

The CMC Times



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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
November 2024 issue. The deadline for articles /
photos will be **Tuesday 15th October 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

Anne O'Connor (Clonsilla)



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Dear Friends,

As you read this I, along with 13 other members of our church family, will be in Cambodia working alongside Habitat for Humanity to provide a safe home for a family in desperate need. For my notes I have shared with you the story of Sreymao and her family who will soon have a new home:

Sreymao is a 43-year-old factory worker in Trapang Anhchanh 4 village in Porsenchey District, Phnom Penh. She works at a rice factory about 20 minutes away from home, specifically in the packaging production line. She earns approximately \$200 per month to support her family of 7 members. Her husband, Kosal, is a 46-year-old who used to work as a security guard in Phnom Penh. Kosal has been dealing with declining health for over ten years, leading to mental disability. Currently, he is in a more stable condition, but he is only staying at home to provide some assistance to the family. Sreymao remains resilient, striving to ensure her family has enough food and a place to stay, especially for her grandchildren.

commenced the construction of their house using wood and an old zinc roof from their previous dwelling. Sreymao's family encounters various challenges during rainy weather, including a leaking roof, damp walls, and



Sreymao is carrying her grandchildren Sreynich and her daughter Sreymeath, with Kosal, her husband, in the white t-shirt.



Sreymao is cleaning vegetables while preparing dinner for her family at home.

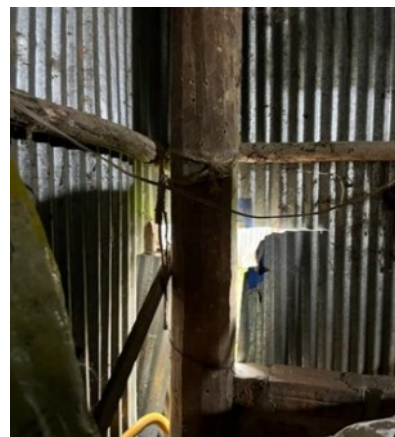
Sreymao's family is one of the 200 families affected by the railway rehabilitation project in Khan Russei Keo of the capital in 2011. They have accepted the government's offer of a 7-meter by 15-meter land plot in Sangkat Trapaing Krasang of Khan Porsenchey. Upon their arrival in Sangkat Trapaing Krasang, they



wet belongings and clothes. Furthermore, the house experiences instability during windstorms, prompting her to seek refuge for her young children in the neighbour's house for safety. The close proximity of the house to the ground restricts airflow and contributes to discomfort during the summer, as high indoor temperatures make resting and sleeping difficult.



Sreymao has voiced her concern about the potential for ground floor flooding during heavy rain, especially regarding the safety and health of her grandchildren. She fears that wading through water may result in skin issues



such as rashes, itchiness, and even pose a drowning risk for small children. At times, rain occurs while they are sleeping, necessitating the use of plastic sheets to keep them dry.

Sreymao was thrilled to learn that Habitat for

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Humanity in Cambodia will build a new brick house for her family. She expressed that a home is everything for their family, especially for her children and grandchildren. “A brick house is a symbol of a strong foundation for our family. It’s a place where we can rest after work and have a secure and dry place to sleep, and keep our belongings safe when it rains,” said Sreymao.

Sreymao is overjoyed to find out that a team of Irish volunteers will be constructing her new house. She is looking forward to meeting and welcoming all the volunteers, and she hopes they have a safe and healthy journey to Cambodia. Since the team will arrive in Phnom Penh during Cambodia's Pchum Ben's Day, one of the most important Cambodian traditional and cultural festivals dedicated to honouring deceased ancestors, Sreymao plans to lead them to the local pagoda to offer food to the monks for luck and to celebrate this holiday.

I ask you to pray for myself, Ada, Alex, Ann, Ciaran, Eddie, George, Gordon, Helen, Janice, Muriel, Olive, Pam and Valerie for safe travel and safe health while we are away. Pray also for Sreymao and her family and the builders and staff from Habitat for Humanity in Cambodia who will look after us and who we will work alongside.

We look forward to sharing about the experience on our return.

God bless,
Rev Colin



Sreymao is using the green tent to keep her house dry from leaking roofs.

Cambodia Team Commissioning Service

We were delighted to have Archbishop Michael with us in St. Brigid's Church on Sunday 15th September to commission the mission team who travel to Cambodia on 27th September in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Ireland.

In his sermon the Archbishop encouraged the team in their calling to serve whilst reminding all of the congregation that this was a mission for all of us in the church.

“Your MISSION to Cambodia is a mission for us all. I say this because it is a people to people mission; it is a house to house mission; it is a habitat to habitat mission. Those of you who are commissioned today and will go on this mission will be transformed by hope and by humility in ways you cannot foresee. As the archbishop of the diocese, I am delighted with this heartfelt initiative on the part of these three parishes of Castlknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

“A home is something we used all to be able to take for granted. From our earliest days, it simply was there. We enjoyed it. We appreciated it. But we never really thought about it seriously because many of us were so fortunate never really to have to do so. Everything is very different now at home and abroad. Up to 20 million people are perpetually on the move and homeless annually across the world and this does not include those who are homeless in their own country. It is often those who are needy but seem able to cope who get forgotten. Your initiative recognizes this and draws two families of people together across the world – East and West, North and South”.

Following the sermon the Archbishop commissioned the team, he prayed for their journey and the team committed themselves to serving God and those they will encounter in Cambodia.



Services for October 2024

Wednesday 2	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 6	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
Wednesday 9	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 13	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	
11.30 a.m.	United Harvest Thanksgiving Service	St Brigid's
Wednesday 16	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 20	The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
Wednesday 23	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
Sunday 27	The Fifth Sunday before Advent / Bible Sunday	
10.00 a.m.	United Service of the Word	St Mary's
8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 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.

MULHUDDART THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday 22nd of September we gave thanks to God for the blessing of the harvest with a thanksgiving service in St Thomas', Mulhuddart.

We welcomed Rev Trevor Holmes who shared on the need to give thanks to God for his wonderful gift of creation and to seek a spiritual as well as physical harvest.

There was wonderful singing of the much loved harvest hymns in the beautifully decorated church.

Thanks to all who came along to pack the church and to the Wilkinson family who hosted us for refreshments and fellowship in Tyrellstown House.

Thank you also to all who donated non-perishable food items to support the work of our local foodbank.





JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS
SHOWCASE

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER;
12.30 TO 5PM

CASTLEKNOCK CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH CENTRE,
MAIN STREET CASTLEKNOCK

ARTS AND CRAFT STALLS
ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING THE ARRIVAL OF SANTA

REFRESHMENTS
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF
CASTLEKNOCK AND
MULHUDDART WITH
CLONSILLA CHURCH FUNDS

Christmas Showcase

We are excitedly looking forward to our brand new Christmas event “Christmas Showcase”, which will feature arts and crafts fair along with an art exhibition and sale. Alongside the arts and crafts there will be a number of activities for children including the chance to meet our very special guest in the red suit!

There will also be our annual raffle, teas and coffees, refreshments and much more. The event takes place in the afternoon of Sunday 24th November in Castleknock Parish Centre and the surrounding grounds.

Of course in order to make this event a great success we will need your help. Our next planning meeting will be on Monday 14th October at 7.30 p.m. in Castleknock Parish Centre. All are encouraged to attend.

Clonsilla Graveyard Service

We held our annual Graveyard Service in St Mary’s, Clonsilla on Sunday 8th September.

It was great to see so many from across the local community gather to remember loved ones laid to rest in the graveyard.

Rev Natasha led the service with Rev Colin sharing a short reflection reminding us of the importance of remembering our loved ones and how each one holds a special place in our heart.

The collection supported St Francis Hospice and the upkeep of the graveyard.

The Graveyard service for St Brigid’s, Castleknock will take place on Sunday 10th November at 3.00 p.m.



Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots had a bake sale on Thursday 26th September that raised over €330. The funds will be going to St. Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown.

Thank you to all who supported us through baking and purchasing the sweet treats!



Annual Service for Healing and Remembrance

Our annual service for Healing and Remembrance will be on Wednesday 6th November at 7.30 p.m. in St Brigid’s, Castleknock. This is an opportunity to receive prayer for healing for yourself or for a loved one as well as remembering loved ones.

YOUTH GROUP

We had a great fun evening with our Youth Group who returned from the summer break with a trip to the Leisureplex in Blanchardstown for ten-pin-bowling in September. There was some, well let's say interesting, bowling techniques on display and even a little friendly competition. Following the bowls everyone enjoyed food at a well-known fast food chain! It was great to see so many of our young people enjoying a great night.

On Friday 11th October we are inviting Youth Group members to attend a special Ecumenical Youth Taizé service in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Beechpark. The time of worship begins at 7.00 p.m. and will see young people come together from across the area.

Youth Group meets again on Sunday 20th October at 6.00 p.m. in Castleknock Parish Centre for an evening of fun games, challenges and a short Bible talk. Youth Group is open to all young people of secondary school age.



Taizé Evening Prayer

in communion with those gathered and
praying in Rome, before the Synod.

7pm Friday 11th October 2024
Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock,
Dublin D15 X277

All are welcome

Saint Brigid Painting

“Saint Brigid”, a painting by Paola Lacovone, was donated to the Parish in memory of Ken Richards by his brother Reggie.

The painting is located in the foyer of Castleknock Parish Centre, a place that meant so much to Ken.

Paolo is an oil painter based in Co. Wicklow and the piece was produced as part of the Brigid 1500 celebrations.

The painting was presented to Rev Colin by Reggie and Paolo and they were joined by Ken’s widow, Beatrice, and members of the Richards family.



Condolences

The funeral service for Gaye Ashford took place on Friday 6th September in St Brigid’s, Castleknock. Gaye had been a member of our church community for many years and was a much loved member of our choir and talented flower arranger.

We continue to keep Gaye’s sons Mark and David and the whole family circle in our prayers.

We also keep a number of parishioners in our prayers who lost loved ones in the past month.



Scan to Pay

You may have noticed these signs in some pews in church and at the back with a QR code. We appreciate that a lot of people no longer carry cash but wish to contribute so we have set up a QR code which allows you to scan and contribute from your phone.

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The preferred method for giving is by a monthly standing order as this enables the treasurer to plan ahead with our finances.

It’s easy to set up a standing order, the details are as follows:

Account Name: Castleknock Parish Parochial Fund

IBAN: IE82AIBK93251503567080

BIC: AIBKIE2D



Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met again following the summer break on Monday 2nd September with an eventful 'Antiques Roadshow'. Thanks to Mr. Martin Bernon of O'Reilly Auctioneers who was very entertaining and enlightening on the various antiques members brought in on the night.

Members also brought in donations of various items for the Mustard Seed Project, an outreach service providing warm food, clothing and comfort to Dublin's homeless people every night of every week of the year. Thank you all.

Our next meeting on the 7th October will be our AGM. All are welcome to come and hear what Mothers' Union do.

To all Parishioners of St. Brigid's

Would you like to volunteer to do teas and coffees after the Sunday service in St. Brigid's? There are some Sundays where no one is currently assigned to do it. If you would like to help, please speak to Anna or contact the Parish Office for more details.

Food Bank

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the work of the Foodbank at our Harvest Festival Service in Mulhuddart and those who continue to support it each month.

Donations can be left any Sunday in our churches with all donated items 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.

Castleknock National School

We have all returned for what will, no doubt, be another busy year in CNS. This year we welcome our new Junior Infants and a number of other pupils throughout the school. We also welcome our new teachers, Ms Hewson, Mrs Mangan, Ms Denner and Ms Vance to the school. We will welcome Ms Kilbride in October. Our new secretary, Olive, has also joined the team.



We hope everyone will be very happy here with us in Castleknock.

Many thanks to the parents of Leo Arkins who gifted this beautiful new sign and planter to us – it sits, in pride of place, in front of the school.

United Service

Due to the Dublin marathon, we will hold a United Service for Bible Sunday in St Mary's Church, Clonsilla, on Sunday 27th October at 10.00 a.m.

Monthly Prayer Gathering

On Monday 21st October we meet in Castleknock Parish Centre for a time of prayer and quiet reflection.

It is so important that we pray for our churches, our community and one another so please plan to join us at our Monthly Prayer Gatherings when you can.



NEW STONE ART FOR ST. BRIGID'S WALL

Rev Colin and Rev Natasha were delighted to be present at the unveiling of the beautiful new stone art work in the wall of St Brigid's Church.

The stone is another beautiful edition to our village and thanks to the wonderful Castleknock Tidy Towns.

The following is from the Tidy Towns social media:

Castleknock Tidy Towns is absolutely thrilled to finally reveal a new stone art piece for Castleknock, after working on this project for over five years. The stone is fitted into the stone wall of St Brigid's Church, located in the heart of the village. The art piece was commissioned by Castleknock Tidy Towns, designed by Brenna and Amy Crushell and carved by Liffey Memorials. Inspiration for the design came from the glass fanlight above the door of an adjacent old property. The art piece has been created in Irish limestone and is very much in keeping with the existing stone wall and its surroundings.

The stone is a wonderful permanent enhancement and a total contrast to the redundant, abandoned utility cabinet which previously occupied this high profile location for many years.



Photo (l to r): Darren Raferty, Liffey Memorials, Evelyn Pender, Chairperson and Declan Mescall, committee member of Castleknock Tidy Towns, Rev Colin McConaghie, Rev Natasha Quinn-Thomas and Brenna Crushell.

The Living Room

The Living Room will meet in October on the 3rd and 17th October in the Maharry Room at 2.00 p.m.

The Living Room is simply a place to meet for a cuppa and chat and make new friendships. We also plan to introduce some talks and activities.

If you know anyone who may be interested in coming along, whether a parishioner or someone from outside the parish, please do encourage them to join us, or even bring them along yourself.

CASTLEKNOCK PARISH CENTRE
MAIN STREET, CASTLEKNOCK
1ST & 3RD THURSDAY'S
OF THE MONTH 2PM-3.30PM



A PLACE TO GATHER AND FEEL WELCOMED
FOR THE COMMUNITY
OPEN TO ALL



Now Enrolling

Castleknock National School are opening applications for the 2025 - 26 school year on 1 November 2024.

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

Friday 22nd November 2024.



Vendors wanted

Christmas Showcase

Vendors wanted for indoor and
outdoor space

Craft market
Art exhibition
Santa
Cakes
Refreshments


NOVEMBER 24TH 12:30 - 5:00
CASTLENOCK PARISH CENTRE
DUBLIN 15

In aid of Castleknock Parish

Contact email castleknockmarket@gmail.com




TINY TOTS



**Castleknock Parish Centre
Every Thursday 10am-11:30am
During Term Time**

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

**€3 Suggested donation for tea
and coffee**



Contact Natasha on **0892690097** for more details.