

The CMC Times



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



Now Enrolling

Castleknock National School are now accepting applications for the 2023 - 24 school year.

Details of the admissions policy and application form can be found on the website

www.castleknocknationalschool.ie

Application Forms should be returned to the school no later than

Tuesday 10th January 2023.

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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 a double issue
for **December 2022 / January 2023**. The deadline for
articles / photos will be **Tuesday 15th November 2022**.

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.

Rector Writes

Dear parishioners,

Often with our changeable weather in Ireland we hear the expression “four seasons in one day”. It occurs to me that November could be described as eternity in one month – a month that begins with reflection on the past and ends with anticipation of what is to come.

November begins with All Saints Day, a day in which we remember loved ones who have died. It’s a day of reflection and memories as we recall all that those loved ones, those “saints”, mean to us. While All Saints is a time to remember all who have gone before us, it is in many ways a very personal day as we each think of those closest to us. On the evening of All Saints Day (November 1st) we will gather in St Brigid’s (7.30 p.m.) for a time of quiet reflection, a time to grieve, a time to give thanks and a time to remember. The service will also give an opportunity for prayer for those who are ill or struggling in anyway. There will be a space in the service to ask for prayer for yourself or for someone you know.

Annually November marks Armistice Day, the time when we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in wars around the world. The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11.00 a.m. on 11 November 1918. The word Armistice drives from Latin and literally means “to come to a stand or a stop”. Armistice is a reminder to us all of the horrendous cost of war and conflict and the need for us all to strive for peace. It is so sad that Remembrance Day and the poppy has become a political football and seen as divisive when it should always be a day and symbol for peace and a reminder that war is not the answer. On Sunday 13th November we will mark Remembrance Sunday in both morning services, remembering all who died and praying for a peaceful future.

On that same Sunday afternoon (3.00 p.m.) in St Brigid’s, we are able to once again invite the local community to our Graveyard Service and Blessing of the Graves. This service not only gives us the opportunity to remember loved ones but is also an opportunity to welcome the local community and accommodate the tradition of our Roman Catholic neighbours in blessing graves.

While November begins with looking back, it very much ends with looking forward as we mark the beginning of Advent. In contrast to Armistice meaning “to stop”, the Latin meaning of Advent is “coming”. Advent is a season when we anticipate with excitement what lies ahead. Advent is a season of expectancy, a season when light emerges from darkness. We see it visibly all around us as Christmas lights are switched on in towns and homes. Those lights are a symbol of something much greater. Pope Benedict XVI once said:

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.”

We look forward of course to the celebrations of Christmas as we remember the light of the world born in a manger in Bethlehem, but we look beyond the first coming of Jesus with anticipation to when he will come again. Advent creates in us a sense of hope that this broken world is not all there is. Advent reminds us that even in the darkest times there is good, there is light and there is hope.

Hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus in anticipating our Saviour’s coming the prophet Isaiah wrote:

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**

November begins with darkness, the clocks have gone back, the evenings are longer, our hearts feel heavy as we remember loss. But that is only the beginning, the light is coming. Jesus' birth gives us cause for celebration. The light that shone through the darkness offering hope and salvation to all people. Jesus' coming again will eclipse darkness for all of eternity as a new heaven and a new earth, an eternity with no more pain, sorrow, suffering or darkness.

As we wait expectantly, we as God's church are called to be people of the light, people who bring love and hope into our world through our words and actions. When the light of Christ radiates from a church community it impacts on all in that area.

Together let us be people of light, let us love, serve and encourage one another, let us love, serve and encourage the communities in which we live and the networks in which we interact. We have a wonderful message of hope to tell the world, let your light shine and open doors of hope.

God bless,

Rev Colin



CASTLEKNOCK AND MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA CHURCH OF IRELAND

Stalls include:
Handbag Heaven
Household
Cakes
Crafts
Toys and Games
Plants
Books
Tea and Coffee
Raffle
Children's Activities
Blanchardstown Brass Band

**DON'T MISS
SANTA
ARRIVING
11.30AM!**

WINTER FAIR 2022

CASTLEKNOCK CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH CENTRE, CASTLEKNOCK ROAD SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 11AM-2PM

Services for November 2022

Sunday 6 The Third Sunday before Advent (Proper 27)

10.00 a.m.	Service of the Word	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Service of the Word	St Brigid's

Wed 9 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Castleknock Parish Centre

Sunday 13 The Second Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday (Proper 28)

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
3.00 p.m.	Graveyard Service	St Brigid's

Wed 16 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Castleknock Parish Centre

Sunday 20 The Kingship of Christ - Mission Sunday (Proper 29)

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's

Wed 23 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Castleknock Parish Centre

Sunday 27 The First Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m.	"Cornerstone"	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	"Cornerstone" with GB and BB	St Brigid's
8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Wed 30 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Castleknock Parish Centre

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.

Bowling Club

Tis so good to be meeting on Wednesday evenings for our Club Night and we are delighted to welcome 2 new members - Kathleen and Declan and they already have great Outdoor Bowling skills. If any of you are interested in giving the bowling a try then pop in any Wednesday from 8pm. Gordon, William and I attended the Association AGM in Taney and again it was nice to meet up after the lockdown. Congratulations to William on being proposed, seconded and elected to the Association Committee.

Valerie G.



Church Decorating

Thank you to those who contributed flowers, vegetables and their time to help decorate St Brigid Church for the recent combined Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The church looked beautiful.

Thank you.

Meryl

Pictured: Sadie, Valerie, Muriel, Pam, Sandra, Janice, Meryl.



Ecumenical Advent Carol Service

Sunday 4th December 2022

at 4.00 p.m.

St. Brigid's Church,
Castleknock

We welcome you to join us as a
community as we countdown to Christmas.



Harvest Thanksgiving and Bring and Share Lunch

As we gathered in St Brigid's on Sunday 9th October for our Harvest Thanksgiving, it was amazing to see so many filling the pews as we heard a wonderful account of what it means to be an Eco Congregation from Justin Kilcullen of Shankill Roman Catholic Church, our guest speaker.



The church was beautifully decorated and our worship was enhanced by our choir anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth." Prayers were led by some of the

older members of our Sunday Club while some of the younger children brought forward gifts as we give thanks and remembered those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Following the service we joined together in the Parish Centre for a delicious bring and share lunch with foods from all over the world.

Our Harvest Appeal was in aid of Crosscare Food Bank with donations of toiletries and non-perishable food items. We were able to donate a car full of items to help those in our local community who are struggling at this time.

Thank you to all who contributed to the service, decorated the church and brought items for lunch.



Harvest Thanksgiving and Bring and Share Lunch



Confirmation 2022

Eighteen young people from across our three churches were confirmed at an uplifting and memorable service in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 2nd October by His Grace, Archbishop Michael. It was a real blessing to witness the young people affirm their faith in front of a packed cathedral. Archbishop Michael encouraged the young people in his address to keep going and to play their part in the present and future of our church. We continue to



pray for our young people as they continue their journey of faith.

We plan to start confirmation classes in early 2023 for any young person currently in 6th class and above.



Boys' Brigade

Boys' Brigade is back in full swing, bringing much energy and activity to our Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings.



This year the boys and girls are working to gain badges by taking part in activities in the following areas:

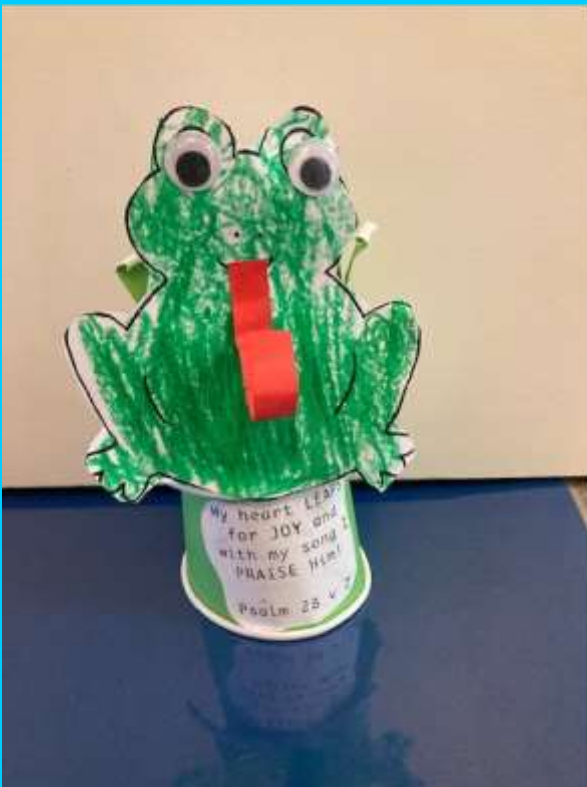
Get Active, Get Adventurous, Get Learning, Get Into the Bible, Get Creative and Get Involved.

This month Anchors 'got creative' by making leaping frogs and 'got involved' by learning about the effects of plastic pollution in our oceans.

The Junior and Company Sections 'got learning' by taking part in 'World Space Week', exploring what life is like as an astronaut, and 'got active' with an energetic game of dodgeball.

We continue to meet on Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

The BB Team



Wednesday Club

I am sorry to inform you that the AGM for the Wednesday Club had to be postponed until the 9th November, due to people been away, etc. The same arrangements will apply.

The Annual Christmas lunch will take place in the Anglers Rest, Castleknock at 12.30 p.m. on the 7th December.

Cost is €40 euro a head.

Please let Valerie Fildes know of any dietary requirements.

Also can you please let Valerie Fildes or Valerie Jameson know if you intend to coming to the lunch with payment by the 25th November next.

Dates for the Diary:

7th December: Christmas Lunch will be in the Anglers Rest.

January: Lunchtime concert in the National Concert Hall.

February: Trip to Richmond Barracks.

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

Castleknock National School



National Tree Day was on 6th October and 3rd Class went to The Phoenix Park to learn about trees from Éanna Ní Lamnha. They also featured on RTE's 'News2day' programme.



We are all very busy in CNS - looking forward to 'Jersey Day' on Friday and to all the excitement as we get closer to Halloween and our midterm break.

(We have commenced the Admission's process for entry to school in September 2023. Details are on our Annual Admission Notice or on the Admissions tab on the school website.)



Harvest Appeal 2022



We were privileged to be able to deliver your generous donations of toiletries and non-perishable food items to Crosscare today to support families across the Dublin area who are struggling at this time.

Crosscare do amazing work in supporting those who are in great need at this time, especially with the cost of living crisis. We look forward to partnering with Crosscare in the future by holding monthly collections as we seek to show God's love to our community and give some help to those in most need.



Craft Corner



Our first Craft Corner get-together was a great success. It was wonderful

to be able to chat over a cuppa while making unique cards – someone in our parish that's moving house might have received a few similar looking cards! We meet once a month in Castleknock Parish Centre from 10.30 to 12.00.

Cost of €5 includes craft materials and refreshments. Feel free to bring along any project you may be working on and share ideas. Dates to keep are Monday 28th November and 12th December.

You will be more than welcome!

Upcoming events

Advance Notice

We are hosting a short Advent Bible series over two Thursday evenings in the Maharry Room, Castleknock Parish Centre. We will meet on the evenings of the 1st and 8th December to look beyond our nativity plays and our Christmas card scenes portrayal of Mary and Joseph and examine what that first Christmas would have meant to them.

Monthly Prayer Gathering

Our next Monthly Prayer Gathering will take place in St Mary's, Clonsilla on Monday 21st November at 7.30pm. All are welcome as we spend some time in prayer seeking God's blessing on our church, the world around us, our community and all in need.

Castleknock Graveyard Service and Blessing of the Graves

We are glad to be able to once again host our Ecumenical Graveyard Service with Blessing of the Graves in St Brigid's on Sunday 13th November at 3.00pm. We will warmly welcome

Father Damien McNeice (PP Castleknock and Laurel Lodge) as our speaker on the day.

This is an important event for our local community and has been missed during the pandemic. Please spread the word to friends and neighbours.



CASTLEKNOCK AND MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022

Sunday 4th December
St Mary's Clonsilla 10am
St Brigid's Castleknock 11.30am
Advent Holy Communion
St Brigid's, Castleknock 4pm
Ecumenical Advent Carol Service

Sunday 11th December
St Mary's Clonsilla 10am
Carol Service
St Brigid's, Castleknock 11.30am
Castleknock National School Carol Service
St Thomas' Mulhuddart 8pm
Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 18th December
St Mary's Clonsilla 10am
Holy Communion
Castleknock Parish Centre 11.30am
Christmas Messy Church and Sunday Club Party
St Brigid's, Castleknock 7pm
Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24th December
St Brigid's, Castleknock 11.30pm
Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December
St Mary's Clonsilla 10am
St Brigid's, Castleknock 11.30am
Christmas Day Family Worship with Holy Communion

ALL WELCOME

Don't miss out on the real
reason for the season
this Christmas

