

The CMC Times



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Print Deadline

The next edition of The CMC Times will be the **October 2023** issue. The deadline for articles / photos will be **Friday 15th September 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

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Do you have a bucket list?



Dear Friends,

As many of you know one of my big passions in life is rugby. Whether it's standing on the terrace of Ravenhill to cheer for the Ulster men or taking my seat at Lansdowne Road (yes, I know they've all got corporate names these days but I'm still a bit old school) once rugby season is upon us I love to get to as many games as possible.

This year I've been excitedly looking forward to my holidays which not surprisingly will be revolving around rugby. The Rugby World Cup takes place in September and October cross France. I'm delighted to be travelling over for a week in September and a couple of weeks in October to take in a number of games both supporting Ireland and taking in some other nations as well.

While I've been to many rugby games over the years for a number of reasons, I've never been to a World Cup making this year's trip even more anticipated. I guess you could say the Rugby World Cup (along with a Lions Tour, maybe 2025!) has been on my bucket list. I'm sure you all know the idea of a bucket list. A bucket list is a list of the experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their lifetime. Literally a wish list of places you'd like to visit or experiences you'd like to have before you 'kick the bucket.'

When we are young, we often have thoughts and dreams of all the things we would like to do in life. Then we find that the years can pass by, and the busyness of life gets in the way and those hopes and dreams can go unfulfilled. That's often when the 'bucket list' comes to the forefront of our minds and we become more determined to tick off those longed-for experiences.

Do you have a bucket list? What are those places you'd really love to visit or those experiences you really want to take in? Often the more obscure experiences can prove to be the most exhilarating, learn to surf, jump out of a plane, walk on fire. Whatever it is, it is unique to you, it may well not make sense to anyone else why you'd want to do such a crazy thing, or go to that place, or watch men on a field chasing an egg-shaped ball! But that's the point of the 'bucket list' it is yours, it's unique

to you.

Contemplating my own bucket list got me thinking about other hopes and dreams, what I'd like to fulfil through my faith. This challenged me a bit, do I (or any of us) put the same emphasis on doing amazing things as part of God's family as we do on those things that what we long to experience in life? 1 Timothy 6 v 17 tells us that we should set our sights on God "who richly provides us with everything to enjoy." I don't think God minds us enjoying things in life, rather he has provided this wonderful world we live in for us to enjoy. But that enjoyment should also be found in serving God and in growing deeper in our faith.

Maybe a bucket list of faith could include things like learning more of the Scriptures, spending more time in prayer, sharing our faith with someone else, inviting someone to church (did you know that people often say yes when asked, it's just that no one ever asks them), or maybe going on a mission trip overseas (something I'm praying and thinking over for us as a parish).

Just imagine how fulfilling ticking of a list like that would be not just for ourselves but those around us as our faith radiates God's love to all we meet. As we start a new season in our churches with activities re-commencing following the summer break, wouldn't it be great if we began it with hopes and dreams for our faith and for our church community. Longing for a deeper relationship with God and a passion to further His Kingdom. When we give our hopes and dreams to God wonderful things can happen.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

God bless,

Rev Colin

CELEBRATION OF PETS!

Join us as we give thanks to God for all
creatures great and small
All well mannered pets (and owners)
welcome!



**4pm Sunday 3rd
September
Castleknock Parish Centre**



Services for September 2023

Sunday 3	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
4.00 p.m.	Pet Service	Castleknock Parish Centre
Wednesday 6	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	St Brigid's (TBC)
Sunday 10	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer with Baptism	St Brigid's
3.00 p.m.	Ecumenical Graveyard Service	St Mary's
Wednesday 13	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 17	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion - MU Enrolment	St Brigid's
3.00 p.m.	Harvest Service	St Thomas'
Wednesday 20	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 24	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 a.m.	Cornerstone	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Cornerstone with Baptism	St Brigid's
8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 27	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 1 Oct	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 a.m.	United Harvest Service	St Mary's

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.

Castleknock Parish Centre Works

The Castleknock Parish Centre Committee have been working away over the summer in planning some refurbishment to Castleknock Parish Centre. The Centre is a wonderful resource for both our parishes and the local community but is approaching 30 years since it was officially opened and parts of the building were beginning to look a little tired and some repairs needed. The initial works have centred on the older part of the building, the office area, meeting area and Maharry Room.



That area of the building has had major plumbing works completed with new piping and radiators.

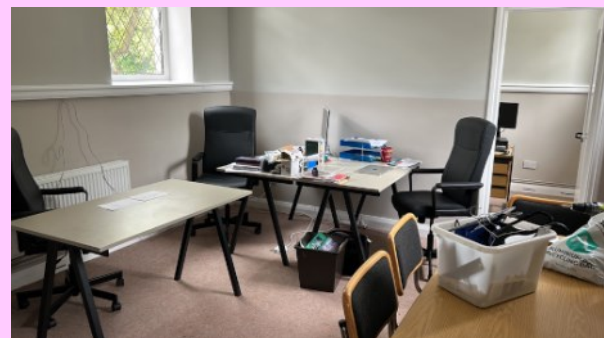


By early September the Maharry Room will have had a facelift and we really look forward to seeing the results. We were very keen to keep the essence of the room which was so beautifully decorated when the centre opened so hopefully the redecorating will help the room to continue to be a peaceful place to meet for our midweek Eucharists, prayer meeting and Bible Study as well as being available for wider use.

The office has been extended to take in the meeting room providing a much more spacious and airier environment. This means that entrance to the Maharry Room will be via the door on the corridor. The whole section of the building is being painted with new flooring in the Maharry Room and office area.

The Clonsilla Room has also been painted and the outside of the building is also to be painted. Going forward there are plans to replace all the external doors and to refit the kitchen. The committee also continue to explore all possibilities to ensure the Centre is fully utilised for us as a church and to help serve our local community.

These works of course come at a cost and while the Centre has a working fund through income from bookings, it isn't a bottomless pit. We will be looking at some fundraising to help ensure the Centre continues to be a wonderful resource as well as exploring external funding possibilities. We thank the Parish Centre Committee for all their hard work.



PARISH CENTRE – WHAT'S ON

Parish Activities:

- Mothers' Union – 1st Monday of month
- Prayer Meeting – 3rd Monday of month (alternates with Clonsilla)
- Craft Corner – last Monday of month
- Boys' Brigade – Tuesday
- Midweek Holy Communion - Wednesday
- Girls' Brigade – Wednesday and Saturday
- Bowls – Wednesday and Friday
- Tiny Tots - Thursday

Community Groups:

- Kids Aloud – Monday – Friday
- Ballet – Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Table Tennis - Monday
- Play Panda – Tuesday
- Vocal Vibes Choir - Tuesday
- Claphandies – Wednesday
- Cinealta Choir - Thursday
- Bridge – Thursday - New members welcome. Private Bridge Lessons. Contact Yvonne 0868592638
- Betty Ann Norton Theatre – Friday
- AA - Saturday

Church Summer Picnic

Summer picnic might be a slight exaggeration for our gathering following the united service in St Brigid's on Sunday 30th July. The sun wasn't shining but we still had a wonderful time at our (indoor) church picnic. It was great to see so many gather in the Parish Centre despite the weather.

For our United Service Rev Natasha led an interactive All Age Eucharist based on services she would have led regularly in the Church in Wales. The children were encouraged to take part in various aspects of the service including joining with Rev Natasha around the altar for the Eucharist prayer.

Thanks to all who helped make it a very enjoyable day.



Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade members have enjoyed a couple of meet ups over the summer break. We had great fun in the schoolyard in June with outdoor games followed by hotdogs and ice-cream!



In August a few of our members joined with the 2nd and 7th Dublin Companies for a summer programme getting the chance to try archery, launching rockets and glider planes amongst other activities!

We look forward to beginning another term at the end of September.

The BB Team



Volunteers Needed

Hopefully you've noticed there has been a lot going on across our Parishes over the last few months as we try to offer church for all. With extra activities of course comes the need for extra helping hands and so we are looking for people to step forward and get involved in an area that may be of interest to them.



Holy Baptism

On Sunday 13th August we celebrated the Holy Baptism of Myles Christopher Belbin in St Brigid's. Myles was joined by his parents, James and Emily, Godparents, James, Sam and Laura and family and friends.

We welcome Myles into God's family and pray for his family.



Youth Group

We had a brilliant summer get together with our Youth Group at the end of August with Rev Natasha leading us in a number of fun games

which brought a lot of laughter and a little bit of friendly competition. We then all enjoyed some pizza. It was great to see the young people back together with many of them starting new schools.

Youth Group recommences on Sunday 17th September at 6pm in Castleknock Parish Centre. We will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month and the group is for all young people of secondary school age. Youth group will be a time for fun, games, chat and friendship. There will be a short Bible based talk as well as refreshments. Please encourage young people to come along as we seek to give them a place that makes them feel a part of our wider church family.



Winter Fair Meeting

We will be having a meeting on Thursday 7th September 7.30 p.m. in Castleknock Parish Centre to begin planning for the Winter Fair, which will be held on the last Saturday in November. The Winter fair is both an important fundraiser for our churches and a wonderful community event in which we welcome people from across our local community.

To make the Fair happen and to bring in new ideas we need your help as events like this don't just happen. All our Parish organisations have a part to play in the Fair as we all work together to make it a great day. Please plan to come along if you can make it to hear what is planned and to see how you can contribute.

CELEBRATION OF PETS SERVICE

There will be a special service to celebrate our beloved pets on Sunday 3rd September at 4pm in Castleknock Parish Centre. Bring along your furry friends, all creatures great and small (and their owners) are warmly welcome to attend (on a lead, in a bowl or in their portable home!).

Please spread the word and invite any animal lovers you know who would like to join us. We're guaranteed lots of noise and mayhem along with a joyous celebration of all creatures great and small.



Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving in St Thomas', Mulhuddart takes place on Sunday 17th September at 3pm as we come together to give thanks to God for all good gifts around us. We will be delighted to have our former Curate, Rev Eugene Griffin, Rector of Dunboyne and Rathmolyon, as our guest preacher before he moves to Kinsale.

Our joint service for Castleknock and Clonsilla this year will be in St Mary's, Clonsilla on Sunday 1st October at 10am. Our guest preacher will be Rev Peter Campion, Chaplain of Kings Hospital School.

We look forward to giving thanks for the harvest together and joining for refreshments following both services.



Happy Birthday Alex!

In July we wished a very happy big birthday to Alex our Rector's Church Warden in Clonsilla. Thanks to Stella for providing the cake to mark the special occasion.



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Craft Corner



Craft Corner returns on Monday 25th September from 10.30 to 12.00 in Castleknock Parish

Centre. At each get together we show and help you create a craft item to take home at a cost of €5 where all materials are supplied and we also enjoy a cuppa. Feel free to bring along any project you may be working on.

We're thrilled to welcome Claire Hutchinson to our admin team (Emma Fitzsimons, Margaret Tutty, Diana Hamilton & Ruby Bannister).

We usually meet the last Monday of every month unless it's a bank holiday weekend so please make a note that in October we will be meeting on 24th October. You can contact Ruby if you need any more information.

Looking forward to a busy creative 2023/24!

Tiny Tots



Our group for parents/ carers and pre-school aged children will meet weekly

(during school term time) from Thursday 14th September, 10am – 11.30am. Tiny Tots is a great place for parents and carers to meet for chat and friendship and for little ones to have fun and play. Please spread the word to anyone you know with young children who would benefit from getting to know others and have a place for the little ones to play and interact. There will be fun activities and song time each week as well as special seasonal days to keep everyone entertained.

Monthly Prayer Gathering



Our Monthly Prayer Gatherings resume following the summer break on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm in St Mary's, Clonsilla. Over the first couple of months we will be looking at the subject of prayer, what it means to pray and is there a how to pray. We will also be praying for our church, the world and those in need. All are welcome as we pray together as a church family. Let's make prayer the foundation stone of all we do and seek to do.

Our monthly prayer gatherings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. The gatherings will alternate between Castleknock and Clonsilla. Our time together will be relaxed with no pressure to pray out loud, there will also be tea and coffee.

Clonsilla Graveyard Service

Our annual Ecumenical Graveyard Service including blessing of the graves in St Mary's Clonsilla will be held on Sunday 10th September at 3pm. The outdoor service (weather permitting) 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. Please spread the word to the wider community as we welcome people to our church for this very special service as people remember their loved ones.



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Thank you Sam

It was a great pleasure to present a gift to Sam McKeever on the 29th June to mark his retirement from Castleknock and Mulhuddart Select Vestry.

Sam served on the Select Vestry for over 40 years and was church warden for a good part of that. Sam also looked after the graveyard for many years and was always the go to for information regarding graves. Sam helped out in many other ways in the parish including ringing the church bell. The McKeever household was also a sanctuary for many in the church over the years with Sam and his late wife Mary often having a house full of children from the school or parish as well as being a place of hospitality for many adults.

Unfortunately due to limited mobility Sam is unable to get out to church and so he decided to step down from Select Vestry at this year's Easter General Vestry.

To mark his many years of service the Vestry presented him with a beautiful painting of St Brigid's church and graveyard along with a special gold medal marking 300 years of Castleknock National School.

Rev Colin was joined in making the presentation by two of our longest serving Vestry members Gladys Hutchinson and James Anderson along with Sam's daughter Orla who carries on the mantle of her father in serving on the Vestry.

We thank Sam for all his years of service, no doubt many of you have numerous memories of Sam from church over the years.



On Your Bike!

Massive well done to Gordon, George and Syd who completed a 530km cycle from Prague to Vienna on the 7th July raising money for the Irish Hospice Foundation. Fittingly they finished at the beautiful Vienna Cathedral.



BIG CHURCH BREAKFAST

We enjoyed a very uplifting joyful morning in our churches on 27th August as we ate breakfast together and worshipped as a church family for our Breakfast @ Cornerstone. We met in both Clonsilla and Castleknock Parish Centres before the services to share a delicious breakfast together.

During worship we had great fun playing “who am I” as we thought about arguably the most important question we’ll ever hear “who is Jesus to you?”

Thank you to all who provided food, set up, cleaned up and made it such a brilliant morning.



Wednesday Club Summer Trips



Over the summer months some members of our Wednesday Club headed to Howth at the end of June and enjoyed some sunshine between the showers with lunch together. At the end of July they headed to Dalkey on the train for a lovely day of walking, chat and food. The weather was certainly with us as we managed to spot the sun for the first time in weeks!



You are warmly invited to Tiny Tots,
our gathering place for
all pre-school children and their parents/ carers



A place to meet
A place for fun
A place to grow
A place for you

Castleknock Parish Centre
Thursday's 10.00am – 11.30am During Term Time
Starting 14th September 2023
€2 to cover tea/ coffee