

# The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla  
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## Print Deadline

The next edition of  
The CMC Times will be  
the issue for **May  
2022**. The deadline  
for articles / photos  
will be **Friday 15th  
April 2022**.

## Vacancy Cover

During the vacancy period Rev. Dr. Norman Gamble, former Rector of  
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## CHURCH FLOWERS

Would you like to have flowers in Church in memory of a  
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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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# Appointment of new Rector of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla announced

The Revd Colin McConaghie has been appointed the new Rector of the grouped parish of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla. Colin is currently Rector of Carrickmacross Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Clogher and his appointment was announced in both parishes on Sunday March 20.

Colin was ordained a Deacon in 2011 and a Priest in 2012. He served as Deacon Intern in Seagoe Parish (Down and Dromore), and as Curate Assistant in Derryglass Parish, Dungannon (Armagh) and Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Group of Parishes (Meath and Kildare) before being appointed Rector of Carrickmacross Group in April 2017.

He is from Lurgan in County Armagh, his home parish is Shankill, Lurgan. Prior to ordination he worked in events and environmental education with Craigavon Borough Council. He is married to Janice and he has three daughters, twins Madison and Siena and Ava.

His interests in ministry include working with children and young people, community outreach and mission, worship and liturgy (both traditional and contemporary) and pastoral care. His hobbies including walking their dogs, Alfie and Cooney, rugby (supporting Ulster and Ireland), playing tennis and travel (usually involving rugby).

Commenting on his appointment Colin said: "It has truly been a privilege to serve as Rector in the Carrickmacross Group of Parishes. The parishioners of the three parishes, St Finbarr's, Magheraclone and Ardragh and the wider community of Carrickmacross have been so supportive of Janice and I and we will always remember our time here fondly. While moving was not an easy decision I am excited by what lies ahead in Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla and look forward to getting to know the people there and serving both the parishes and the wider community."

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# Services for April 2022

(Subject to change)

**Sunday 3**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

St Mary's                      Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

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

**Sunday 10**

**The Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday**

St Mary's                      Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                      Morning Prayer at 11.30 a.m.  
followed by General Vestry meeting

**Holy Week**

**Theme: The Titles of Jesus the Saviour**

**Monday 11**

**Monday in Holy Week - The Son of Man**

St Brigid's                      Evening Prayer 8.00 p.m.

**Tuesday 12**

**Tuesday in Holy Week - The King of the Jews**

St Brigid's                      Evening Prayer 8.00 p.m.

**Wednesday 13**

**Wednesday in Holy Week - The Good Shepherd**

St Brigid's                      Evening Prayer 8.00 p.m.

**Thursday 14**

**Maundy Thursday - The Suffering Servant**

St Brigid's                      Holy Communion 8.00 p.m.

# Services for April 2022

(Subject to change)

**Friday 15**

**Good Friday - The Lamb of God**

St Brigid's                  Evening Prayer 8.00 p.m.

**Sunday 17**

**Easter Day - The First Sunday of Easter**

St Mary's                  Family Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                  Family Communion 11.30 a.m.

St Thomas'                  Holy Communion 7.00 p.m.

**Sunday 24**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

St Mary's                  All Age Service at 10.00 a.m.  
followed by General Vestry meeting.

St Brigid's                  All Age Service 11.30 a.m.

**Sunday 1 May**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

St Mary's                  Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

St Brigid's                  Morning Prayer with Baptism 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.**

## Bowls



Wednesday evening is our night, at the moment, to roll the woods - behind masks of course still for safety of ourselves and others but there is plenty of chat as we move up and down on the mats and count the points. We are looking forward to having Clonkeen for a friendly match at the end of March which will be good for all.

*Valerie Greene*

## Daffodil Day

After an absence of three years we were delighted to host the Daffodil Day coffee morning again in the Parish Centre on Friday 25th March. There was a great turn out from the parish and the wider community and it was a very sociable morning with lots of chat. As a result of the tremendous support received a total of €4,425.00 has been donated to the Irish Cancer Society.

Many thanks to everyone for their support.

*Shirley McGuckin*



On Saturday 26th February, seventeen Castleknock members joined with MU members from Dublin and Glendalough in the Springfield Hotel. Everyone enjoyed a relaxed morning of friendship, chat and a thought-provoking talk by All Ireland President, June Butler.

On Monday 7th March at 8.00 p.m., the buzz was brilliant and our speaker Noreen Byrne gave a wonderful talk about the fascinating life of Dr Kathleen Lynn, a politician, activist and medical doctor, born in Co Mayo in 1874. She is one of the unsung heroines of our country. Thank you to Rom for sharing the story of African students who were prevented access to public transport as they fled Ukraine. We pray for her friends in Slovakia who provided transport and shelter to 10 students.

We look forward to our next get together in April as we wish you all a happy Easter, good health and healing for those who have been unwell.

*Anne*

## Christian Burial



On Friday 18th March, a funeral service was held for Luke Tyrell, in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Christina, children Millie and Ollie, and the wider circle of family and friends for their loss.

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 20th March in St. Brigid's Church, Conor O'Shaughnessy was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to him, his parents, godparents and family circle.



## New Diocesan MU President

On Friday 25th April in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock, Ada Lawson was commissioned as the new Dublin and Glendalough Mothers' Union President. The commissioning was performed by Archbishop Michael Jackson and the sermon was preached by the MU Diocesan Chaplain, Canon Leonard Ruddock with words from Canon Aisling Shine who was unable to attend the service. We wish Ada all the best in her new role.



## Castleknock Girls' Brigade



Our girls baked up a storm at home and brought a wide range of cookies, cupcakes, large cakes, bite size treats and savouries down on Saturday morning for the GB Bake Sale. The girls worked really hard setting up the sale and by 3.00 p.m. the tables were groaning with goods and ready for customers. The leaders were extremely proud of the efforts the girls made with the planning and execution of the event and their hard work on the day.

Our thanks to all those who supported our GB Bake Sale in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust on Saturday 26th March. We are delighted that we raised €745 for this very worthwhile cause.

Plans are progressing for our Annual Display at the end of April, this will be the first display we have been able to hold since 2019. However due to the ongoing situation with Covid we are limiting attendance to the girls' immediate family only. Although we appreciate the support that past members, past leaders, parishioners and invited guests give us each year, we hope you will all understand why we cannot accommodate your attendance at the Annual Display this year.



## General Easter Vestries

### General Easter Vestry

### Castleknock and Mulhuddart:

**Sunday 10th April**

**at 12.15 p.m.**

### Castleknock Parish Centre

### General Easter Vestry Clonsilla:

**Sunday 24th April**

**at 10.45 a.m.**

### St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla

*We hope both will be well supported.*

# Notes from Norman

We have been gradually returning our worship to what we were accustomed to pre-Covid. For the last month or so, the choir has been meeting for rehearsals on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and we have been singing the Gloria in Excelsis and the Sanctus at the Eucharist and the usual number of hymns at our Sunday services.

Also, from the end of February, Holy Communion has been administered from the Communion rails. Initially this was by use of bread only, but from 13th February communion in both kinds was resumed, and the initial response was very positive. We are not there all the way, using wafer bread (with gluten-free available) with the wine poured out into small plastic 'glasses' which are then left in a basket for disposal.

We are now in a situation whereby the eucharist is again being celebrated as part of the community's evangelism: Paul in *1 Cor 11* says '**as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes**'. Paul here writes of action as well as spoken words, teaching us the eucharist is not just about those gathered receiving the body and blood of Christ; it is about bringing the power of the Cross into this world of ours. The eucharist

is of consequence, and worth and power, for those outside that particular celebration as much as for those who receive holy communion.

While many aspects of life are returning to normal, Covid is still lurking around. I was hit by it at the end of February, (gather I got 'a light dose' but would not like to have had a 'heavy' one!) and a heartfelt 'thank you' to Canon Aisling Shine for taking Sunday worship on Sunday 6th March. It included a baptism service with no baby in Castleknock, Covid having struck the family and the happy day having to be postponed *sine die*.

Aisling also stood in for a funeral, that of Luke Tyrell of Ashleigh Grove, Castleknock who died suddenly that weekend. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Christina, and his children Millie & Ollie, his parents and in-laws, and all shocked by his passing. Luke was from Galway and had grown up in St Nicholas's Parish there, and its Rector, Very Rev Linda Peilow, our former curate here in Castleknock, preached at the service. I would thank Sandra Moloney, our School principal, and the parents in the school community who have rallied to support the family.

Norman

## **Sermon preached on Sunday 13th March 2022 by Rev. Dr. Norman Gamble.**

Abram has a serious problem. He has no heir to his agri-business empire. Sumerian custom meant that his manager Eliezer was going to inherit it. He wasn't family: he wasn't even a freeman, but was, or had been a slave. And yet, Abram asks himself, had God not promised that he would be the founder of a great tribe. Even if Eliezer had been running his affairs for years, how accomplished his accounting skills, that he would inherit the lot would seem not quite the end-game Abram expected.

The promise had been (12v2) '**I will make of you a great nation, and I will make your name great**' But now God seems to remake the deal, and to understand this mysterious passage of *Genesis*, we must rise enter the murky world of Chaldeaen business oligarchs and business law. Abram quite rightly and understandably asks '**what will you give me?**' (15v2) The last deal had been a verbal one: and for Abram, God hasn't quite kept his side of the bargain: and so he demands for a solemn legal document, as public as it can be when one of the parties is invisible, and so can't sign his name to the agreement.

Today we know a great deal about Chaldeaen and Sumerian business law, once the hieroglyphics on clay tablets which bewildered experts for centuries had been eventually interpreted. Scholars now realise that what is described in *Genesis 15* was the way in which deeds were regularly confirmed between two businessmen, sacrificial animals being cut in two, each half belonging to one of the two parties. But how is God to take away his bits and put them away for safekeeping? A puzzled Abram can't quite work it out but stays awake awaiting what God does until as the sun sets he collapses with exhaustion, and dreams of a flaming torch moving through the severed bodies. For him, it is God making a legal settlement with him about the boundaries of the promised land, stretching from the Nile to the Euphrates.

For two thousand years, Christians have tended to take a cynical look at the morality of business life, but the basis of Sumerian business was trust and accountability witnessed by no less than the gods of the city or the nation. The businessman must trust and be trusted, or he is subject to the wrath of his gods. This ethic rums right through the heart of the Old Testament record. In *Genesis*, Joseph rises from slavery to being prime minister because he is trusted by Pharaoh to look after the affairs of

Egypt in in hard and difficult times. He does this, not for his own power and prestige, but for God and for his family. God expects the great leaders of Israel to be both scrupulously honest and selfless; think Moses and Samuel. Some do what God wants them to do but also have certain not so good traits which spoil and tarnish the good, and threaten the sacredness of the covenant. David's affair with Bathsheba leads to the murder of her upright and honourable husband, his spoiling of Absalom nearly collapses the kingdom David has built up, and his son Solomon ultimately brings the kingdom and dynasty into a state of collapse through his infidelity and greed, and a failure to care for his people. It is not, the Old Testament frequently reminds Israel, God who breaks faith but his people.

In this Lent of 2022, we experience much to remind us of the fragility of human societies. Events in Eastern Europe have brought the dangers of all these things, power seeking, dishonesty, into full view. The sacredness of each and every vow taken before God is something we should not forget, nor is the faithfulness and honesty of God himself. About 110 years ago, the Ulster Covenant was signed by the Unionists of Ulster. It was a foolhardy act, almost blasphemous in the conduct of many who signed it in their own blood. But at least they did remember that in the crisis of the Cross, the covenant between God and humanity was signed in the blood of Jesus. The Christians are called to remember his faithfulness in the ultimate crisis of human salvation which harks back to the Old Testament reading this morning. As God moved across the offerings of his covenant, so too the spirit of God moves across the hill of Calvary. I have often thought of the irony of the deal that at Calvary life came out of death, and divine light out of the darkness of the suffering and pain of the innocent.

I think too of the mockery of God made in these past few weeks, of a man who has broken the most sacred agreements between God and humanity, the lies told for him by politicians and diplomats, and even churchman when he said that 'we have no intention of '.....' backed up by the Patriarch of a corrupted Church: of young men told that they were going on an exercise and cast untrained and ill equipped into the forefront of a vicious battle, of parents who have not been told of those young men's death and possibly will not be as plans existed to remove all evidence that they ever were. The blustering of a megalomaniac who regularly attends that wonderful Orthodox liturgy who more than any other brings us in spirit to the gates of heaven itself, is blended with the sycophantic blandishment of those who tell him what he wants to think.

Such utter dishonesty, such wanton and unrequited suffering: such hell on God's earth created, such pain inflicted on the Lamb of God. But let us remember the godly businessman, the honest politician who carries out the duties of his office with

fairness and equity, and responsibility for his fellows. Evil on such a scale as we have experienced in the last two weeks will not go unrequited: the writer of *Proverbs*, a book we are not familiar enough with, says this: **There are six things which the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run to evil, a lying witness who testifies falsely, and one who sows discord in a family.** (6vv16-19)

Our side of the bargain with God is to remember that he is always present; to pray and not to cease praying, not just for the refugees, the wounded, the homeless, but also those on the other side, the ordinary people of Russia from whom truth has been stolen, the young men deluded and now dead. As American and British forces advanced across Germany in the spring of 1945, they were surprised to be welcomed with joy, for those who welcomed them had suffered the same loss of truth that is the fate of the Russian people today but knew also that now they were free to speak and act without fear. The conquerors were transformed into liberators. But we also need to remember those from the east sang a different song, of continued rape of lives and communities, hatreds expressed with violent actions towards women and children. They felt no moral guilt, nor do they do so today.

The moral miracle which God in Jesus worked on the Cross repeats itself today. The Cross did not bring an end to human suffering, but now God was placed at the centre of the action. He who carried the smoking firepot and the flaming torch walks now through shattered schools, clinics, neighbourhoods. He sees that the instigator of this mayhem bears the responsibility for the blood and the pain, and knows too that there are innocents on all sides. It is in the context of the peace of broken covenants between God and man that St Paul wrote to the fragile Christians in Rome: **'Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written 'vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord'** (Romans 12v19).

It is there when a Ukrainian soldier gives a captured conscript a phone and tells him to ring his mother and tell her he is all right. Paul's advice is put into practice. He in an act of love puts God's wrath into action in the life of a desperate woman who is not only reassured but also is given a glimpse into the warped mind of a tyrant who is a destroyer of all the good God wants for his world. Calvary reminds us that one little act may change the world for good. One little act will shake the world of war: repeated it will become a great storm which will blow down the hatred and fear which warps humanity and frustrates the purposes of God, **Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

# The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"  
 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11



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