

The CMC Times



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



Winter Fair

Saturday 26th November 2022

11am - 2pm

Castleknock Parish Centre

- * Cake Stall
- * Book Stall
- * Crafts Stall
- * Tea, coffee & refreshments
- * and many more...



DON'T MISS SANTA'S ARRIVAL
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 to the
left.**

Print Deadline

The next edition of The CMC Times will be the issue for
November 2022. The deadline for articles / photos will
be **Friday 14th October 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)

Dear parishioners,

*"All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love."*

Familiar words of one of the most recognisable hymns from our Church Hymnal, even though we tend to only sing "We plough the fields and scatter" in one particular season of the year. The end of September into the start of October is always a special time in the Church of Ireland as we come together to give thanks to God for the gifts of the harvest. While we may not live in rural Ireland surrounded by fields and farms, we can still take time to appreciate the hard work and skill that goes into farming the land and producing the food we so often take for granted.

When we decorate our churches with flowers and produce, we are not only producing something that is aesthetically pleasing to the eye (and nose), we are also acknowledging the cycle of the seasons, the works of our creator who *"sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain."*

As we face an autumn and winter of uncertainty due to the cost of living crisis that is impacting across the country (and the world) - soaring bills for heating and electric and increases in the cost of our grocery shop – perhaps this year more than ever we are all thinking of what it means to have food on our table and warmth in our homes.

The overwhelming evidence of climate change, often affecting the poorest countries of the world in ways we cannot imagine, is a stark reminder of the damage done to our environment and the chasm between rich and poor. Therefore, as we come to the Harvest celebrations we come not only to give thanks but also to reflect upon our role in how we individually and as a church act as responsible stewards of the earth God has given us.

At our joint Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Brigid's,

Castleknock (9th October at 11.30 a.m.), we will not only give thanks but also hear in a practical way how we can play our part in protecting the environment. Our guest speaker will be Justin Kilcullen who is a member of Eco-Congregations Ireland and has experienced how a local church can become more environmentally aware. Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI) encourages churches of all denominations to take an eco-approach to worship, lifestyle, property and finance management, community outreach and contact with the developing world.

Their vision is to see churches of all denominations throughout Ireland celebrate the gift of God's creation, recognise the inter-dependence of all creation and care for it in their life and mission and through members' personal lifestyles.

We look forward to what Justin has to share with us as we begin to try to make a difference in even a small way in protecting and sustaining the environment.

It is often by taking small steps individually or together that we begin to start to see real change, even when we least expect it. Jesus told his followers if only they had "faith as small as a mustard seed" God could do wonderful things through them. Throughout the Bible we see examples of God using small acts to change lives, think of the small offering of loaves and fishes which managed to feed thousands (with plenty left over!). When we take a small step of faith the impact on those around us can be immeasurable. What can we do this harvest season to help the environment? Are there small changes we can make to our lifestyles that could make a big difference? What small act of kindness can we carry out that would mean so much to someone in our community? How could taking the small step of inviting someone to experience our church community impact upon their life?

At our Harvest services we are giving you the opportunity to take those small steps. We will be collecting items for a local foodbank to help those who are struggling. If you are able

please bring along a donation of toiletries or non-perishable food items. Following the Service on 9th October we are hosting an international lunch in Castleknock Parish Centre. We are inviting you to bring along a dish (anything at all either main course type or dessert), which we will all share with one another, sharing some of our favourite dishes with others. This is a wonderful opportunity to take that small step of inviting someone to join us.

We are also looking to see how we can be a blessing to our community in the coming months and years. I hope to put together a vision group who will help us seek God's guidance for the direction we go as a church over the coming years. Perhaps this is something you might prayerfully consider being part of?

In all we do we remember to be thankful for the one who created us, created our world and who will lead us as we work to grow as a Church for God and a Church for all.

"We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food."

God bless,

Rev Colin



Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 9th October 2022

*11.30 a.m. in St. Brigid's Church,
Castleknock*

*followed by an International Lunch in
Castleknock Parish Centre*

Breakfast @ Cornerstone



Services for October 2022

Sunday 2	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.
Wed 5	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 9	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)	
		United Harvest Service 11.30 a.m.
	St Brigid's	followed by an International Lunch in Castleknock Parish Centre
Wed 12	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 16	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)	
	St Mary's	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
	St Brigid's	Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.
Wed 19	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 23	The Fifth Sunday before Advent (Proper 25)	
	St Mary's	"Cornerstone" 10.00 a.m.
	Castleknock Parish Centre	"Cornerstone" 11.30 a.m.
	St Thomas'	Holy Communion 8.00 p.m.
Wed 26	Castleknock Parish Centre	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 30	The Fourth Sunday before Advent (Proper 26)	
	St Mary's	United Service 10.00 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

Conor Fennell, son of Graham and Rebecca, was baptised in St Brigid's Church, Castleknock on Sunday 11th September.

Conor was joined by his Godparents, Ronan and Sandra, along with family members and friends. We welcome Conor into our church family.



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The Mothers' Union met again following the summer break with an uplifting Songs of Praise evening.

The room was packed with great singing voices raising the roof with a countdown of the 8 favourite hymns as voted by MU members.

Each hymn was introduced by a Mothers' Union member who shared a fascinating insight into the history and meaning of the songs. Stella led us in prayer and Rev Colin compered the evening.

Thank you to all who were involved in organising the evening. Special thanks to Judith for leading us so well on the piano.

Anne C.

Advance Notice

We will be decorating St. Brigid's Church for Harvest on **Saturday 8th October at 10.00 a.m.**

Please come along and help decorate the church with flowers, fruit and greenery. It has been such a long time since we were able to show our appreciation ... please come and support.

Donations of flowers, greenery, fruit and vegetables will be much appreciated as well as, most importantly, hands to help. Thank you.

Meryl



Bowling Club

At the moment we are just meeting on a Wednesday evening at 7.45ish but we will be entering teams in the Association competitions.

Hope: Ladies 4 person team.

Miller: Mens 4 person team

Kerr: 4 person mixed team.

It will be great to meet up with other club members and have the play and the chat. How much we all missed it in the last couple of years.

If you have any interest in having a go at the bowling, do drop in to the Parish Centre on a Wednesday evening and "roll the bowl, avoid the block and hit the Jack!!!!!!"

Valerie G.



Harvest in St. Thomas'



Boys' Brigade

At the time of writing the Boys' Brigade Team are busy planning the term ahead which begins on 27th September.

We meet Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

We welcome boys and girls from Junior Infants upwards. So join us if you want to....

Get Active!

Get Adventurous!

Get Learning!

Get Into the Bible!

Get Creative!

Get Involved!



The BB Team

Clonsilla Graveyard Service

We were delighted to be able to host the Clonsilla Graveyard Service along with Blessing of the Graves for the first time since 2019 on 11th September. We welcomed Father Denis O'Connor from Castleknock who took part in the service and blessed the graves. Despite the uncertain weather, we were able to hold the service outdoors with a good turnout from the local community.

Thank you to all the parishioners who worked hard to make the service happen.



Wednesday Club

Our Wednesday Club were able to hold their first outing since pre-pandemic with a trip to Bective Stud and Tea Rooms (see photos in September edition). Following a tasty lunch some of the group set off on the 3.5km walk around the stud ground while others remained for chat and laughter.

When the walkers returned, we all joined together for afternoon tea and coffee enjoying the fine weather.

Thanks to the two Valeries for organising the trip.

Dates for the Diary:

19th October - The AGM will take place in the Maharry Room in Castleknock Parish Centre following the Wednesday morning service. There will be refreshments (sandwiches, etc.) provided. Please let Valerie F. know if you will be attending.

7th December: Christmas Lunch will be in the Anglers Rest. More details to follow.

January: Lunchtime concert in the National Concert Hall.

February: Trip to Richmond Barracks.

If you have any other ideas, please let Valerie F. know.

Look forward to seeing you on the 19th October 2022.

Castleknock National School



We were delighted to welcome 25 new pupils to Junior Infants at the start of our new school year. The PA hosted a 'Tea & Tissues' coffee morning for parents to welcome everyone back.



We have all settled into our school routines and we are looking forward to a busy year full of fun, friendship and learning.

More recently we have been making the most of the early Autumn weather. 3rd Class have been learning all about herbs and have been outdoors looking at and smelling all the herbs in our sensory garden. They have also been admiring some of our trees.



Winter Fair 2022

The Winter Fair returns following a three year absence on Saturday 26th November. The usual stalls will be in place again this year so if you can help provide some home baked goodies or some pre-loved items, all donations would be gratefully received. There will be further planning meetings in October, please speak to Jillian Connolly for further details.

Harvest Thanksgiving and International Lunch

Following on from the Mulhuddart Harvest, we look forward to a joint Harvest for Castleknock and Clonsilla on Sunday 9th October in St Brigid's at 11.30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Justin Kilcullen from Eco-Congregations Ireland. Justin will give us an insight into how our churches can become more Eco friendly as we seek to care for God's creation.

Following the service, we will have a thanksgiving lunch in the Parish Centre featuring foods from around the world representing the diverseness of our church family.

At this year's Harvest services we are inviting parishioners to bring a donation of non-perishable food items to donate to a local Food Bank.

Craft Corner Returns!



Craft Corner is back after a long Covid induced break! Are you interested in crafts or upcycling items? In this adult group we aim encourage people to exchange tips and ideas while creating something to take home after each get-together. We meet once a month in Castleknock Parish Centre from 10 – 12. Tea/coffee/ biscuits and all materials are supplied for each craft at a cost of €5 per meeting. Our next Craft Corner morning is on October 24th. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Headstones in St. Mary's, Clonsilla

The Select Vestry of St Mary's wish to express their sincere thanks to Robert Clarke of Pro-Clean for voluntarily cleaning headstones, which date from the 1850's, in St Mary's Graveyard and which were sprayed with paint and graffiti during the summer of 2020. A picture to the left shows the finished work.

St. Brigid's Graveyard Service

The annual Graveyard Service is back this year on
Sunday 13th November

in

St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock

at

3.00 p.m.

This service is a special event for the whole community in Castleknock and further afield as we come together to remember family and loved ones laid to rest in the graveyard.

Mothers' Union Gathering in Belfast



On Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th September the Annual Gathering of the Mothers' Union for 2022 took place in Belfast.

Pictured Top Left: Stella, Toyosi and Blessing in St Ann's Cathedral at the Annual Gathering.

Pictured Top Right: MU Members from D&G with the All Ireland MU President (far right).

Pictured Right: MU Members from CMC Parish at the Annual Gathering.



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