

# The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla  
March 2022**



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**PARISHES OF CASTLEKNOCK AND MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA**



# **DAFFODIL DAY**

*(IN AID OF IRISH CANCER SOCIETY)*

**FRIDAY MARCH 25TH 2022**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**IN THE**

**PARISH CENTRE, CASTLEKNOCK**

**9.00A.M. - 1.00P.M.**

**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT**

# Services for March 2022

(Subject to change)

## Sunday 6 The First Sunday in Lent

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

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

## Sunday 13 The Second Sunday in Lent

St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

## Sunday 20 The Third Sunday in Lent

St Mary's Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

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

St Thomas' Holy Communion 7.00 p.m.

## Sunday 27 The Fourth Sunday in 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

[normangamble@gmail.com](mailto:normangamble@gmail.com)

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

## Castleknock National School



We have been very busy in CNS lately.

We are looking forward to Spanish lessons for 3rd – 6th Classes after midterm break.

We have been learning about the importance of staying safe online as part of Internet Safety Day.



We were delighted to be selected to receive a set of beautiful Irish Language books, An Bosca Leabhainne, chosen by the children's

laureate, Áine Ní Ghlinn.

6th Class are taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and have set up their mini-business and they are selling personalised water bottles and key-rings. Some of them have a great future in business ahead of them!



Sandra

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

**Saturday 12th February:** The chat and the camaraderie were super, the freshly baked scones and homemade jam were delicious when we met for an outdoor catch up until - the rain came tumbling down and we had to scramble into our cars! Despite the hasty retreat the friendly interaction with MU members and friends made my day.

On Monday 7th March at 8.00 p.m. our speaker will be Noreen Byrne, former Chair of the National Women's Council. She will be telling us about the extraordinary life and achievements of Dr Kathleen Lynn. Dr Lynn was a politician, activist and medical doctor, born in Co Mayo in 1874 where she was greatly affected by the poverty and disease around her. Please join us to hear her story.

On Friday 25th March at 7.30 p.m. we look forward to hosting the Diocesan Service in St Brigid's Church, Castleknock when Ada Lawson will be commissioned as the new Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan President. We look forward to welcoming MU friends from across the diocese.

Anne

## Prayer in a Time of War in Ukraine

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart in the nations of the world,  
that working and witnessing together,  
we may live in justice and peace  
and change the hearts of those who would make for conflict and war;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Bowls



We are enjoying our Wednesday evenings rolling the woods, recognising our friends behind the masks, having the banter and catching up with all the news!!!!  
We hope too, as restrictions ease, to be able to invite other clubs to come to play a friendly match with us - with their masks on of course - and catch up on their news.

Valerie Greene

## Confirmation 2022

If there is any adult or child in the parish in 6th class or older, who wishes to be confirmed this year, please complete the form on the website and pass onto the Churchwardens or to the Parish office. Forms will also be available at the back of the churches.

Please have completed forms returned by Sunday  
**13th March 2022.**

<https://castleknock.dublin.anglican.org/con.../parish-forms/>



## Advance Notice

### General Easter Vestries

**General Easter Vestry**

**Castleknock and Mulhuddart:**

**Sunday 10th April**

**at 12.15 p.m.**

**General Easter Vestry Clonsilla:**

**Sunday 24th April**

**at 11.15 a.m.**

***We hope both will be well supported.***

## Castleknock Girls' Brigade

As part of the Bee Kind theme, the Chaplain's Challenge has set companies the task of doing an act of kindness for others.

Over the past couple of months the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders have had discussions on who we could do an act of kindness for and what we could do. They have decided to do an act of kindness for the homeless as one of our leaders works for the Peter McVerry Trust.

So we are planning on holding a Bake Sale on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 3-5 p.m. in the Parish Centre to raise money for the Peter McVerry Trust. The girls all love when we do baking at GB so they are going to use their baking skills to stock the stall. We hope that this sale will be well supported and we encourage everyone to come and buy a cake or other baked item for the Mums for Mothering Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> March). All proceeds will be used by Peter McVerry Trust to support their valuable work with the homeless.



## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 13th February in St. Brigid's Church, Jason Smith Cheenotingal was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to him, his parents, godparents and family circle.





# Notes from Norman

During the present vacancy, it will not be possible to make the move to weekly services in St Thomas's which normally occurred when the clocks change to summer time, but there will be a monthly service on the 3rd Sunday of a month at 7pm. In April that will be Easter Day, when there will be a celebration of the Eucharist.

There will be a service in St Brigid's during Holy Week each evening at 8pm, the theme of our thoughts being titles used of Jesus, and their significance for us today in the context of the Cross. The titles are 'The Good Shepherd', 'The Son of Man', 'The Lamb of God', 'King of the Jews' and, 'The Suffering Servant'. Full details will be in next magazine, as well as internal parish emails.

## Easter Vestries

Both of our select vestries met in early February and amended the General Vestry lists and set dates for the annual Easter Vestry meetings. For Castleknock & Mulhuddart in St Brigid's it will be on Sunday 10th April at 12.15 p.m. and in St Mary's for Clonsilla on Sunday 24th April at 11.15 a.m. The Easter Vestry meetings are the parish AGMs and it is very important that people turn out and participate, and so we are giving plenty of notice. The eagle-eyed will perceive that the time is immediately after the Sunday service, and we ask those who come to remember that public worship is at the very core of a parish's witness, and to prepare for the meeting by partaking in the worship being offered that morning. All may attend, but only those who are on the General Vestry register are entitled to vote.

## Worship

Both our Select Vestries have given time to working out how best to resume pre-pandemic worship in our churches. Things are not quite back to normal, and it will be some time before they are, but already we have removed all the spacing barriers which made the churches look a bit like a garda 'crime scene'. You may sit where you like, but we ask you to be sensible in spacing yourselves, and to think of others and wear a face covering. You should also sanitise your hands on entering the Church. However, those leading worship or reading lessons should not wear face coverings when doing so. Holy Communion is now being distributed at the Communion rails and arrangements are being made for the distribution of the wine using small individual disposable plastic cups. This may be done first in St Brigid's where

there is a vast amount of space at the front of the church, and in Mulhuddart where the congregations are much smaller. Clonsilla is very congested for this purpose and will need extra care. Communion wafers will remain in use for the time being to minimise handling.

We have been singing for some time, but somewhat muzzled through face-masks. Our organist, Fern Bartley, is eager to resume a wider use of singing, and will be getting the choir together and looking for new volunteers. This will be a slow business, with some time before the choir in Castleknock resume their place in the gallery. However, the select vestry are happy with the risk factor of Covid spread will be minimised. In Clonsilla, we will probably reserve pews in front of the organ for the choir as a starting base. Let us also remember that we like the Psalmist, making a joyful noise unto the Lord is a valued and inspiring part of Christian worship from which this pandemic has deprived us for far too long!

We will also be asking everyone to still use a non-contact gesture at the sign of peace at the Eucharist: an embracing wave is just as much a sign of peace as a handshake or a hug, and probably healthier in present circumstances! It will also be some time before we will be having tea, coffee and other refreshments after worship. However, instead of heading home after a service, both churches have ample gathering space outside our doors and the weather is already warming up!

I would stress that what is outlined here are steps on an uncompleted journey. Covid is still hanging around albeit in Omicron a seemingly less dangerous form than on its first arrival. But we will have to be careful and take the restoration of what was once normal behaviour one step at a time.

I would however say that the Vestries and Churchwardens have done a marvellous job in keeping the parish going, and our churches are probably as safe as our own houses and I would ask those who may have been staying at home as a precaution to consider that we have reached a situation where we can all return to the fellowship of God and each other in worship. We will be continuing to stream services: it is of great benefit to the housebound and those who may be away on a particular Sunday.

*Norman*

# Castleknock Sunday Club is BACK!!!

We are delighted to confirm that Castleknock Sunday Club will be meeting in the Parish Centre from **Sunday the 6th March 2022**.

## Eligibility Criteria:

All children of primary school age are welcome to attend

## How it works:

During the service it will be announced that children can meet the leaders in the church porch and we will walk to the parish centre together. In the event of not having enough leaders, we will need a parent to volunteer to come with us. After the service, parents can collect the children from the parish centre.



## Dates for the rest of the year:

6th March 2022

3rd April 2022

8th May 2022

13th March 2022

10th April 2022

15th May 2022

20th March 2022

1st May 2022

29th May 2022

## Registration:

Registration forms will be available at the back of the church. Please fill in prior to the service commencing and give to your child when they are meeting the leaders. If there is any specific information that we need to be aware of such as allergies, please also alert the leaders of this prior to us leaving the church. You can also contact us at [sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com](mailto:sundayclubcastleknock@gmail.com).

## Public Health Measures:

We are conscious that COVID-19 still remains in the wider community. In line with public health advice, hand sanitiser will be available and we ask that if you or your child is symptomatic that you do not attend. Masks will not be mandatory.

## Parents:

We are looking for volunteers!!! Pre March 2020 and during our online meet ups, the number of children taking part in Sunday Club is increasing. We are very excited about this and are looking for volunteers to join us. If you are interested in helping out please let a member of the team know.

# Castleknock Girls' Brigade

# Bake Sale



**In Aid of Peter McVerry Trust**

**Saturday 26th March**

**3.00—5.00 pm**



**Castleknock Parish Centre**

**#BeeKind**



# D&G Mothers' Union Breakfast



# Bishops' Appeal - Ukraine

## Support for refugees channelled through Habitat for Humanity & Christian Aid

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development has committed €10,000 (£8,300) from its emergency funds to assist with the humanitarian response to the current crisis in Ukraine. Bishops' Appeal is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian Aid, and encouraging parishes across the island to contribute to our response to help people seeking refuge.

Jenny Williams, Chief Executive of Habitat for Humanity Ireland, remarked: "UNHCR reports that over 500,000 people fled Ukraine into neighbouring and nearby countries from 24th February to 1st March. We have strong programmes in Poland, Hungary and Romania and our European office is in Slovakia so we are on the ground responding. Habitat is meeting UNHCR daily and co-ordinates with governments to add value and ensure there isn't duplication of effort.

Colleagues from Hungary and Romania spent the weekend at their borders. In Romania, the need was to provide additional heat for a camp – even more important given that there was more snow at the weekend and people were cold. More broadly our focus is on supporting the shelter needs of refugees, ensuring that more people can feel safe. We will support them for the long term."

Christian Aid's funds will go to sister agencies in the ACT Alliance. This network of Christian aid and development agencies includes the Lutheran World Federation and Hungarian Church Aid which are both working in neighbouring countries. As the situation within Ukraine is changing by the day and there is a high level of violence within the country, Bishops' Appeal will not be funding work within Ukraine at this stage although this will be kept under consideration.

The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, said: "The tragic and wholly avoidable destruction which we are witnessing in Ukraine leaves many of us in the West lost for words and at a loss to know how best to respond to alleviate suffering. However, wars always create refugees and I am grateful that Bishops' Appeal is targeting its immediate aid efforts to assist trusted agencies working in neighbouring countries to help those who have been displaced by this invasion. I would urge all parishes to consider helping Bishops' Appeal to increase the aid which it can provide by contributing generously in one of the ways outlined below."

The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, said: "The developing and declining situation in Ukraine has already had devastating consequences for hundreds of thousands of people. Prayerful assistance and practical assistance are both important components of our response. I commend the current initiative by Bishops' Appeal."

Lydia Monds, Bishops' Appeal's Education Advisor, added: "Bishops' Appeal will continue to monitor access to refugees so that we as a Church can stand in solidarity with them and support them in the most effective ways possible. We will only release funding through channels that enable vital aid to reach those who need it most. We will continue to liaise with partner agencies working on the ground to provide relief. Our emergency funds will be released immediately and we invite parishes to continue to give to the Appeal so that we can continue to support efforts in a constantly evolving crisis."

## How you can help

Parishes are encouraged to contribute to the response and donations can be made, by euro or sterling, in the following ways:

- An online donation at [www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give](http://www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give)
- A direct lodgement into the Bishops' Appeal bank account (details of which are provided on the Bishops' Appeal website at the link provided above);
- Sending a cheque, payable to Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, to:  
Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 CF67;
- Making a donation through a Church of Ireland parish or Diocesan Office.

Taxpayers can give more help through tax relief on donations. The appropriate forms and further details on how to give are also available at [www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give](http://www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give)







# 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

