

Fáilte

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gathering of God's People - Beannachtaí

Grásta agus trócaire agus síocháin ó
Dhia ár nAthair
agus ó Íosa Críost ár dTiarna,
go raibh libh go léir
agus leat féin.

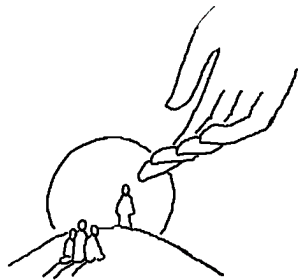
Welcome and Greeting

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

Creativity and light belong to God:
let all the earth rejoice.

Justice and glory belong to God:
let all the earth rejoice.

Wisdom and wonder belong to God:
let all the earth rejoice.



Hymn No. 325 (Be still)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with
reverence and fear.

In him, no sin is found, we stand on
holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is
shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour
he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant
King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is
shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place,

He comes to cleanse and heal, to
minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith
receive from him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden;**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,**

and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.

This is the first and great
commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as
yourself.

On these two commandments depend
all the law and the prophets.

***Lord, have mercy on us, and write
these laws in our hearts.***

God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us
from our sins, to intercede for us in
heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in
penitence and faith, firmly resolved to
keep God's commandments and to live
in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

[Silence]

A Prayer of Confession for the Transfiguration

by Pat Bennett, 'Bare Feet and Buttercups'

Father,
you are the source of all time.

Yet it neither contains nor constrains
you.

***We who are time-bound
confess
that often we do not take the time,
or make the time
to enter into your great stillness
and gaze on you.***

Silence

***Forgive us
for all those times
when the restless pursuit of the
next thing
has distracted and deflected us
from spending time with you.***

Silence

***Help us to escape the bondage of
busyness
and find those moments
of intersection with eternity,
when your time and our time come
together
and we can grow in our awareness of
you
and of your purposes.***

***We ask this in the name of Christ -
the one who came into the world
to make visible the Time of God.
Amen.***

[Please stand, if you are able]

Gloria - A Prayer of Praise and Adoration for the Transfiguration

by Jan Berry, 'Bare Feet and Buttercups'

God of the ordinary,
we praise you.

You take the drabness of our
thoughts,
*and brighten them into vivid
imagination.*

You take our everyday lives,
*and transform them into holy,
precious moments.*

You take our meagre offerings,
*and multiply them into an abundance
of delight.*

Extraordinary God,
*you light up our thoughts, our lives,
our selves
with the wonder of your call.
We praise you. Amen.*

The Collect of the Sunday before Lent

A Athair uilechumhachtaigh,
ar taispeánadh do Mhac i maorgacht
sular fhulaing sé bás ar an chros:
tabhair grásta dúinn chun a ghlóir a
fheiceáil,
go neartaítear sinn le fulaingt in
éineacht leis
agus go n-athraítear ina chruth sinn, ó
ghlóir go glóir;
a mhaireann agus a rialaíonn leatsa
agus leis an Spiorad Naomh, aon Dia,
anois agus a choíche. *Áiméan.*

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty

before he suffered death upon the cross:
Give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with
him
and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



The First Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

The first reading is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapters 3 and 4, beginning at verse 12 in chapter 3.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled

faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

⁴Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 17
(Lead me Lord)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy
righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Treoraigh mé, treoraigh mé, a
Thiarna,
go siúlad ar bhóthar firéantachta Dé.
Foiligh an tslí romham, óir níl ann, a
Thiarna,
ach tusa amháin a choimeádann slán
mé.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 9, beginning at verse 28.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

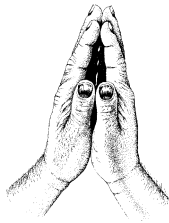
The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Nicene Creed *(shortened version)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
Amen.**

(Please kneel or sit)



Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

**Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please feel free to share the sign of peace in a manner that you and the person you are sharing the peace with are comfortable... it may be that a smile or a wave might be more appropriate than a handshake!



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Introduction to the Peace for Lent

De bhrí go bhfuil muid firéanaithe ag an chreideamh,
tá síocháin againn le Dia trínár dTiarna Íosa Críost.

Rómh 5: 1,2

Go raibh síocháin an Tiarna libh i gcónaí:
agus leat féin.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5: 1, 2

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Offertory Hymn - No. 431 (Regent Square)

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.

Here for faith's discernment praying
lest we fail to know thee now,
here our deepest homage paying,
we in loving reverence bow;

Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Now though lowliest form do veil thee
 as of old in Bethlehem,
 angels in thy mystery hail thee;
 we in worship join with them.
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished
 once for all when thou wast slain,
 in its fullness undiminished
 shall for evermore remain,
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 cleansing souls from every stain.

Great High Priest of our profession,
 through the veil thou wentest in,
 by the mighty intercession
 grace and peace for us to win;
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 only sacrifice for sin.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,
 stricken rock with streaming side,
 heaven and earth with one hosanna,
 worship thee, the Lamb that died,
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 risen, ascended, glorified!

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Taking of the Bread and Wine
 Christ, our Passover has been
 sacrificed for us.
*therefore let us celebrate the
 feast.*

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 1

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:
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 whose divine glory shone forth upon
 the holy mountain
 before chosen witnesses of his
 majesty;
 when your own voice from heaven
 proclaimed him your beloved Son: and
 so with all your people, with angels and
 archangels, and with all the company
 of heaven, we proclaim your great and
 glorious name, forever praising you
 and saying:

[\(8.30 Service\)](#)

*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!*

[\(10.30 Service\)](#)

[Hymn No. 355 \(Holy is the Lord\)](#)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;

***holy is the Lord God almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty!
who was, and is, and is to come:
holy, holy holy is the Lord!***

[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,
he 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.***

The Lord's Prayer

***Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh
go naofar d'ainm,***

*go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn
inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna
féin.
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an
chumhacht, agus an ghlóir, trí shaol
na saol. Áiméan.*



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 the 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 wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this to the priest. Please feel free and welcome to do whichever is appropriate for you.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please place your arms across your chest, to indicate this to the priest.



The Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayer

Holy God

*we see your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ.*

*May we who are partakers at his
table*

*reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.*

*This we ask through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

*Go raibh síocháin sin Dén ach bhfuil
tuiscint uirthi,
ag seasamh garda ar bhur gcroí, agus
ar smaointe bhur n-intinne,
á gcoinneáil dangean in aithne agus in
ngrá ar Dhia agus ar a Mhac Íosa
Críost ár dTiarna:*

agus go raibh beannacht Dé
uilechumhachtaigh,
an tAthair, an Mac, agus an Spiorad
Naomh oraibh is in bhur measc i
gcónaí. **Áiméan.**

The peace of God which passes all
understanding keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and the love
of God and of his Son Jesus Christ:
and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn - No. 112 (There is a Redeemer)

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

The Dismissal

When we get it amazingly wrong,
God loves us.

When we get it superbly right,
God loves us.

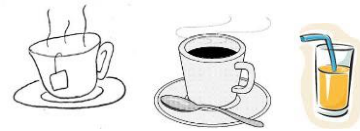
When we have no idea at all what is
happening,
God loves us.

When we walk with God,
we do not need to be afraid.

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.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to tea/coffee/juice
in the Monk Gibbon Hall after the 9.30
Service in St Thomas' Church and in the
South Transept after the 11.00 Service in St
Philip and St James' Church.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 5th March 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 9th March 2025

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

Sunday Clubs meet in both churches at 9.30 and 11.00 respectively.

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church



Wednesday 12th March 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th March 2025

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

Wednesday 19th March 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd March 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 26th March 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th March 2025 – Mothering Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church



Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 25th March 2025
19.30 hours *via Zoom*



St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:

Sunday 9th March 2025

Sunday 6th April 2025

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome.

The leaders have been Garda-vetted and have undergone Safeguarding Trust Training.

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025

19.30 HOURS

IN THE PARISH ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' PARISH CENTRE

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MEETING

MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025

19.30 HOURS

IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MONK GIBBON HALL

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm—4.10pm
In the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre
Contact Irene on 087-2755423
irene.reid1052@gmail.com



SPONSORED WALK

To raise money for the school.

TODAY at 11.45am,
starting at the school after the 11.00 service in
St Philip and St James' Church



Lenten Challenge

Gillian is off again!

This year, she is walking/cross-training/cycling/rowing at least 5km every day of Lent 2025.

**Wednesday 5th March – Saturday 19th April
2025 inclusive!**

Lent is the season for examining ourselves and seeing how we can more fully reflect the life and love of Christ and his commandment to us to love our neighbour as ourselves. That means respecting and caring for others and for ourselves.

Therefore, again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

This year, I will do 5km each day - using a variety of ways of moving as I have been battling with plantar fasciitis for the last year! - for my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and for the Irish Cancer Society and Blackrock Hospice.

You can make a donation by online banking to
Boosterstown and Mount Merrion Account
IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541

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What to do in Lent!

Join **Christ Church Cathedral** and **Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA** present 'Salvation in the Gospel of John'.

This is a 6 week course beginning at 19:30 on Ash Wednesday after Eucharist at 18:00 which you are warmly encouraged to attend.

Keys for unlocking the message today.

This is a free hybrid event. Participants can attend in person in the Music Room at Christ Church or via Zoom.

Please note that the Music Room is only accessible by stairs.

<https://christchurchcathedral.ie/lenten-series-2025.../>



Daffodil Service

**followed by Daffodil Coffee
Morning with Bring-and-Buy**

Sunday 23rd March 2025

8.30 Holy Communion - St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Family Service for
Daffodil Day - St Philip and St James'
Church**

At this Service, we will pray for all who have been affected by cancer in any way, either themselves or through someone else. We will also pray for those involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

Saturday 22nd March,
10am - 3pm

Newcastle Parish Centre,
Co. Wicklow, A63 X782.

HE RESTORES *MY SOUL*

A Quiet Day reflecting on Psalm 23

Facilitated by Lydia Monds, CMH:I
Sessions will include:
Time exploring the Psalm in new ways.
Contemplative prayer practices
Time for silence, personal reflection
& creative response.



Church's
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of Healing
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Tea, Coffee & Soup provided. B.Y.O. lunch
Free Event. Donations welcome. To book, contact Jeanne:
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