

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 **June 2023** issue. The deadline for articles / photos will be **Monday 15th May 2023.**

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 Friends,

Unless they say sorry first, I cannot forgive them...

Unless they ask me, I will not go...

Unless there's something in it for me, I'm not interested...

Unless it's worth my while, I won't make the effort...

Unless it's my choice of service, I won't go to church...

Unless they chose my favourite hymns, I won't sing...

It can be so easy to fall into a life of “unless”. It can be so easy to not put the effort into life’s situations - relationships, work, family life, church - unless it benefits us in some way. Ultimately though when we do so we miss out on so many of life’s possibilities of sharing in the joy of others.

Following Jesus’ Ascension to heaven the early church were in real danger of falling into the trap of ‘unless.’ We have already heard in our Sunday lectionary Doubting Thomas’ ‘unless’ moment; “unless I see the nail prints in his hands I won’t believe.” Thomas found it impossible to accept the wonderful, good news of the resurrection when it was told to him by the other followers of Jesus. While Jesus met Thomas in the midst of his doubt, He also pointed out that Thomas had missed out on something even more special because of his ‘unless’ – “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed.”

Despite meeting the Risen Christ those first followers of Jesus began to slip away. We cannot understand their fear of persecution and alienation and how they would have felt inadequate without the presence of the Master. There was a real danger that the Christian faith would simply disappear ‘unless’ something changed. It was on that first day of Pentecost (a day we will celebrate at the end of May with a special service of celebration followed by lunch) that the ‘unless’ became real. Inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter preached with fire and authority, the message was heard in a multitude of

languages and the church as we know it was born with thousands coming to faith.

The Christian faith began to grow from a moment of ‘unless’ through God’s Spirit working through ordinary lives, people just like you and me.

In his poem ‘Pentecost’ William Blake captures the heart of the ‘unless’ -

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known. (William Blake)

For ‘unless’ we step forward in faith and respond to the calling of the Spirit then the wonderful, good news of God’s love will not be known in our families, our workplaces, and our communities.

We are so blessed in our Castleknock, Mulhuddart and Clonsilla that so many people step out in faith and answer the call to serve in our churches and through many ways in our communities. Their service is inspiring to others and shows the true spirit of Pentecost and how church should truly be.

As I reach one year as your Rector at the end of this month, I want to personally thank all of you who have given of your gifts and talents to support the ministry of our churches in numerous ways that are far too many to mention individually. ‘Unless’ people step forward in faith a church cannot grow and ‘unless’ we make people feel welcome and that this is a place to belong people will not come. You have truly done all those things and more in my first year and I feel truly privileged to be a part of this wonderful church family.

Rector Writes

As we continue to move forward to see where God is leading us, as we look forward to welcoming Rev Natasha, as we assess how best we can serve our communities let us not be people of 'unless' but rather people of love, unity, and faith. Trusting that God will be with us, and His Spirit will lead us. We must truly believe that we don't need to wait for the 'unless' but simply get on and get involved in the here and now.

Thank you to all of you for your support, encouragement,

and friendship over the past year as I continue to get to know you all. I excitedly look forward to what God has in store for us in the future.



Hello from Rev Natasha

Hello!

I am the recently appointed Curate Assistant for Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla. At present I am in the midst of packing and handing over my ministry commitments in my current parish placement. For the past two years, I have been serving as a Curate in rural North Wales, not too far from where I grew up. My time in North Wales has been a very different experience of ministry for me as I have only ever worked in city contexts in England and in Cardiff. Most of my ministry so far has been focussed on children's youth and families work. I came to faith because of the local vicar who used to come to my primary school. Growing up in a non-Christian household, I loved learning about Jesus through fun and engaging ways. This is why I now have a real passion for allowing the next generation an opportunity to learn about faith in creative ways. I also trained as a nursery nurse as a teen and enjoy being able to transfer my passion for working with young people into my church contexts.

I have a real passion for exploring new ways we can draw new people into our worshipping communities through outreach events and engagement. Although I have only been ordained for two years, I previously worked in ministry for five years as a lay worker. In these various roles I would often support or co-ordinate various



outreach events within local communities.

I have felt called to Ireland for a very long time and when I found myself at a cross roads in my ministry, I decided to take the plunge to explore a move over the Irish sea. To my delight, things have all fallen into place and I am delighted to be continuing my ministry in Dublin. I will be moving over to Dublin with my Golden Labrador, Rufus who is also my best tool for ministry. He loves to attend home visits with me and any outreach event where there is food!

I look forward to working alongside Reverend Colin in the Parish of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla, and hope I will be able to contribute to the already vibrant life of the churches.

Rev. Natasha



Services for May 2023

Wednesday 3	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 7	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
Wednesday 10	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 14	The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Brigid's
8.00 p.m.	Compline	St Thomas'
Wednesday 17	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 21	The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after the Ascension Day	
10.00 a.m.	Service of the Word	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Service of the Word	St Brigid's
Wednesday 24	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 28	The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	
11.30 a.m.	Cornerstone - United Service	St Brigid's
8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 31	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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

28th MAY ST BRIGID'S, 11.30 A.M

JOINT SERVICE WITH BRING AND SHARE INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

Pentecost Sunday is often referred to as the birthday of the modern church. It is the day when God's Holy Spirit filled Jesus' early followers and all around heard the word of God in their own native tongue. To celebrate this occasion it seems fitting as a multi-cultural church that we should hear different languages and voices as we worship together at our Cornerstone Service.

We will have a joint service in St Brigid's Castleknock and following the service we will have another Bring and Share International Lunch in the Parish Centre. This proved to be a great success and we look forward once again to sharing together over food from around the world and building friendships. Everyone is invited to bring along a savoury or dessert dish to share with everyone else as we celebrate the diversity of our church family. These can be dropped into the Parish Centre before the service.

WALKS OF WELLBEING

There will be a "Walk of Wellbeing" in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 7th May from 3 - 5 pm meeting at the Papal Cross. This walk is part of our Rural Deanery Mind-Matters project and will be led by Rev Ruth Noble. It will be a gentle guided walk with a focus on friendship and mindfulness. All are welcome.

There will also be a longer walk on Saturday 27th May in Glendalough led by Rev Brian O'Reilly (see information to the right).

Walks of Wellbeing

Gentle, guided walks with a focus on friendship and mindfulness

Sunday 2nd April

**St. Anne's Park, Raheny
(meet at the Red Stables)**

3-5pm

Led by Rev. David White

Sunday 7th May

**Phoenix Park
(meet at Papal Cross)**

3-5pm

Led. by Rev. Ruth Noble

Saturday 27th May

**Glendalough
(meet at St. John's Church, Laragh)**

11am-4pm

Led by Rev. Brian O'Reilly

(please bring water and a packed lunch)

More information on any of these events at

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- Clergy Training and Supports
- Mental Health and Faith

Confirmation 2023



We enjoyed a truly wonderful celebration on the evening of 22nd April as twenty-one young people from our parishes affirmed the promises made for them at Baptism. The Confirmation Service was led by Archbishop Michael who in his address encouraged the candidates, and indeed all of us, to continue to seek God and to continue to come along to church, as we each discover God in our own way.

The candidates then answered questions confirming their faith before the Archbishop prayed God's Holy Spirit over each one individually for the act of confirmation. The candidates and their families then received Holy Communion. Following the service, we joined together in the Parish Centre for a dessert party.

Thank you to all who made the service possible our church wardens, Fern and the choir, those who helped administer Holy Communion, the flower arrangers and those who set up the hall and took care of the refreshments.

Most of all thank you to our Confirmation young people who were a great bunch throughout classes and were a credit to themselves and their families on the night of the service. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rev Colin



Boys' Brigade Display 2023



On Tuesday 25th April at 7pm the 10th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade ended the 2022 - 2023 sessions with a fun filled family evening in the Parish Centre. The company showed off their talents in music, sport, acting and comedy!

Members were presented with a core activity badge recognising their hard work and participation throughout the year, as well as a service badge. Six merit awards were presented for each core activity area and previous captain Barbara presented two new cups – one for Best all round Anchor and the other for Outstanding Participation within the Juniors, Company and Senior sections.

It was a wonderful to have the families together to round off the year and to thank the leaders for all their hard work and dedication. A great time was had by all - Well Done 10th Dublin Company!

Judith



Girls' Brigade Display 2023



The Annual Display in Castleknock Community College on Friday 21 April drew our Girls' Brigade year to a close. The girls put on a fantastic show of dancing, singing, skipping with the highlights of the night being the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders performing Disney Mash Up of song and dance and the Explorer and Tiny Tots Wizard of Oz play. It was great to see so many family members and friends come along to support the girls.

Our thanks to all who donated to our Period Poverty Collection over the past month, we were delighted to have gathered enough feminine sanitary products to fill two bags and a box to donate to Ballycullen Food Bank.

The best of luck to all the girls and leaders undertaking Junior Cycle and College exams over the next couple months and hope everyone has a restful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September enthused for another year of Girls' Brigade. If anyone has a girl who would like to join Girls' Brigade, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me over the summer on 42ndcocastleknock@girlsbrigadeirl.ie.

Olive Good





Mothers' Union "Ladies Night Out"

Dinner - Rye Room, Springfield Hotel,
Leixlip, Co. Kildare

Monday, 8th May 2023 at 7.30 pm

€40 per head (4 course meal).



Please let Anne Cadoo or Valerie Jameson know if you wish to attend by Tuesday, 2nd May 2023.

Look forward to seeing you
Anne and Valerie

All welcome

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the family of Moira Craigie who died on Good Friday. Moira's funeral took place in Glasnevin on Thursday 13th April. We assure Moira's sons Ian and Andrew, their families and the wider family circle of our prayer.



Craft Corner

Our recent Craft Corner get together saw us creating an Easter gift. We tried the technique of marbling using nail polish and hot water on glass. A first for us all! We enjoyed the usual cuppa and natter too.



Our jars were decorated and filled with Easter treats.

Our next Craft Corner meet up will be on May 29th. It's an opportunity to

try something new and catch up with old friends and make new ones. We will be taking a break for the summer months in June, July and August but will be back with lots of creative ideas in September!



Monthly Prayer Gathering

Our monthly Prayer Gathering for May will be held on Wednesday 15th May in St Mary's Clonsilla at 8pm. All are welcome to join us as we pray for our churches, the world, the sick and others.

Prayer is such a vital part of our Christian faith and it is often said that a church the prays together grows together. It would be great if you could make our monthly prayer meetings a part of your journey of faith.



Youth Group



Following on from our two Confirmation Services over the past 6 months we are launching a new Youth Group for all those who have completed Confirmation and all young people from 1st year to under the age of 18. Often in churches see Confirmation as the end of the journey but we want it to be just the beginning. The Youth Group will meet monthly during the school year starting on Sunday 14th May at 6pm in Castleknock Parish Centre. The Group will be a time for young people to meet and build friendships in an informal setting. There will be a few games and a short Bible Talk as well as refreshments. Please encourage any young people you know to come along as we launch this new group.

Anyone interested in helping with this group should speak to Rev Colin ASAP, we may need the help of a few parents as we get started until we establish some new helpers.

Holy Baptism

We were delighted to welcome Jack Robert Lawson into God's family through Holy Baptism on Sunday 23rd April in St Brigid's, Castleknock.

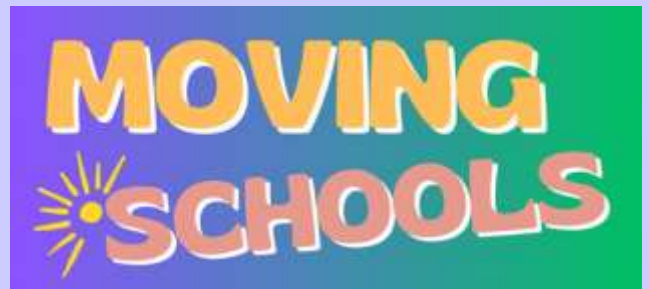


Jack, who seemed to enjoy the occasion, was joined by his parents Theo and Caroline, Godparents Alison and Paul and family and friends. Grandmothers Ada and Chris brought us our Scripture reading as part of what was a lovely celebration during our Cornerstone Service.

Tiny Tots



Our Tiny Tots drop-in sessions continue on Thursday 18th May in Castleknock Parish Centre. Tiny Tots is for all pre-school aged children and their parents / carers. We are holding one session a month until June with the plan of starting weekly in September. This is a wonderful opportunity for new parents or those caring for young children to meet others and grow friendships as well as seeing their little ones interacting and enjoying the activities. There is a €2 charge to cover the cost of refreshments. For further details please contact Louise McDonagh. Please spread the word to anyone with pre-school children.



Moving Schools Event

We are excited to be hosting a new initiative from our Diocesan Youth Council for pupils and parents of those finishing 6th class and moving to secondary school.

"Moving Schools" is open for all 6th classers and their parents and will use video, games and stories from the Bible to help both pupils and their parents in this time of transition.

"Moving Schools" takes place in Castleknock Parish Centre on Sunday 28th May at 4pm. For more information, please speak to Rev Colin or check out the website: www.dgyc.org/moving-schools

News

Bowls Club

Well done to our bowling team who recently played the final of the Rohu Cup.



Despite losing the final on the night to Whitechurch (congratulations to them on the win) all the team played some great bowls and did very well to reach the final.



Easter Messy Church

Easter Messy Church turned out to be a brilliant afternoon for all who came along, and great to see some new faces too.

Well done to all who came up with the wonderful craft ideas telling the story of Palm Sunday and Easter.

Worship was uplifting (and great exercise) as we explored "who did it?".

Pizza was a big hit with all, not sure anyone has ever seen that many pizzas disappear so quickly!



Wednesday Club



Our Wednesday Club had a lovely outing recently taking in lunch at Carton House in Maynooth before a leisurely stroll around the grounds.



Date	Outing Details
Wednesday 31st May	Visit to Dail Eireann on the 31st May. Meeting at 3.15 pm at the entrance on Kildare Street beside the National Museum of Archaeology. Please let Valerie F. know by the 20th if you wish to go along.
Thursday 22nd June	Tour of Newgrange, Co. Louth (Meet at 11.45) Cost: To be confirmed
Wednesday 26th July	Tour of Botanic Gardens. More details to follow. Cost: €5 per head.
Wednesday 30th August	Newbridge House, Donabate. More details to follow.

MOVING SCHOOLS

Prepping for the big move
to secondary school

We're inviting 6th classers & parents to
join us as we use videos, games,
discussions, games and stories from the
Bible to prepare for moving to
secondary school



Enniskerry: 27th May
Rathmines: 27th May
Castleknock: 28th May

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CNS 300 Year Celebration Event

Castleknock National School Parents Association are hosting a '300 Year Celebration' Event as part of the celebrations to mark the 300th Anniversary of the School in 2020 (celebrations were delayed due to the Pandemic). Join us as we celebrate this incredible milestone at the Twin Oaks restaurant in the Ashleigh Centre in Castleknock. This evening is sure to be fun with dinner, drinks, dancing and a walk down memory lane. During the event, we will host a few interactive and fun activities that we hope you enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing you there and celebrating with you!

Location: Twin Oaks Restaurant, Ashleigh Centre, Castleknock

Date and Time: 26 May 2023, 7.00 p.m. to close

Dress Code: Semi-Formal

A welcome drink along with passed canapes and a buffet dinner will be included in your ticket. Cash bar available.

Link to purchase tickets: [Castleknock National School 300 Year Celebration](#).

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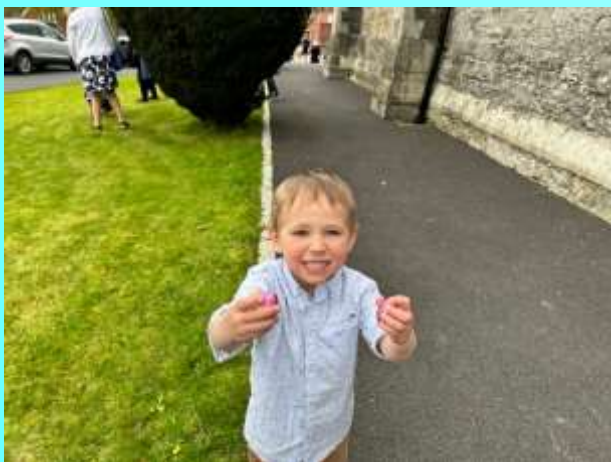
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300 Year Celebration

Friday
26 May 2023

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Twin Oaks Restaurant
Castleknock

