

# 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 2024** issue. The deadline for articles / photos will be **Wednesday 15th May 2024**.

## 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,

In my report for the Easter General Vestries this year, I asked those present if they could recall our churches vision statement, which appears on our service sheets and other communications:

## PARISHES OF CASTLEKNOCK AND MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA A CHURCH OF GOD, A CHURCH FOR ALL

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

I began with a Scripture reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 12 in which Paul reminds the members of the church that although we are many with many varying gifts and abilities we are all one body in Christ. I then showed a short video on how geese when migrating fly in formations that enable all to reach their destination and in which all play their part in sharing leadership. The video told us that the geese honked at one in another in encouragement and I then posed the question was our honking positive or negative?

That's a really interesting question, is our honking (our comments and remarks, and our general attitude) the sound of encouragement? If we are to be one body and if our churches are to be "a church for God and a church for all" where all feel welcomed and all feel loved, surely our starting point is to be people who are encouraging and building up rather than critical.

With this in mind I want us to focus on the church being not about the building but rather the people. For me one of the most wonderful things about church is that it is a group of people from varying backgrounds, varying ages, etc., who come together with one purpose - to further the Kingdom of God. Of course that sounds wonderful in theory but the practicality of a community made up of very different people with different thoughts and ideas can also be challenging.

The truth is we don't always have to agree on everything, but we should never lose focus of that

common goal. Therefore, the challenge to each of us in this church and in this community in

which we live and worship is are we in all we do seeking to be loving, giving and serving? Loving, giving and serving, three easy words to say but do they lie at the heart of who we are as a church? Does our worship, our activities, our outreach, and how we are viewed in our communities reflect a church where all will feel welcomed and all will feel loved?

So as we reflect upon this I ask the following questions:

- Does our vision tie into everything we do?
- Does our worship and activities link to being a church for all?
- Are we as clergy creating that culture as church leaders?
- Are we as clergy focusing on what is important?
- Are we ALL playing our part in seeking to fulfil the vision?

There are so many positive things happening in our parishes at the moment. We have embraced the vision I set forward in last year's Easter General Vestry. We have established a number of ministries and outreaches to both help us grow in faith and to serve our community. We have grown in our mission focus both locally and worldwide with our forthcoming Cambodia Mission trip. We have introduced new ways to worship, pray and study the Bible together. There is a wonderful vibrancy to our church services with the whole spectrum of ages. People are volunteering their time and talents to serve. There is so much to encourage us. Let's keep honking loudly for one another!

Church however is not about five year plans or clever words, our vision must be indoctrinated into the culture of all we do. So alongside the encouragement I lay down a challenge.

We all must ask ourselves, am I playing my part? We





# RECTOR WRITES

need more people to share the responsibility and roles that are needed for our church to grow.

We all need to examine our financial giving with the ever increasing financial cost of being a church.

We must all question how much of ourselves we are prepared to give to serve others.

When we pray, when we actively seek to grow in faith, when we all play our part, when we give what we can of our gifts, talents and finances then we truly become **A church of God and a Church for All.**

This month sees the 2nd anniversary of my time as your Rector. I wish to thank you all for journeying with me, for allowing me to make mistakes and for the

encouragement and support you give to Janice and myself. I thank you for enabling us to appoint a Curate and I thank Rev Natasha for not only all the talents and gifts she has brought to our churches but also her friendship.

It is a great joy and privilege to be your Rector and I pray that we continue to grow together and I really hope you feel our churches are a place where you are welcomed and you are loved.

God bless,

*Rev Colin*

## PARISH BBQ

Preparations are fully underway for our Parish BBQ on Friday 21st June in Tyrrelstown House (over 18's only).

We are so grateful to the Wilkinson family who have made this wonderful venue available to us so make sure you don't miss out on what promises to be a wonderful evening.

Tickets will go on sale shortly at €25 each – this will include Prosecco (or Nosecco) on arrival, food (there will be a vegetarian option) and live music. There will be a cash bar on the evening as well as a raffle and hopefully some unique prizes up for auction.

As well as raising much needed funds for the upkeep of our churches, this is a social evening when we can come along and enjoy friendship, fun and laughter. It is also a wonderful opportunity to invite along family and friends to see how warm and welcoming our church community is.

There is a lot of work that goes on to make such an event possible so please do support by coming along and inviting others. This night will only be a success with your support.

There are many ways in which you can support this event:

- Buy tickets and invite others
- Volunteer to provide food
- Sponsor the meat
- Sponsor some drinks
- Sponsor the burger baps
- Volunteer to help with the set up and take down
- Provide a raffle prize
- Source something unique or quirky that we could auction off
- Help behind the bar
- Help with cooking or serving

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS A  
NIGHT TO REMEMBER!**

**PARISH OF CASTLEKNOCK AND  
MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA**

# **PARISH BBQ**

**Live Music - Food- Dancing**

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 21**

**AT 7.30 PM - END  
FOOD SERVED  
FROM 8-10PM**

**TYRRELSTOWN  
HOUSE**

**Powerstown Road,  
Tyrrelstown,  
D15 T6DD**



**Tickets €25**

**All proceeds in aid of parish  
funds**

**Tickets can be bought in  
Church, the Parish Office, or  
email  
[cmcparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cmcparishoffice@gmail.com)**

**Prosecco (or Nosecco) on arrival**

**Food**

**Live music & dancing**

**Over 18s**

**Cash Bar (Donations)**

# EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES 2024

Thank you to all who took the time to attend our Easter General Vestries in April as we heard the annual reports into the finances and activities of our churches both in Castleknock & Mulhuddart and in Clonsilla.

It was encouraging to see the so many in the Parish Centre for the Castleknock and Mulhuddart meeting. In the Treasurer's Report Alex outlined the financial situation of the parish with the income and expenditure for the previous year. We then heard what has been happening in the parish through the Secretary's Report and given an update on Safeguarding Trust and GDPR.

Our Easter General Vestry in Clonsilla, though not as well attended, was a really positive evening as Lorna our Secretary reported on what had happened in the parish over the past year and Gordon our treasurer give us a

full financial overview as he presented the annual accounts.

At both meetings Rev Colin set out his vision for our churches, as outlined in his Rector's Report earlier in this edition of the magazine.

In Castleknock & Mulhuddart, we thanked Pauline McConnell who stepped down from the vestry after many years' service and Ken Gregory who had to step down due to work commitments.

In Clonsilla, we thanked Maurice Maxwell who has stood down from the vestry for the moment due to family commitments.

Those elected to serve on the Select Vestries are detailed below.

## Castleknock & Mulhuddart General Easter Vestry

This was held on Tuesday 9th April at 8.00 p.m. The following were the results:

**Rector's Churchwarden, Castleknock** - Victor Raj

**Peoples' Churchwarden, Castleknock** - Femi Atoyebi

**Rector's Churchwarden, Mulhuddart** - Sadie Smullen

**Rector's Glebewarden with responsibility for church contracts (Castleknock and Mulhuddart)** -

James Anderson

**Rector's Glebewarden** - Gordon Kellett

**People's Glebewarden** - George Chambers

**The following ordinary members were voted onto the Select Vestry for 2024/2025**

Eddie Colton, Mark Ellis, Philip Good, Tracy Henshaw-Alfa, Gladys Hutchinson, Valerie Jameson, Alex Kitching, Ada Lawson, Kristina Luus, Hal McGuckin, Orla Moore & David Smyth.

At a brief meeting of the new select vestry, Philip Good was elected as the Honorary Secretary and Alex Kitching as the Honorary Treasurer.

## Clonsilla General Easter Vestry

This was held on Thursday 18th April 2024 at 7.30 p.m. The following were the results:

**Rector's Church warden** – Alex Alino

**Peoples' Church warden** – Avril McCabe

**People's Glebe Warden** – Valerie Fildes

**The following ordinary members were voted onto the Select Vestry for 2023/2024:**

Fergus Beattie, Lorna Beattie, Liz Fleeton, Gordon Hill, Xana McCarthy, Barbara Melbourne, Prosper Obioha, Anne O'Connor, Bernard Sheridan, Bola Sobowale and Bob Tutty.

At a brief meeting of the new select vestry, Lorna Beattie was elected as the Honorary Secretary and Gordon Hill as the Honorary Treasurer.

# Services for May 2024

<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension Day</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Brigid's
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Cornerstone	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Cornerstone	St Brigid's
8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
<b>Wednesday 29</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 2 June</b>	<b>The First Sunday after Trinity</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid'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.



# Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip 2024

Thank you to all who have so far supported the Buy A Brick fundraiser to help cover the cost of building homes for families living in poverty to ensure they have a safe place to call home.

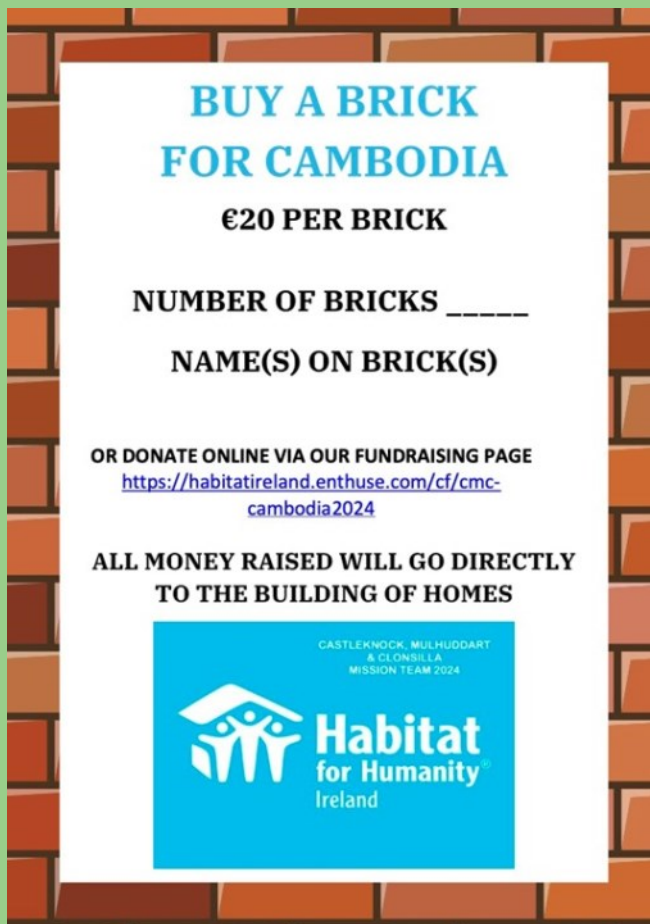
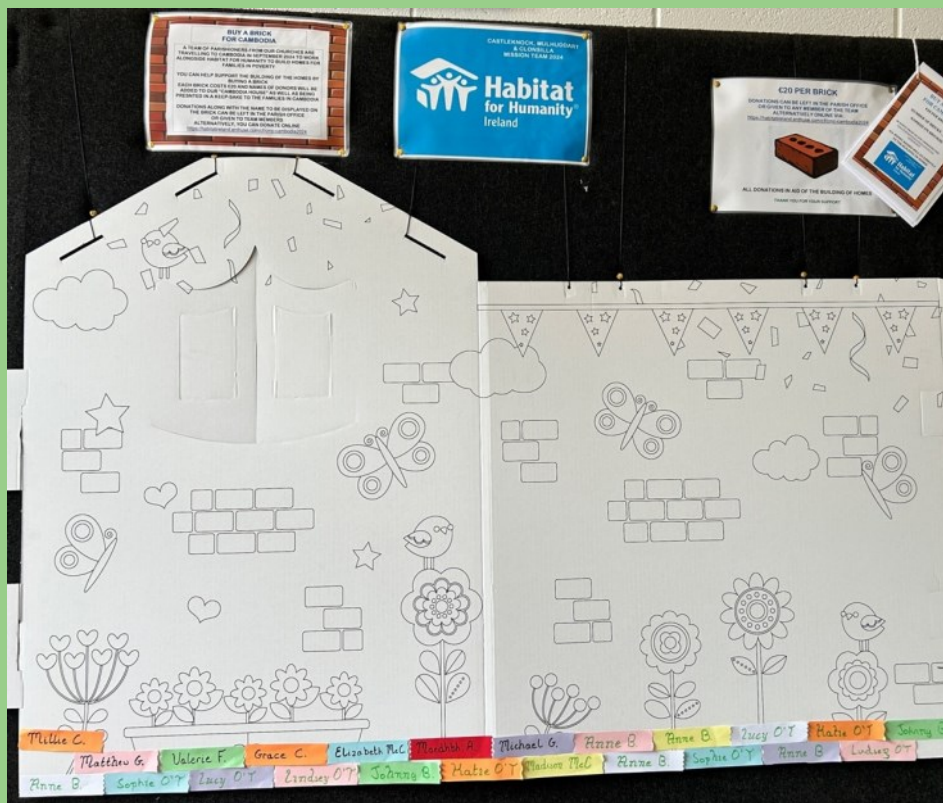
Each brick purchased goes fully towards the cost of building homes for vulnerable families. Bricks are €20 each and you can support by buying as many as you might like. The bricks have begun to build up in our Cambodia House, which currently sits in Castleknock Parish Centre. The names will also be on a gift that will be given to the families for their homes to show that our whole community is supporting them.

You can donate to the build at any time in cash or directly through our online fundraising page at <https://habitatireland.enthuse.com/cf/cmc-cambodia2024>. If you donate via our online page and your donation is for our Buy A Brick campaign please note it in the comment section or let one of the team know.

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing more about the building project in Cambodia with team members sharing why they have chosen to get involved.

All prayers, support and encouragement really does mean so much to those who will travel as we want to ensure this project is embraced by our whole church community.

For more information on Habitat for Humanity Ireland visit <https://www.habitatireland.org/>.





# CONFIRMATION 2024

What a great morning we had as we celebrated with our 19 young people who were confirmed in St Brigid's by the Archbishop on Sunday 28th April.

During the service the Archbishop encouraged the young people to stay connected to their church community and for us as their families and church families to encourage them as they journey in their faith.

The young people then affirmed the vows that were made for them by their parents and Godparents at their baptism.

Following the act of Confirmation the candidates joined with their families in receiving Holy Communion.

It was great to see such a full church to encourage the candidates as they made this personal commitment in their faith.

Thank you to the Archbishop who led the service and preached. The Archbishop was joined by Rev Colin and Rev Natasha who had prepared the young people for Confirmation along with Stella our Diocesan Reader. We were also delighted to welcome Rev Arsene from Burundi as our guest at the service.

Each of the young people was presented with a Bible and a book on Luke's Gospel to mark this special occasion.

Congratulations to all of them and we wish them all God's richest blessing as they continue their journey of faith. Please continue to keep them in your prayers and encourage them as part of our church family.



# WANDER AND WONDER

Rev Colin is planning a number of walks over the summer months for fellowship and a little bit of gentle exercise. The pace and length of the walks will be determined by those who come along.

The plan is to hold both a midweek and Sunday walk once or twice a month in June, July and August. The first walk will be in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 9th June meeting at the Papal Cross at 2.30pm (weather permitting). Each walk will finish with some sort of refreshment!

It is hoped that some of the walks will take us further afield so if anyone is interested in leading a walk or taking part, please speak to Rev Colin.



## WANDER AND WONDER

### Tranquility Fellowship Exercise

**Our first walk will be in the Phoenix Park  
Sunday 9th June 2.30pm  
Meet at the Papal Cross**



# BOYS' BRIGADE

There have been a busy few days in April as the Boys' Brigade headed to Emerald Park for a national outing on Saturday 20th followed by our family night on Tuesday 23rd.

The boys, leaders and a few parents all had a very adventurous day at the theme park, made all the more enjoyable by the fantastic weather. It was lovely to feel part of the wider Boys' Brigade community as we met companies from Tipperary, Cork, Cavan and more.

Our annual family evening was again full of games, music and drama as the boys demonstrated their amazing skills and talents.

The Anchors kicked off the evening with a skilful obstacle course while Juniors told us all what it meant to be a "Junior". The program continued with some entertaining races between the Company section and their family. Anchors then treated us to some fabulous singing accompanied by Ruairi on guitar.

This year our Juniors entered the Juniors International Games competition for the first time and demonstrated one of the games they entered, we look forward to hearing where they rank against many other companies across the world! The Company section finished the evening with a comedy skit and a song combining their love of both Boys' Brigade and rugby!

All the boys received their well earned badges and individual awards were distributed to those who showed extra enthusiasm in each of the six core activity areas. Everyone enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat afterwards. We hope to meet up over the summer in the park and will return for our program in September.



*The BB Team*





## Clonsilla Flower Rota

We are seeking a volunteer to co-ordinate the flower rota for St Mary's, Clonsilla. We thank Margaret who has held this role for numerous years and we now need someone else to take over the mantle.

We are very grateful for all who contribute flowers for our church services adding colour and beauty to our worship and reminding us of God's creation.

## Youth Group

Youth Group meets again on Sunday 19th May at 6pm in Castleknock Parish Centre. Youth Group is for those of secondary school age and is a time of fun games, getting to know each other and a short Bible talk.



## Food Bank

Our monthly collections for the Croí Mháire Foodbank in Blanchardstown are being well supported, so we thank all those who have been generous in giving.

Donations can be left any Sunday in our churches with all donated items will be delivered to the food bank following the fourth Sunday of each month. We are requesting non-perishable food items, any items that are particularly needed will be highlighted in the church notice sheet.

## Instagram

As we continue to spread the word of what is happening in our parishes, we are now available to follow on Instagram. Give us a follow on @cmcparish.



## Summer Holiday Club

Look out for exciting news in the coming weeks for a Holiday Club for children in the Parish Centre in August. This will be a great time for children to gather during the summer, if you would be interesting in helping out, please speak to Rev Natasha.

## Commissioning of Readers

We have been informed that the Commissioning Service for Olive as a Diocesan Lay Reader and Femi and Blessing as Parish Readers will take place on Saturday 22nd June at 6pm in Christ Church Cathedral.

All are welcomed to attend and Olive, Blessing and Femi would love to see you there. Further details in June's CMC Times.

## New Organist / Choir Director

We are delighted to have appointed Andrew Harding as our new Organist and Choir Director. Andrew is a native of Dunboyne and a member of the Church of Ireland in Dunboyne. Andrew has played the organ both in the Dunboyne Group and Raheny Parish where he also led the choir.

Andrew has Received Distinction in both Level 1 and Level 2 of the Archbishop's Certificate of Church Music (ACCM) in 2023 and is currently studying towards level 3. He also holds First-class Honours Degree in Music from Maynooth University (2019) and was a member of the world-winning Maynooth University Chamber Choir.

Andrew will begin with us on Sunday 12th May, please give him a warm welcome as he comes to join our parishes. We will have an interview with Andrew in the June edition of CMC Times,

We wish to thank Phillip, Maedhbh, Meryl and Judith who have done a wonderful job of playing both organ and piano during the vacancy.

## Sandwich and Service

The opportunity to worship together over food, chat and friendship is always an opportunity we should cherish.

We continue to offer the opportunity to do just that with Sandwich and Service meeting again on Tuesday 14th May at 12.30pm in St Mary's, Clonsilla. We meet for half an hour to 45 minutes for a time of worship and fellowship, all are welcome to join us.

## PRAYER GATHERING

Our Monthly Prayer Gathering takes place on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Maharry Room, Castleknock Parish Centre. All are welcome as we come together in prayer for the world, our churches, those in need, the sick and ourselves.

We should always remember that a growing church is always rooted in prayer.

## Wednesday Club



The Wednesday Club enjoyed a trip to Powerscourt to take in the Tulip Festival on Wednesday 24th April. Even though the trip was arranged last minute those who were able to make it on the day thoroughly enjoyed both the surroundings and the company.

Following a delicious lunch in Avoca, the group took in a walk of the gardens, enjoying the dry weather. The tulips were in full bloom and we discovered that there are some 3,000 types of tulip of varying shape, size and colour. We enjoyed a gentle stroll around the garden before some retail therapy with plants and seeds being purchased in the garden centre.

Our next outing will be to the Dublin Painting and Sketching Club Exhibition - Dublin Now and Then. This is to be held in the Cowshed Gallery in Farmleigh. We plan to go on Thursday 16th May and plan to meet in the Boat House in Farmleigh at 12 noon for lunch and then a wander around the Gallery. Admission to the Exhibition is free. If you are able to come along please let Valerie F. know so that we can try and keep tables.





## Craft Corner

We had fun creating a selection of tiny bouquets using artificial flowers. Magnets were attached to some to hang on fridges. Others were popped into envelopes to post to some friends that were in nursing homes – using the FREEPOST that An Post offer to residents of any nursing home. Well done!

Craft Corner won't be meeting during June, July or August, but we will be back with lots of crafts in September! Have a lovely summer and stay safe.



## Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots continues to meet on Thursday mornings in Castleknock Parish Centre during school term times.

It has been wonderful to see Tiny Tots grow in terms of both numbers and also our leaders getting involved and using their talents and gifts through songs, crafts and activities.

Each week the children and their parent or carer create a wonderful craft to bring home or display in the Parish Centre and the hall is always full of the sound of fun and activity on Thursday mornings.





CASTLEKNOCK PARISH CENTRE  
MAIN STREET, CASTLEKNOCK  
3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 2PM-3.30PM



A PLACE TO GATHER AND FEEL WELCOMED  
FOR THE COMMUNITY

## The Living Room

We meet again on Thursday 16th May. There'll be a cuppa and a chat for anyone feeling lonely, who is struggling or simply would enjoy some company. This is a space where people can just be themselves and meet new people. Please spread the word to anyone you know who might benefit from this outreach.

## International Bring and Share Lunch



We will be holding a 'Bring and Share' lunch on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May in Castleknock Parish Centre following the 11.30am service.

Following the success of last year, the Pentecost Service will combine different native languages that add to the diversity of our church community.

Following the service in Castleknock we will move across to the Parish Centre with everyone asked to bring along a dish, either savoury or dessert, to share with others. Dishes can be left off in the Centre before the service. We will all simply share what has been brought and enjoy fellowship together.

There will be a donation basket to give thanks for the food with the proceeds going towards Habitat for Humanity.

## Bowling Club

The Bowling Club season came to an end recently with the semifinals and final of the club doubles competition. Congratulations to William and Christy who defeated Gordon and Marie in the final. Well done to Sadie who won the ladies top score competition with Marie runner up and Christy who picked up the men's top score trophy with Nigel runner up. Rev Colin presented the prizes on the night before we enjoyed a delicious supper. We look forward to the annual club dinner at the start of May.



# MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers' Union celebrated International Women's Day at our March meeting on Monday 4th March with a lovely presentation by Lesley Anders on a selection of women who have played a part in our history such as Kay McNulty (a computer programmer and a Gaeilgeoir) and the Overend Women (philanthropists and motor enthusiasts).

On the 11th April we had a really enjoyable 'Night Out' at the Twin Oaks Restaurant in Castleknock village. It was great to see so many, the food was excellent, and the chat was wonderful.

Up next on our agenda is our 'Mum's in May' fundraiser. This is an All-Ireland Fund which was established in 2012 in celebration of 125 years of MU in Ireland. The Fund supports new and on-going MU projects throughout Ireland as well as specific important overseas projects.

For our main fundraiser in this branch, we had a paper quiz. The theme of the quiz is 'People from the Bible' (and you don't have to know people in the Bible to be able to answer the questions!!). The deadline for the return of the quizzes was April 22nd.

Then on Monday May 13th we will do a draw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize and there will be a draw for any returned entry completed or not. On the night there will also be tea/coffee, a 'Bring and buy Treats and Eats' and of course loads of chat. Everyone is welcome.





# CASTLEKNOCK GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Canteen Hall in Castleknock Community College was packed with family, friends and supporters for our Annual Display on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. A wonderful evening of dancing, singing and drama was performed by all the girls from all age groups.

At the prize giving at the end of the Display, we were delighted, in addition to the company awards, to be able to present two National Craft Competition Awards. Ellie Moore was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Senior section and Irina Andreeva was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Brigader section, both for their decoration of a GB Runner.

We hope that all the girls and leaders enjoy the summer break, and we look forward to welcoming them all back for another year of fun and activities on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.



*Olive Good*

