whilst we booked out Jumpzone in Liffey Valley for a night for the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders. A great time was had by all.

In January we have been working on the National Craft Competitions with the Explorers making hand sock puppets and the Juniors and Seniors making Spring Wreaths. This year the Chaplain's Challenge has set companies the task of doing an act of kindness for others. The Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders have decided to do an act of kindness for the homeless and are planning an event in relation to this in March, so keep an eye out in next month's magazine for more information on this.





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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