

The CMC Times



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

Parish contacts:

Rector: Rev. Colin McConaghie

Parish Office - 087 346 6140

Reader: Stella Obe

087 2237402

Parish Website: www.castleknock.dublin.anglican.org

Parish Administrator: Jennifer McGrath

Parish Office:

Castleknock Parish Office, Main Street, Castleknock, Dublin 15.

01 820 0040 Hours: 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. weekdays (Closed Wednesday)

cmcparishoffice@gmail.com

Review Distribution:

Beatrice Richards: 01 838 2590

Castleknock National School:

Principal: Mrs Sandra Moloney

01 820 2611

The CMC Times:

Editor: Philip Good

If you wish to comment on or contribute to The CMC Times, the email address is:

thecmctimes@gmail.com

Please feel free to take some copies of the magazine to give to your friends and family

Come join us on **Facebook** for more fun and information

[@CastleknockandMulhuddartwithClonsilla](https://www.facebook.com/CastleknockandMulhuddartwithClonsilla) or on Twitter on [@cmcparish](https://twitter.com/cmcparish)

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 **October 2022**. The deadline for articles / photos will be **Thursday 15th September 2022**.

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) or

Margaret Tutty (Clonsilla)

Rector Writes

Dear parishioners,

In the yearly cycle of any parish September is always a busy month of activity as organisations start up again, another school year begins and the summer holidays draw to an end. For Janice and I amongst the busyness, we are also hoping for a new beginning as we are set this month to move into the new Rectory. The prospect of packing up again after only a few months is not overly appealing but that will be trumped by the excitement of a beautiful new home and the opportunity of truly settling in and getting to know our new community (well rather newer for me than for Janice). We offer our thanks to the two select vestries and especially the Castleknock Glebe Wardens, James Anderson and Gordon Kellett, for all their hard work in securing the new Rectory.

New beginnings can feel equally as daunting as they are exciting. That first day of school can be a time of great unsettlement not only for the child but perhaps more so for the parent (thanks to our wonderful school PA for providing the “Tea and Tissues” on the first morning). My daughters are making their way into third level education with Madison living away from home for the first time, another time of uncertainty. In church many of our organisations and activities are starting up again (or at least meeting indoor in-person) for the first time since the pandemic. Plans are afoot for the return of the Winter Fair, Harvest Festival Services are coming and we are even starting to plan ahead for the Christmas season. While we are excited to be looking forward to all of these (I particularly am as they will be firsts for me in the parishes), understandably there is still some anxiety and uncertainty as to how Covid will play out over the autumn and winter.

It is never easy starting afresh, even if the outcome looks exciting. The Irish poet and priest John O'Donohue in his poem “For A New Beginning” (from “To Bless This Space Between Us”) beautifully encompasses the journey of new beginnings -

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

Many over the past couple of years have drifted away from attending church for many differing reasons. The pandemic changed how we lived and our rhythms of life. It may feel like coming back, giving church a fresh start is a daunting prospect. Is it really for me? Will I belong? People like me aren't welcome in church ... those and other questions or reasons may have crossed your mind. The answer is that there is a place for you and you will be made welcome whoever you are.

The Old Testament Book of Ruth has a wonderful story of new beginnings as the young widow Ruth risks all to follow her mother-in-law to a new land in the uncertain hope of a new beginning. Ruth begs her mother-in-law "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Ruth puts her trust in a God she does not know but who she decides to follow (the story is well worth a read to discover the outcome).

For those of you who haven't been with us for a while I'd like you to hear those words "please don't leave us" we believe that our churches are worth being a part of and we want you to experience that afresh. Perhaps it's time for a new beginning, you'll notice plenty of things that are both familiar and different.

For those of us who make up our church family we too are called to new beginnings. We have already seen people step forward to the challenge of training for Lay Reader training at both parish and Diocesan level. Over the coming months we will be seeking others to step forward to answer the call to serve. This month we launch our new All Age Service "**Cornerstone**" with breakfast church on Sunday 25th. We also unveil our new mission statement which will be displayed on our new signs, service sheets, etc. The vision for our churches reads:

A CHURCH OF GOD, A CHURCH FOR ALL

Growing together as a Christ-centred community where all are welcome, all are loved

That is to be our prayer and our goal whether we have been attending church for years, whether we've been away for a while and are finding the courage to return or like me you're new to the church community. It is an exciting prospect but it's also a daunting one to truly be a Church that glorifies God and is welcoming and loving to all. I believe through prayer, encouragement and love, God can do something new in our communities and if we're prepared to step out in faith, exciting times lie ahead.

Are you ready for something new?

God bless,

Rev Colin



Services for September 2022

Sunday 4	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)	
	St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Wed 7	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 11	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)	
	St Mary's	Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Morning Prayer 11.30 a.m.
	St. Mary's	Blessing of Graves Service 3.00 p.m.
	St Thomas'	Compline / Evening Prayer 8.00 p.m.
Wed 14	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 18	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)	
	St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Wed 21	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 25	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)	
	St Mary's	"Cornerstone" - Breakfast & Worship 10.00 a.m.
	Castleknock Parish Centre	"Cornerstone" - Breakfast & Worship 11.30 a.m.
	St Thomas'	Harvest Thanksgiving Service 3.00 p.m.
Wed 28	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 2 Oct	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)	
	St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

The Wednesday service of Holy Communion continues in Castleknock Parish Centre at 10.30 a.m.

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

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 28th August there was double celebration as we welcomed sisters Faith Adaeze and Amara Chelsea Okafor, daughters of Chukwuemeka and Chiamaka, into our church family with baptism in St Mary's. The sisters were joined by their Godparents Alex, Debbie, Chinedu, Nonso, Eniye and Ijeoma along with family and friends.



Chatty Eager joined M.U. in 1968 and was a loyal and active member until recent years when she became an indoor member. We were very pleased to celebrate her 90th birthday in April 2019. We send sincere sympathy on Chatty's passing to Caroline and the wider family circle. It was a tribute to Chatty that so many members came to her funeral on a beautiful day in Clonsilla Church.

The months roll on and we are looking forward to meeting again. In 2019 we voted for our favourite 8 hymns from the BBC Songs of Praise top 20 hymns and we're planning another joyful evening.

Songs of Praise

Monday 5th September 2022

Castleknock Parish Centre at 8pm

All welcome

We will also be collecting items for the Mustard Seed Street Project and Home Start Project (details by email). Looking forward to meeting up again, the singing, the cuppa and the chat.

Anne C.

Bowling Club

Hopefully we and the other Association Clubs will be back in full action in September/October but in the meantime we have been meeting and playing and having the fun and the chat which of course is very important to everyone.



Knit 'n' Natter



Our Knitters have not been idle during the summer months..... I was given 97 baby items - blankets, matinee jackets and baby hats.... beautiful. And 208 absolutely super colourful Innocent Drink bottle hats. Thanks to everyone for all the clicking and knitting!!!!

CONFIRMATION 2022

Preparation is well under way for our young people preparing to be confirmed in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 2nd October. Classes will continue each Sunday evening in September at 6.00 p.m.

For those who are starting 6th class this month, there will be information in the New Year regarding confirmation in spring 2023.



Castleknock Sunday Club

We are delighted to confirm that Castleknock Sunday Club will be meeting in the Parish Centre from Sunday 4th September 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. After the service, parents can collect the children from the Parish Centre.

Registration:

Registration forms will be available at the back of the church. Please fill in one for each child 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.

Parents:

We are looking for volunteers!!! We are so excited that the number of children taking part in Sunday Club is increasing. However, in order for us to be able to accommodate the number of children we need more volunteers to join us. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Parish Centre office or let a member of the team know.

Boys' Brigade

Boys' Brigade plans to be back in the Autumn for the usual sports, games, activities and more! Watch out for further announcements to get involved.

The BB Team



Condolences



We were saddened by the death of long serving Clonsilla

parishioner Charlotte (Chatty) Eager. Chatty's funeral took place on 16th July in St Mary's Clonsilla following a time of illness. Chatty was widely involved in parish life and was a member of Mothers' Union for many years. We extend our prayers and support to her daughter Caroline and the wider family circle.

There was further sad news on the death of Neville McConnell. Neville's funeral took place in St Brigid's, Castleknock on 24th August. The McConnell family have a connection with the parish going back around 100 years. Our prayers and support are with his wife Pauline, their children, Robert and Janice and their families, sister Sylvia and the wider family circle.

Castleknock Girls' Brigade

As the children return to school, we hope that all our members are feeling well rested after their summer



holidays. The leaders have met to organise our programme for the upcoming session and are looking forward to welcoming all the girls back.

Girls' Brigade will recommence on Saturday 24th September in the Parish Centre at 10.00 a.m. for the Tiny Tots and Explorers (3 - 8 year olds).

Girls' Brigade will recommence on Wednesday 28th September in the Parish Centre at 7.00 p.m. for the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders (age 9 - 17 years).

New members in all sections are very welcome, so if you know any girls (age 3 - 17) that would like to join Castleknock Girls' Brigade, please contact Olive at 087 2451310 or email 42ndcocastleknock@girlsbrigadeirl.ie to sign up for a trial period.

Upcoming Events

Winter Fair

We are delighted to be planning for our Winter fair for the first time since 2019. The fair will provisionally take place on Saturday 26th November in Castleknock Parish Centre and St Brigid's National School.

There will be a meeting for anyone who'd like to help with the Fair on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30 p.m. in Castleknock Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to attend to learn more about how to become involved to help make this year as memorable as ever. All assistance is gratefully appreciated. If you would like to know more about the Winter Fair, please contact Jillian Connolly, c/o the Parish Office.

Prayer is vitally important for the life and growth of any parish. In 1



Thessalonians we are given the simple instruction to "pray without ceasing." While our own personal time of prayer is very important and all of us can pray at anytime and anywhere, it is also important that as a church community we set aside a regular time to pray for our church, our community, the wider world and those in need. A monthly prayer meeting will take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m. and the gatherings will alternate between Castleknock and Clonsilla. We begin on Monday 19th September in the Maharry Room at 7.30 p.m. Our time together will be relaxed with no pressure to pray out loud, there will also be tea and coffee.



CORNERSTONE

BUILDING FAITH, BUILDING COMMUNITY

BREAKFAST CHURCH @ "CORNERSTONE"

We officially launch our new contemporary all age service "**Cornerstone**" with breakfast and worship on Sunday 25th September. In St Mary's Clonsilla we gather from 9.30 a.m. for a light breakfast in the parish centre before moving into church for a relaxed, contemporary time of worship at 10.00 a.m.

In Castleknock, we will gather in the parish centre from 10.45 a.m. for breakfast before worship beginning at 11.30 a.m. staying in the parish centre.

The cornerstone is the first stone laid in a building and becomes a reference point for all the other stones laid. Jesus was described in 1 Peter 2 as the cornerstone, the one who is the focus and foundation of our faith. It is our prayer that "Cornerstone" will become a place where newcomers to church, as well as our regulars, will find a place to build on their faith as well as building community in a relaxed contemporary time of worship alongside gathering over a cuppa or a meal.

This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends along to church.

More Events Upcoming

Harvest Thanksgiving in St. Thomas'

We are delighted to be able to host a service to celebrate the harvest in St Thomas's, Mulhuddart following an absence due to the pandemic on

Sunday 25th September

at 3.00 p.m.

As this will be his first harvest service in the parishes Rev Colin will be our preacher with our Reader Stella Obe leading us in worship.

All Welcome



Clonsilla Graveyard Service

The annual Graveyard Service is back this year on
Sunday 11th September

in

St Mary's Graveyard

at

3.00 p.m.

The outdoor service is a special event for the whole community in Clonsilla as we come together to remember family and loved ones laid to rest in the graveyard.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Our church family picnic took place on Sunday 28th August in the grounds of Castleknock National School. It was brilliant to see so many come along and enjoy meeting up as a church family. The weather stayed dry for us as food and conversation was enjoyed around tables while the children and teenagers enjoyed catching up and playing games.

We all enjoyed delicious ice cream as well as trying some new foods which were being shared around. Thanks to all who set up and served the teas and coffees and ice creams.



Wednesday Club Outing

