

(Please stand, if you are able)

#### The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all and also with you.

#### Hymn No. 461 (Carlisle)

For all thy saints, O Lord, who strove in thee to live, who followed thee, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord, accept our thankful cry, who counted thee their great reward, and strove in thee to die.

They all, in life and death, with thee their Lord in view, learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

Thine earthly members fit to join thy saints above, in one communion ever knit, one fellowship of love. Jesu, thy name we bless, and humbly pray that we may follow them in holiness, and live and die in thee.



#### **Remembering Loved Ones**

(Please be seated)

Joan Shanks Ken Wilson Billy and Sybil Mellon Brian Chamberlain Gail Chamberlain June and Arthur White Marion and Jack McConnell Juliet Rankin Vanessa Wyse Jackson Florrie Rowden Ros Wallace Nicola Walker Aileen O'Donoghue **Paddy Wharton Anthea Montgomery** George O'Sullivan **Paul Hillis** Michael McWilliam Daragh Hanley Bob Laycock Claire Silvia Carol Smyth Jim and Olive Bell

Tineke Klaasen

**Audrey Cole** 

Michael Sherlock

Maura and Ger Dundon

Jimmy Eager

Anne Eager

William Burgess

Flo Burgess

Mabel and Norman Smith

Peter Southern Olive Fehily

Max Wall

Andrew O'Donnell

Matthias Jager

Sue McDonnell

Jeremy Carroll

Alan Ruddock

**Howard Kilroy** 

Ian McNab

John and Olwen McNab

Anna and Sidney Hill

Ted Hill

Ben Kennedy

Patricia Byrne

Derek and Patricia Hill

James and Margaret Richards

Joan and George Husbands

Derek and Ken Richards

The Hunter Family

The Greer Family

The Brady Family

Florrie and Blair Halliday

Suzanne Fink

Barbara and Bill McCutcheon

Marcus Daly

Ivan Daly

Tara Godfrey

Richard Baudo

Michael Kennedy

Patrick Copperwhite

Norah, Sydney and Denis Bedlow

Myrtle Caro and Edward McBratney

Vere Wynne-Jones

Emma McManus

**Adrian Phillips** 

Vincent Hoey

**Richard Morris** 

Sam Cole

Joan Featherstone

John and Margaret Sadlier

Kathleen Walsh

Aida Clasby

**Bob Baker** 

**Brian Douglas** 

Jean Byrne

Olive Keartland

**Thomas Matheson** 

## Musical Reflection – A Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter

A time to reflect while our organist, Charles Pearson plays *A Gaelic Blessing* by John Rutter.

#### The Introduction to Baptism

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit,

and he has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life

As children of God, we have a new dignity

and God calls us to fullness of life.



### The Penitence [Please kneel or sit]

O God our Creator, we thank you for the gift of this precious child Harriet; pure and innocent.

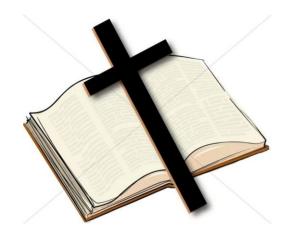
We now turn to you, to ask you to take from us those things that on our lives' journeys, have tarnished our purity and shattered our innocence.

[Silence as we bring to mind those things for which we desire God's forgiveness.]

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gloria - Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)

(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo! (3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.



#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(Please remain standing)

## The Collect of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
Grant to us the same faith and power of love,

that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Collect for All Saints' Day Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys

that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The First Reading - Mark 10: 13-16

The first reading is from the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 13.

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual Hymn - No. 530 (Ubi caritas et amor)

[The refrain only, is sung 3 times]

Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

[Where charity (i.e. 'loving-kindness' and love are found, God himself is there.]

#### The Gospel - Matthew 23: 1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 23, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

23Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat: 3therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. 6They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues,  $^{7}$ and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. 9And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. 10Nor. are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

themselves will be exalted.

#### The Sermon

#### The Presentation

We welcome this child who comes to be baptized. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

#### Sponsors:

We present Harriet Alana Blennerhassett to be baptized.

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Harriet Alana for baptism and answer on her behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage her in the life and faith of the Christian Community?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey of faith.
You speak for her today.
Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
With the help of God, we will.

#### The Decision

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ? *I do*.

Do you then renounce the devil and all his works?

I do, by God's help.

Will you obey and serve Christ? I will, by God's help.

The priest says to the whole congregation: You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers: We will support them.

#### Hymn No. 558 (Abba Father)

Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone. May my will for ever be evermore your own.

Never let my heart grow cold, never let me go. Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone.

#### The Baptism

The priest, Harriet Alana, her family and godparents gather at the font and the priest begins the thanksgiving prayer.



Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Shortened version of the Blessing of the Water]

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life, and we thank you for the water of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, she may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may she walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The priest asks the parents and godparents:

Do you believe and accept the

Christian faith into which Harriet

Alana is to be baptized?

I do.

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

[Using a shortened version of the Apostle's Creed in question-and-answer form.]

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Amen.

The priest baptizes by pouring water over Harriet Alana saying:

Harriet Alana, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Harriet Alana, saying:
Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.



Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. Amen.

The priest continues:

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the priest, saying: We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

#### **Presentation of Bible and Candle**

The Churchwardens, on behalf of the parish, present Harriet with a Children's Bible and a lit candle. The Bible is to help her to learn more about God and his Son Jesus Christ and to grow in her faith, and the candle symbolises the light of Christ, which has been passed down through the centuries

and which is today extended to Harriet, that she may shine forth the light of Christ throughout her life.





(Please stand, if you are able)

Please feel free to share the sign of peace as you wish, be it a handshake, a smile or a wave!

#### The Peace

We are the body of Christ. By one spirit, we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds our common life together.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



### Offertory Hymn No. 677 (Boston)

[Verses 1, 4, 5]

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel-feet have trod,

with its crystal tide for ever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

At the smiling of the river, mirror of the Saviour's face, saints, whom death will never sever, raise their songs of saving grace:

Soon we'll reach the silver river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; then our happy hearts shall ever sing the joyful song of peace.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Christ, our passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places, it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Because by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord, raised us to new life in him and renewed in the image of your glory, and so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image; male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you, be broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;

and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension.

and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please kneel or sit)

#### The Lord's Prayer



#### Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

#### The Invitation

It is custom of the Church of Ireland to welcome to receive Holy Communion, all those who usually receive Holy Communion in their own tradition. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms in front of you so the priest knows what you wish. Please feel free and welcome to whichever is appropriate for you.

#### The Communion



#### The Great Silence

You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.

#### The Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near

to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect.

As in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### <u>Prayers for Harriet Alana and her</u> <u>family</u>

Father, we thank you that Harriet Alana has now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own child by adoption, and a member of your Church.

Grant that she may grow in the faith in which she has been baptized; grant that she herself may confess it when she comes to be confirmed; grant that she may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in her; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, bless the home of this child Harriet. Bless her mum Hazel, her dad Alan, her big sister Heidi and her big brother Tommy, and her godparents Sophie and Alan. Give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of her, that by their word and good example they may teach her to know and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we come to the blessing, we have a time of quiet:

we give thanks to God for the gift that Harriet is...

we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Harriet's life, all who have helped to make her into the precious little person that she is...

We think of all who are a part of her family...

#### The Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in

the faith; and the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

#### Hymn No. 459 (Sine nomine)

[Verses 1, 4, 7, 8]

For all the saints, who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blessed.

Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:

the saints triumphant rise in bright array;

the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluial* 

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost Alleluia!

#### The Dismissal

Summoned to holiness, roused to justice, we are called to live in love.

Granted forgiveness, blessed with mercy, we are called to live in hope.

Beckoned by saints, encouraged by angels, we are called to live in joy.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

In the interests of trying to keep all who come to our churches safe, please take away this service sheet and any other items that you may have brought with you or used in church this morning. Thank you.

Stay well and stay safe.



Everyone is warmly invited to tea, coffee and juice after this service.

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

#### Wednesday 8th November 2023. No Midweek Service

#### Sunday 12th November 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church 11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023. No Midweek Service

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed) 18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by sausages and wedges



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 10.30 United Service of the Word in in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 29th November 2023
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church



St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 9.30 in The Monk

Gibbon Hall: 12 November 2023 3 December 2023

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre: 19 November 2023 3 December 2023

We would welcome more Sunday Club Leaders. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.



## Healer Prayer Group

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 20.00 hours *via Zoom* 

#### **MOUNT MERRION**

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

## BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023
19.30 HOURS IN THE PARISH ROOM
OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
PARISH CENTRE

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday 3.30pm—4.10pm
In-person meetings in the Canon
Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St
James' Parish Centre but we will meet
occasionally via Zoom.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423 irene.reid1052@gmail.com

## Confirmation Class for teenagers

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 19.00 hours in St Philip and St James' Church

Please note that Confirmation preparation for adults will take place separately – please contact the Rector.

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#### **Mondays**

Classes at 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Monk Gibbon Hall

Contact Dawn 087-6972171

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There are still chairs available for donation or sponsorship. The cost of a chair is €275 (including the brass plaque and engraving). If you would like more information about donating or sponsoring a chair, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Quentin Teggin at qteggin@gmail.com or the Rector.







#### Monkstown Parish Sale



The Knox Hall, Monkstown SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2023 10:00am to 2:00pm

#### **ALL WELCOME**

BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS, TOYS, GIFTS, HOUSEHOLD, MUSIC, HANDBAGS, JEWELLERY, MONSTER RAFFLE, TEAS, .....

Please spread the word and come along on the day!!