

The CMC Times



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

Rector Writes

Dear Parishioners,

I begin my first article in The CMC Times by saying what an absolute pleasure and privilege it is to be living and serving amongst you as your new Rector. Thank you to all who have made Janice and I feel so welcome as we begin to settle into life in the parish and to all who made the service of Institution such a wonderful celebration. For those of you who I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet, I thought I would use this first article to help you "get to know" your new Rector.

Family – Janice and I celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary on 29th May. Making up our everyday household are our two dogs Alfie (the old man) and Cooney (the rather lively and large pup). I have three daughters Madison and Siena who are twins and turn 18 this month (3 of us share a birthday) and Ava who is 11. The girls live in the north with their mum but you will certainly see them on plenty of occasions.

Where from? – I was born and grew up in Lurgan in Co Armagh before we moved to a small townlet called Bleary when I was 11 to a house where my parents still live. My working background was in event management and environmental education before training for ministry and serving in parishes in Portadown and Dungannon and in our neighbouring parish of Dunboyne and Rathmolyon before being appointed incumbent of Carrickmacross Group of parishes in Co Monaghan in 2017.

Interests and Hobbies – Alongside spending time with family and walking our dogs my main interest is rugby being a keen supporter of Ulster (no I won't convert to blue!) and Ireland. I have already renewed my season ticket for Ravenhill and look forward to following Ireland in France at next year's World Cup. Janice. I also enjoy travelling (this is often combined with rugby), going to concerts and spending time with friends. I enjoy most sports and am a keen but limited tennis player.

Why ordained ministry? I can remember in my last year of school a boy in my year telling a careers lecturer he wanted to be a minister. While everyone else laughed, I knew inside that was what I wanted to do too. Like Jonah (the one who encountered the whale) I ran away from that thought for a good few years before finally realising there was nothing else I wanted to do with my life and that God was calling me, as unready and incapable as I am, to serve in the church.

What drives my ministry? I strive to make the church a welcoming place for all (and I really mean all). I love the opportunity to engage with (and learn from) children and

young people, and I try to be imaginative and innovative in attracting young families to the church. I enjoy our churches rich liturgical tradition but also like to be creative with new forms of liturgy that help us connect with God in new ways. I am pastoral at heart and believe the ministry of presence to be vital to my calling. I seek to engage with the local community in mission and outreach sharing the love of Christ beyond the walls of our church buildings.

Which Biblical character do I relate to most? – it would certainly be Peter, full of enthusiasm, always willing to give it a go, often getting it wrong, but having a heart to serve God and others.

What is my style of ministry? – I hope that you will find me to be fairly laid back with a sense of fun, though with that taking the task of leading you in worship and being your pastor very seriously. Janice might tell you that I'm my own biggest critic! I see myself as one of the team here in the parish and I very much wish to encourage all of us to use our gifts to further God's kingdom and help our church to grow.

My hopes for Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla – It is my prayer that above all we grow together. We grow in faith, we grow in numbers, as others feel there is something attractive in what God is doing in our churches, and we grow in love - for God, for one another and for our community. God can and will do far more than any of us could ever hope or imagine.

I look forward to meeting you all, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange for me to visit or meet up with you (it will take a long time to get around everyone). Please pray for me and encourage me as I will pray for and encourage you...I'm excited by what lies ahead.

God bless,

Rev Colin



Services for June 2022

Wed 1	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 5	The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	
	St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Wed 8	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 12	Trinity Sunday	
	St Mary's	Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism 11.30 a.m.
	St Thomas'	Service of Compline 8.00 p.m.
Wed 15	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 19	The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)	
	St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Wed 22	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 26	The Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)	
	St Mary's	All Age Service with Holy Baptism 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	All Age Service with Sunday Club Gift Day 11.30 a.m.
	St Thomas'	Celebration of Holy Communion 8.00 p.m.
Wed 29	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

The Wednesday service of Holy Communion returns to Castleknock Parish Centre at 10.30 a.m.

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

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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 **July /
August 2022**. The deadline for
articles / photos for this and the
Church Review will be
Wednesday 15th June 2022.

Bowls

We have been enjoying our Wednesday nights of play and chat and maybe we will meet up some evenings during the summer before we get back to full action in September.



Valerie Greene



The cosy corner, the blazing log fire, the setting for our first Dining Out evening since 2019, which was a really enjoyable, happy occasion with excellent food and great craic. Thank you to Valerie Jameson for organising and co-ordinating the outing. Thanks to all who came and to those who sent greetings.

A recent find which I really like: "Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend" – Albert Camus. Hope all MU members can identify with this little poem.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and blessed summer till we meet again in September.

Anne

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 15th May in St. Brigid's Church, Ingrid Nicholson was welcomed into our faith family. Our best wishes go to her, her parents, godparents and family circle.



Christian Burial

On Wednesday 18th May, a funeral service was held for Keith Boyland, in St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock. Our deepest sympathy goes to his mother Anne, sister Janice, brother Jonathan, brother-in-law Colin, best friend Darren and the wider circle of family and friends for their loss.



Pictured: Pat Gray presenting Gladys Hutchinson and Anne Cadoo recently with their certificates celebrating 45 years as members of Castleknock Mothers' Union.

Stand together to make parish a truly welcoming place

By Lynn Glanville, Diocesan Communications Officer

The Parish of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla welcomed their new Rector with open arms on Friday evening (May 20). The Revd Colin McConaghie was instituted at a service in St Brigid's Church, Castleknock, by Archbishop Michael Jackson. The Archbishop described the parish as energetic and welcoming with a great sense of community, openness and belonging and its people had awaited the arrival of their new Rector with excitement.

Colin was joined in the church by his wife Janice, his three daughters Madison, Sienna and Ava, his parents and extended family and friends, including many from his former parish in Carrickmacross. Among the many local parishioners and people from the wider community in attendance, was An Tainaiste Leo Varadkar, much to the delight of Colin's older daughters who are preparing for their politics A Levels.

The preacher was the Ven Ricky Rountree, former Archdeacon of Glendalough and parishioner of Carrickmacross. He had spent his early childhood in Castleknock and shared some of his earliest memories of the church and school. Commending the new Rector he said they were very sad to see him leave Carrickmacross.

The arrival of a new Rector signalled the start of a new phase for both the parish and the Rector, he said. "The beginning of any new ministry is a step in faith both for those who respond to the call and those who invite and welcome that ministry. Colin and Janice take that step in faith today as they move to this new phase in Colin's priestly and pastoral ministry praying that this is truly God's call and that he will have the gifts needed to build upon the ministry of his predecessors here. You, the people of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla, have taken a similar step in faith in trusting that God has guided you in calling the right person to serve in this community to ensure that it is the whole Christian community it is called to be. So at a time like this both the new Rector and the parish community begin afresh. For both of you it's a new beginning. It needs a fresh commitment and a fresh burst of energy and initiative," Archdeacon Rountree stated.

He described Colin's background in event management and his gifts in computing and digital media, as well as the drafting of liturgy, all of which were particularly useful during the Covid-19 pandemic meaning the parish community never lost touch. Through all of this, he said, Janice played a very big part.

He said Colin was called to be pastor to parishioners and to reach out to those in a diverse and growing part of Dublin. He added that Colin had an interest in children's and youth

ministry and was a committed ecumenist.

But, he said that Colin could not do everything himself and added that he believed that every parish community had the ministry gifts within it that were needed to fulfil its calling. He urged parishioners to be willing to get involved, recognise the Rector's gifts and see that the whole parish shared in the work of ministry. He also encouraged Colin to draw out the gifts within the parish.

"Together as priests and people you are called to identify the ministry gifts needed to fulfil your calling to be a vibrant parish. Seek to find those gifts among you. Equip them and put them to work. That is the task Colin is called to in this place. Work with him and discover new ways of being the body of Christ in which every part is valued and plays its part," he concluded.

Speaking after the service, Archbishop Jackson said that the area of Dublin in which the parish was situated was one of the most engaging parts of the city and it was through interacting with people that the community could move forward and the church could move outward. He thanked the members of the parish who helped organise the evening and Dr Gamble who supported the parish during the vacancy.

Speaking on behalf of the local ecumenical clergy, Fr Damian McNeice, Parish Priest of Castleknock and Laurel Lodge, welcomed Colin and Janice to the parish. He said that his parish had been going through a process of discernment and was currently working on building hope. He read the prayer they were using in this process.

Mark Ellis welcomed Colin and Janice on behalf of the parish. He said they were delighted that he had agreed to be their rector and looked forward to supporting him. He said he had watched Colin's farewell service from Carrickmacross and it was clear that he had made a significant impact on the parish. "We knew from our first meeting that you would be an excellent fit for our parishes... We were so impressed by your energy, enthusiasm and desire to share your love of God," he commented.

The final word of the evening went to the new Rector who thanked everyone for their warm welcome. He thanked his wife, daughters and parents for their support. Highlighting his support of Ulster Rugby and what Diocesan Reader and parishioner Stella Obe said about inclusion at General Synod, he urged parishioners to stand with him "to support, encourage and love one another and in doing so we make this church a truly welcoming place for all. No one is excluded from coming to any church that I am in charge of," he said.

Photos from the Institution



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Latest update from Bishops' Appeal

To date €74,267.61 & £58,788.00 have been raised for the Ukraine Appeal.

Romania

Almost 800,000 refugees have arrived into Romania since the outbreak of war, and Habitat for Humanity Romania have been supporting refugees to help them access safe shelter.

As well as continuing to provide support at the borders and train station Habitat for Humanity Romania is also refurbishing empty spaces to turn them into safe shelter for refugees arriving from Ukraine.



For 5 years, dormitory rooms at the Technical Construction University in Bucharest lay empty and unused. When the war began, the Technical Construction University asked for Habitat's support to renovate and open the rooms to those who need a safe place to stay. The work was completed in 10 days.

By partnering with the Technical Construction University and with support of the Municipality of Bucharest, Habitat for Humanity have successfully refurbished these empty spaces and turned them into decent and comfortable rooms. Importantly Habitat upgraded the insulation to ensure refugees are warm and added fully equipped kitchens and dining spaces as well as play areas for the children.



There are 200 refugees are staying in the dormitory rooms, the majority are mothers with over 70 young children.



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.

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