

# The CMC Times



**Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla  
November 2024**

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can visit. Contact details to the left.**

## Print Deadline

The next edition of The CMC Times will be the  
double issue for **December 2024 / January 2025**.  
The deadline for articles / photos will be **Friday  
15th November 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

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# RECTOR WRITES



Dear Friends,

When you float the idea of having a Parish mission trip it is always a step into the unknown. Will anyone be interested? What will the reaction be from the wider parish? Will those who go enjoy the experience and benefit from it.

When Jenny Williams came to speak in our churches late last year about a mission in Cambodia working alongside Habitat for Humanity Ireland, there was a mixture of excitement and nervousness along with lots of questions. Over the next few weeks, a team began to emerge, some took a little persuading that they had something to offer, while others had been waiting for an opportunity like this for years.



Over the coming months the team began to meet to learn more of what was involved. We decided on only a gentle fundraising effort to “Buy-A-Brick”, simply to raise money for the cost of the build while the team covered their own travel, etc.

The 27th of September came around so quickly as the 14 of us gathered at Dublin airport to set off on the journey to Cambodia. Any trip with Habitat seeks to immerse you in the culture of the country so our first day in Cambodia was spent touring one of the notorious Killing Fields and the S21 concentration camp. It was harrowing to hear and see the image of the genocide that took so many lives in the 1970’s but it gave us an insight into history of this beautiful country.

That evening Erickh, our Habitat guide, along with Pieta, our building co-ordinator, gave a presentation of the work of Habitat for Humanity Cambodia and a health and safety

briefing ahead of starting the building work.

As we left the hotel to travel to the build the next morning, there was a mixture of awe as we took in the Phnom Penh traffic and trepidation of what lay ahead. As we arrived on site, we were greeted by the family we were building for, Sreymao and her husband Kosal. Greetings were exchanged as the family welcomed us and expressed their joy that we had travelled such a distance to help build their new home. On behalf of our team, I expressed greetings from Ireland and how excited we were to be with them and to share in this exciting project.



As we walked the short distance from our rest area to the build site, we all felt a little overwhelmed between the already soaring heat and the smell of waste and stagnant water. As we were introduced to the local builders another obstacle emerged, the language barrier. Nervously we began our allocated tasks with some laying bricks while others were fastening wire to hold together supporting pillars. Work began slowly, much water was taken on board and communication was proving difficult.

As the day progressed, we found ourselves quickly adopting to new tasks. Hand signals



# RECTOR WRITES

and smiles began to emerge as we received instructions from our building crew. The nervousness began to disappear as we encouraged one another to try a new task or to swap in and out to take a break from the heat.

By the next day the site was a hub of activity, everyone seemed to naturally know their roles and there were moments of laughter between visitors and locals. The community welcomed us onto the site each day, they opened their homes to provide running water for our hose and a place for us to wash our hands at meal breaks. The local children were curious and even more so when bubbles and balloons emerged during break times for them to play with.

On site new skills were emerging that many of us didn't know we had. Those from the team with building experience patiently passed on their skills and the local builders began to trust us for more and more tasks and were even taking on board some Irish advice. As the walls got higher the heat got more intense especially for those mixing the mortar or concrete when a mask was added to the hard hat. We were laying a new floor, filling concrete pillars and finally plastering walls, a task that the women took to naturally as seemingly it was like icing a cake!



As a break from building, we took a tour of the community visiting several houses that Habitat had built previously. Fitting with the rest of the week we were overwhelmed by the welcome and hospitality as families invited this group of strangers into their homes, making us feel like family. We then visited a different house, a house where the

family were waiting for a new home. Their current home was something none of us will forget, 15 people crammed in, holes in the roof and no space for any privacy. We hope and pray they have a new home soon.

Before we knew it Friday had arrived and it was time for the handover to the family. As we gathered in the three quarters finished house, we couldn't help but be a little proud of the amount of work we had done. There was great joy as the ribbon was cut and lotus flowers thrown in the air. As we gathered for one last time in the break area, the room was filled with emotion as the family, the Habitat staff, the builders and then each team member shared what the week had meant to them. The room was filled with tears and laughter as we presented our hosts with gifts from Ireland including a St Brigid's Cross and a plaque representing all those who donated bricks. Then we all danced together in celebration before waving an emotional goodbye.



So, was all the planning and travel to the other side of the world worth it? It most definitely was, this was an experience none of us will forget and that was life changing for us, but more importantly for Sreymao, Kosal and their family.

Thank you to the Mothers' Union who, on Monday 4th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, will be opening their meeting to everyone to come along to hear the team members share their "Reflections of Cambodia". This will be our primary event for sharing photos, videos and the teams experience. This is open to anyone who wishes to come along and hear what the trip meant to those who travelled.

God bless,  
*Rev Colin*

# CAMBODIA TEAM REFLECTIONS

Rev Colin asked the team members to reflect upon 1) their overall view, 2) a highlight of the trip and 3) advice to anyone else considering a similar mission trip in the future.

## Ada

1. Open our minds to new horizons, new experiences and a new way of looking at life.

That is what the trip did for me, what we experienced when we arrived on site, the community had very little but they were all happy.



2. The children playing the flipflop game so simple. The building of the house for Sreymao and Kosal was a binding with faith, we as a team mixing mortar for building the walls of the house and the gravel mortar for pillars this was all done to build and bind a family home together.

## Alex

1. Amazing and humbling experience to work in a community where people had so little but all seemed to work together to help each other. Everyone was so happy and smiling and gave us a fantastic welcome.



2. The closing Ceremony where we all had to say a few words and where a lot of us were very emotional and to see the tears from Kosal and Sreymao when they spoke. It showed how much it meant to them.
3. Go for it. It's an unforgettable and could be life changing experience. Habitat look after you very well. The rep, Erickh, was brilliant and made sure everything was there for us. The accommodation was good, lunch provided on site was from a good quality restaurant and we ate well in the evenings.

## Ann

1. An amazing experience and one I won't forget. Feel very privileged to have been able to travel to Cambodia as part of the team. The support and encouragement from the team and Habitat made it feel like anything is possible.



2. There were many highlights but the handing over ceremony to the family - to see the joy on their faces was so emotional- it meant everything to them to have a safe home for their family.
3. Don't be afraid. If it's something you want to do go for it. Everyone's contribution can help make a difference.

## Ciaran

1. A happy experience, "a good deed is its own reward". I feel we did a good deed and in itself that was its own reward.



2. The day I found this drawing that a little girl had put on the corrugated iron. It's a child's picture of a house, I could imagine this girl kneeling down and praying she would get a house that would keep the rain off. That really touched me and I will carry that with me.



3. Go ahead and do it. I could wax on and tell you stories about it but you will only understand it if you go out and do it yourself.

# CAMBODIA TEAM REFLECTIONS

## Helen

1. Eye opening, at times overwhelming but so worthwhile when you saw the faces of the family on our final day.
2. The thing that I will never forget is the smiling family we left behind and in particular Kosal's face as he waved us off in the bus that last time.
3. I would say to anybody with a seed of a thought of going on such a trip...don't hesitate, start planning for it now, it is such a rewarding experience and one I will never forget



## Janice

1. Can be tough at times but the team will get you through - for me the heat was rough but we all looked out for each other, advised to drink water and take breaks when needed. For me you are immersed into small village and you get to see how the community rally for each other and help one another - no tour would show you this!
2. Seeing the families locally who previously were lucky enough to have received the assistance of habitat homes and how with having a solid home they have managed to develop and grow small businesses be it needlework skills in creating toys, a shop at the front of their house or local delicacy growth and distribution (not necessarily my preferred place to spend long and happy not to be sampling the delicacy personally). It was great to see the full circle of the benefit of a hand up and how it can help for many years and the future generations.
3. Just do it! Once you have the urge / calling to go do your utmost to go! (if your health is ok) as it is so worth it - there is always a job for everyone to manage no matter your skills or strengths.



## George

1. The amount of work the team achieved with so little equipment.
2. The joy and happiness of the family when we were finished.
3. This is a lifetime experience for anyone thinking of going in future



## Gordon

1. An incredible experience that I will never forget. A group of 14 people who achieved so much in such a short space of time. Adapting to new skills with the satisfaction of 'I DID IT'.
2. The laughter and smiles of the little children and the families looking forward to a safe home to live in.
3. In giving a few days of your life you can help change someone else's forever. Go for it.



## Muriel

1. A privilege to have been able to be part of an amazing trip with a wonderful team and to encounter the kindness & generosity of a people with so little.
2. Nothing is impossible with faith & hope.
3. Advice - just go, you won't regret it. Take that leap of faith.



# CAMBODIA TEAM REFLECTIONS

## Olive

1. It was an amazing, humbling and inspiring experience. It was an amazing opportunity to give back when we have so much and there are so many in the world with so little, to be able to work alongside people and have such an impact on their lives.



It was a humbling experience seeing people so grateful for such small things – the sharing of food, the sharing of bubbles and balloons with the children and seeing the joy on their faces, seeing the gratefulness in people’s eyes for us being willing to give up 5 days to do something which meant so much to them. The teamwork throughout the build was so inspiring, not only amongst the team that travelled there but also the teamwork which grew between ourselves and Erickh, Sreymao and the builders. It wasn’t just the teamwork as we build but also in the way that we cared for each other on the build site.

2. The highlight for the experience for me was Sreymao. Seeing her transform from that shy person on the first day into being able to joke and have fun with us, seeing the hope grow in her as the house took shape, seeing how grateful she was to us for giving her hope and security for the future for her and her family. Seeing the joy in her on that last day touched my heart and really brought home the impact that this would make in all their lives.
3. My advice for anyone considering going on a Habitat team would be to go for it. Put aside any misgivings you might have about how would you cope with the weather or the work, you will surprise yourself. You can cope with everything better than you can imagine as you work alongside the team using everyone abilities to achieve your goal. It is amazing how God can use the talents you have in ways that you don’t even realise to do what he has called you to do.

## Pamela

1. The experience of a lifetime. Doing good, feeling good and making a difference.
2. Something I won't forget: the emotion shown by Kosal at the end of our build. He was so genuinely touched and grateful for all we had done.



3. Go for it, if you're reasonably healthy and want to help in a meaningful and practical way. If possible, don't wait until you're an 'oldie'. This is an experience you will never regret and never forget, and you don't want to miss it!

## Valerie

1. An amazing experience. A chance to experience the culture while helping others. We helped to change their lives for the better and they did the same for us.



2. The friendliness of the people. How appreciative they were of anything we did for them. To actually see the difference the new homes actually make, seen when we visited other homes built by Habitat.
3. Do it. So rewarding an enriching life experience. The comradery between the team is another great experience

## Services for November 2024

<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday before Advent</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>The Third Sunday before Advent</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer with Baptism	St Brigid's
3.00 p.m.	Graveyard Service	St Brigid's
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 17</b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Advent</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 24</b>	<b>The Kingship of Christ</b>	
11.30 a.m.	United Cornerstone	St Brigid's
8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
<b>Wednesday 27</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Castleknock Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 1 Dec.</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Brigid's
3.00 p.m.	Ecumenical Advent Carol Service	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.**



# UNITED HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday 13th of October we gathered for an uplifting celebration as we gave thanks to God for the Harvest with our United Service in St Brigid's.

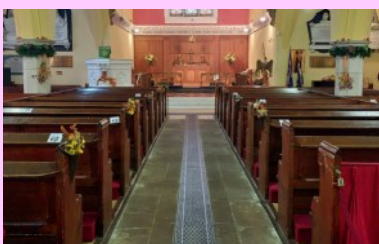
The church was beautiful decorated and Andrew and the choir enhanced our worship with the anthem "Now The Green Blade Rises".

Rev Natasha shared a wonderful message reminding us that God sustains us when we are faced with burdens. Her helper illustrated the point with a pack back laden down with food items representing our worries.

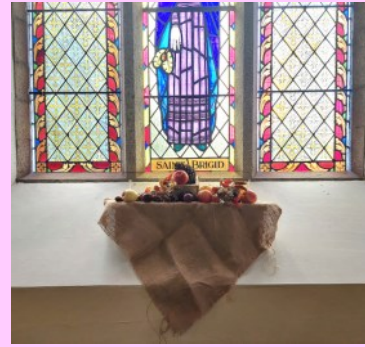
It was great to have the children involved in the service not only bringing up symbols of the Harvest but also bringing forward the many generous donations for the Foodbank.

It was great to see the church well filled and so many stay behind for fellowship over refreshments.

Thank you to all who took part in the service, all who took time to beautifully decorate the church and provide refreshments.



# UNITED HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE



# CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

We are excitedly looking forward to our brand new Christmas event “Christmas Showcase” which will feature an arts and crafts fair along with an art exhibition and sale.

If anyone would be interested in taking a stall (outdoor places only left) please contact [castleknockmarket@gmail.com](mailto:castleknockmarket@gmail.com)

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! Our famous cake stall will of course be amongst the stalls as well as our much loved plant stall. 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. Please spread the word far and wide and invite people to attend and support this event.

Of course in order to make this event a great success we will need your help. Our next planning meeting will be on Monday 11th November at 7.15pm in Castleknock Parish Centre. All are encouraged to attend.

There are a number of ways in which you can get involved to help make this event a great success:

- Donating a raffle prize – please speak to Meryl
- Helping to deliver the raffle tickets to parish households
- Baking some cakes or traybakes for the cake stall or refreshments
- Helping with set-up on Saturday 23rd November
- Helping with take down on the Sunday afternoon/ Monday
- Spreading the word to any artists or crafters
- Volunteering to help out one of the church stalls or refreshments
- Offering your skills of face painting, hair braiding or balloon modelling
- Inviting friends and family to the event.

## United Service

In order to support the Christmas Showcase we will hold a United Service in St Brigid’s, Castleknock on Sunday 24th November at 11.30am. Following the service everyone will be invited to make their way to the Parish Centre to support the Christmas Showcase.

## The Living Room

We have decided to stop the living Room for now due to a lack of numbers. We will continue to look at finding a way to provide a place for those in our community who would simply like some company and friendship.

On occasion we try things that don’t work out as we had hoped. We wish to thank all who supported the Living Room over the past year.

## Crafters Honesty Box

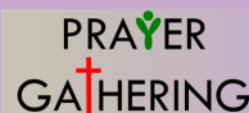
The crafters of our parishes have produced a lovely array of original winter creations. To raise some money for the Christmas Showcase there will be a table displaying these lovely items for parishioners to purchase using the Honesty Box at the back of our two churches throughout November and early December (WHEN THEY’RE GONE THEY’RE GONE!)

Please support and pick up some great Christmas gifts (or any occasion) and encourage our wonderfully gifted crafters.

## Monthly Prayer Gathering

On Monday 18th November we meet in St Mary’s, Clonsilla, for a time of prayer and quiet reflection.

All are welcome as we continue to focus on prayer as the basis for all we do as a church community.





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

## Pet Blessing Service

It was wonderful to see all creatures great and small for our annual Blessing of Pets service. Thank you to all who came out on such a wet and miserable day to Castleknock Parish Centre. Tails were wagging as we began our worship by singing our first hymn accompanied by Philip on the piano. We continued the service with readings and prayers all centred on the theme of God's creation and loving our animals. After I gave a short talk (that had only minor interruptions from our worshipping pups!) we listened to a Franciscan prayer. The service concluded with each pet being individually blessed - some were more eager than others! My dog Rufus was a very good boy and "helped" with our service. We both enjoyed meeting

pets and seeing their owners from our local community.

*Rev Natasha*



## 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.

## Castleknock Ecumenical Graveyard Service

The annual Castleknock Ecumenical Graveyard Service takes place on Sunday 10th November in St Brigid's, Castleknock at 3.00pm. There will be a short service in the church with Father Damian McNeice sharing a few words. We will then proceed to the graveyard for the blessing of the graves for those who wish.

Please spread the word for this important community event.

## St. Brigid's Big Church Clean up

Ahead of the annual Graveyard Service we are holding a big clean and tidy up of St Brigid's church on Thursday evening 7th November from 7pm. There will be a big clean and polish as well as tidying all the bits and pieces that have gathered up in the church over the years. There will also be some items to be removed for dumping. All help will be greatly appreciated on the evening.

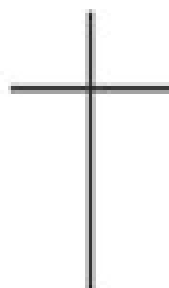


**ST BRIGID'S  
CHURCH OF IRELAND  
CASTLEKNOCK**

**ECUMENICAL GRAVEYARD  
SERVICE**

**WITH BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**

**SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024, 3.00PM**



**DONATIONS IN AID OF ST FRANCIS HOSPICE  
AND THE UPKEEP OF THE GRAVEYARD  
ALL WELCOME**



## Craft Corner

It was wonderful to welcome friends back to Craft Corner in September! We had a lovely morning learning about macrame thanks to Margaret. It's not as easy as it looks! We all went home with our creations holding a plant. It's great to see everyone trying a new craft and always with help and guidance. We enjoyed a cuppa and chat also. Our team is busy organising crafts for the coming months. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbour along, we call it a get together for that reason – it encourages us to take a moment and enjoy each other's 'company. We meet the last Monday of the month (unless it's a Bank holiday).



## Boys' Brigade

Boys Brigade started a new term in September welcoming current members as well as new recruits in both Anchors and Juniors.



At the beginning of term the Juniors enjoyed some outdoor sports and games in the school yard making the most of the lovely bright evenings in September. Juniors are following the "Get Wild" challenge this term and have had fun with more outdoor activities as well as making seed bombs containing native Irish wildflower seeds.



The Anchors welcomed new leader Janice and have been busy with many themed activities including harvest, space week and autumn. Throughout October they have steadily been collecting items for the food bank as part of

their charity focus.

Our leaders have also been busy as Judith, Holly and Aaron attended a regional training day on Saturday 28th September. They had a wonderful day and were greatly encouraged in their work by the leaders of 7th and 12th Dublin Companies.



Boys Brigade continues to meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Centre 6.30 -7.30 during term time.



Photos: Juniors Hearing about Cambodia, Juniors "Get Wild" Leaf art, Anchors PE skills, Anchors vegetable painting.



*The BB Leaders*

## Food Bank

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the work of the Foodbank at our Harvest Festival Services. The Foodbank were very grateful for the generosity of all the parishioners who donated.



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.



## Tea and Coffee Rota in 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 it is generally only one Sunday a year that you will be on the rota for. Please speak to Anna or contact the Parish Office for more details.

## Castleknock National School

We have had a very busy few weeks in CNS with lots of trips out and about before the weather changes.



3rd class visited the Phoenix Park on 2nd October to celebrate National Tree Day with representatives from the Tree Council. The event was filmed and featured in RTE News 2Day TV programme where 3rd class proved to be very knowledgeable.

Senior Infants were lucky to be invited to visit Blanchardstown Library on 9 October and they took part in some fun literacy games and activities there.

6th Class attended a 3D printing workshop in Blanchardstown Library on 8th October.

5th and 6th Class participated in the new Maths Trail in Farnleigh launched for Maths Week.

Some pupils from 6th Class represented CNS at the annual Diocesan Schools Service in Christ Church Cathedral on 9th October.

As you will see from the poster elsewhere in the magazine, our Admissions Process for 2025/26 is now open. If you have a child for enrolment in CNS in September 2025, please visit our website to download a Stage 2 Application form under the 'Admission' section and return it completed to the school office no later than 22nd November.







**For unto us  
a child is born!**



## **CASTLEKNOCK AND MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA**

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024**

**SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE ST BRIGID'S 3PM**

**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER  
ST MARY'S, CLONSILLA CAROL SERVICE 10AM  
CASTLEKNOCK NATIONAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
ST BRIGID'S 11.30AM  
ST THOMAS', MULHUDDART CAROL SERVICE 5PM**

**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER  
MESSY CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK PARISH CENTRE 11.30AM  
9 LESSONS AND CAROLS ST BRIGID'S 7PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST ST BRIGID'S 11.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY WORSHIP WITH EUCHARIST  
ST MARY'S, CLONSILLA 10AM  
ST BRIGID'S, CASTLEKNOCK 11.30AM**

## Castleknock Girls' Brigade

We were delighted to welcome back most of the girls on Wednesday 18 September and Saturday 21 September along with a few new members. Unfortunately, a number of girls have moved house during the summer or have started new activities which meant they did not return this year. We have an exciting year planned with lots of activities for the girls including dancing, baking, crafts, scripture, games, badgework, singing, drama, STEAM and a few more surprises.

Our Tiny Tots and Explorers (3-8 year olds) meet on

Saturday mornings in the Parish Centre at 10.00 am. Whilst our Juniors and Seniors (age 9 – 13 years) meet from 7.00 pm on Wednesday evenings with our Brigaders (age 9- 17 years) meeting from 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

New members in all sections are very welcome, so if you know any girls (age 3 – 17) that would like to join Castleknock Girls' Brigade, please contact Olive at email [42ndcocastleknock@girlsbrigadeirl.ie](mailto:42ndcocastleknock@girlsbrigadeirl.ie) to sign up for a trial period.



## Wednesday Club Christmas Lunch

The Wednesday Club are heading to the Gourmet Food Parlour in Dunshaughlin for their Christmas Lunch. This will be on Wednesday 4th December at 12.30 p.m. The cost will be €35 per head for a three course meal plus tea or coffee.

The Christmas lunch menu can be viewed on the website - [www.gourmetfoodparlour.com](http://www.gourmetfoodparlour.com).

If you would like to attend please let any member of the Committee know with your payment by Friday 15th November.

Planning has also started on visits for 2025 with a trip to the Masonic Hall being considered for January 2025.



# Wednesday Club Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 4th December  
12.30 p.m.

Gourmet Food Parlour, Dunshaughlin

# YOUTH GROUP

We had a fun Youth Group in October with seasonal games and crafts. Rev Natasha reminded us of the true meaning of All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day.

Youth Group meets again on Sunday 17th November at 6.00 pm 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.



## Condolences

The funeral service for Gloria Burrowes took place on Saturday 19th October in St Brigid's, Castleknock followed by the committal in the graveyard of St Mary's, Clonsilla. We continue to keep Gloria's daughter Grace, son-in-law Cathal, grandson George and the whole family circle in our prayers.



On Tuesday 29th October the funeral took place of Lillian Arlow in St Brigid's, Castleknock, followed by committal in the graveyard. Our prayers and support are with Lillian's son Jonathan, daughter-in-law Megan, granddaughter Saoirse and the wider family circle.

## Heritage Talk in St. Mary's Clonsilla

The Clonsilla and Porterstown Heritage Society are hosting a talk in St Mary's, Clonsilla on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm. See below for details.

## 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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## Scan to Pay



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

# What Lies Beneath?

*In 2019, archaeological monitoring at St Joseph's Clonsilla, exposed the remains of a medieval field system and a very unusual feature: rows and rows of pits. Each pit was identical and arranged in rows 6m apart. The pit rows extended over an area measuring at least 80m x 50m.*

*The first pit field ever discovered in Dublin, various possible functions have been put forward as to its purpose. Join archaeologist Antoine Giacometti, who discovered it, to learn more about Clonsilla's Medieval Pit Field.*



**All Welcome!**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Clonsilla  
Refreshments Afterwards**

**Brought to you by Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society  
Kindly supported by FCC's Community Development Office**



## Advent 2024

For Advent 2024 we will be hosting a series of four talks for our annual Advent Study over Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Maharry Room beginning on 28th November. The theme for this years study is “WHEN FAITH AND DOUBT COLLIDE”.

Thursday 28th November - Elizabeth and Zechariah

Thursday 5th December– John the Baptist

Thursday 12th December – Mary

Thursday 19th December – Joseph

Each evening there will be a short time of worship along with a short talk, there may even be a seasonal quiz to add a little fun to the evenings.

Alongside the Advent Study and following on from the success of Lent, we will be hosting an Advent Soup and Service in St Mary’s, Clonsilla at 12.30pm on Tuesday 26th November, 3rd, 10th and 17th of December. This will be a short time of worship before enjoying a bowl of soup and fellowship together.



**ADVENT SOUP AND SERVICE**



St Mary’s, Clonsilla  
Tuesday’s at 12.30pm  
From 26th November - 17th December  
Donations in aid of our support of  
Homeless charities  
**ALL WELCOME**

## Tiny Tots





# 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](http://www.castleknocknationalschool.ie)


Application Forms should be returned to the school no later than

**Friday 22nd November 2024.**






# 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.