



[Please stand if you are able]

Greeting

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

Welcome!

*to our Special Preacher at the 9.30
and 11.00 Services – the Rev. Canon
Arthur Barrett who was Rector of
Boosterstown and Carysfort with
Mount Merrion, 2000-2004. Arthur is
currently the Rector of Arklow Group of
Parishes and is about to move to Killane
Union in the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns
and Ossory.*

Hymn No. 346 (Angel voices)

Angel voices, ever singing
round thy throne of light;
angel harps, for ever ringing,
rest nor day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee,
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest

o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds, and hands and
voices,
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
of the best that thou hast given,
earth and heaven
render thee.

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.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

O God our Creator,
we thank you for the gift of this
precious child Eve; 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.

[Please remain standing if you are able]

The Collect of the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son
was revealed to destroy the works of
the devil

and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:

Grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is
pure;

that when he shall appear in power
and great glory,

we may be made like him

in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



[Please sit]

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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And 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.



[Please stand if you are able]

Hymn No. 80 (Faithfulness)

[Verses 1-2]

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

The second reading is from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the

sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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



[Please stand if you are able]

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 80
(Faithfulness) *[Verse 3]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

[Please remain standing if you are able]

The Holy Gospel - Mark 13: 1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to

say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

The Sermon

The Presentation

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

Sponsors:

We present Eve Catherine Jean Coady to be baptized.

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Eve Catherine Jean 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.

During the singing of this hymn, the font is prepared for Eve's baptism and her big sisters Isobel and Lucy and her big brother Matthew pour the water into the font.

[Please stand if you are able]

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, Eve Catherine Jean, 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 Eve
Catherine Jean 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 Eve Catherine Jean saying:

Eve Catherine Jean, 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 Eve Catherine Jean, 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 Eve 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 Eve, that she may shine forth the light of Christ throughout her life.



Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!



[Please stand, if you are able]

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.

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

[Please stand if you are able]

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 424 (Jesus, stand among us)

Jesus, stand among us
at the meeting of our lives,
be our sweet agreement
at the meeting of our eyes;

*O Jesus, we love you,
so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity
and take away our fear.*

So to you we're gathering
out of each and every land,
Christ the love between us,
at the joining of our hands;

Jesus, stand among us
at the breaking of the bread,
join us as one body
as we worship you, our head.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3

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, Lord of all creation, we praise
you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not
reject us. You came to meet us in
your Son, welcomed us as your
children and prepared a table where
we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we
might live in him and he in us.

***He opened wide his arms upon the
cross and, with love stronger than
death, he made the perfect
sacrifice for sin.***

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on
the night before you died you came to
table with your friends. Taking

bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

***Lord Jesus we bless you:
you are the bread of life.***

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; 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.

***Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.***

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
***dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of

heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

(11.0 Service)

**Hymn No. 200 Thanks and Praise
(Scarborough Fair)**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of endless power and might,
the earth, the heavens are full of
your love.***

Sing hosanna! Glory to God!

***Blest is he, the one who is sent
in the name of God the Most High.
O holy, holy, holy our Lord!
Sing hosanna! Glory to God!***

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father,
who art in heaven:
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.***



The Breaking of the Bread

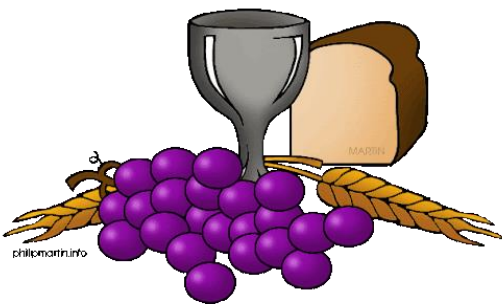
Jesus' disciples recognised him in the breaking of the bread:

***may we recognise him in our midst
and in each other.***

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



The Great Silence

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

[Please kneel or sit]

The Post Communion Prayer

***Gracious God,
in baptism you make us one family in
Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and
his blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one
another and come to the full
maturity of the body of Christ.
Amen***

Prayers for Eve and her family

Father, we thank you that Eve Catherine Jean 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 Eve. Bless her mum Carol, her dad Dáire, her big sisters Isobel and Lucy, her big brother Matthew, and her godparents Joanne, Gillian and

Jack. We particularly pray for her granddad Patrick and pray for a speedy and full recovery for him. 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 Eve is...
we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Eve'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.**

[Please stand if you are able]

Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when the battle is done,

grant heaven's joy to me, O bright
heaven's sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever
befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Dismissal

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.



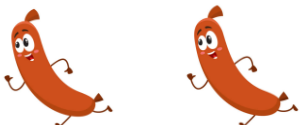
Tea/Coffee/Juice

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

TONIGHT!

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St
James' Church followed by sausages
and wedges in the Parish Centre.



Wednesday 20th November 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 24th November 2024 – NB

Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

10.30 United Service in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 27th November 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st December 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

**10.30 United Special Service to
celebrate the 150th anniversary
of the consecration of St Thomas'
Church**

Wednesday 4th December 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 8th December 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St
James' Church

Wednesday 11th December 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 15th December 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

NB – No 11.00 service in St Philip and St James' Church... The televised service from both parishes will be on RTÉ at 11.15.

19.00 Carols by Candlelight in St Philip and St James' Church
followed by mulled wine and mince pies



Wednesday 18th December 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd December 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 A Quiet Christmas in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Christingle Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Tuesday 24th December 2024 – Christmas Eve

22.00 The First Holy Communion of Christmas in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 25th December 2024 – Christmas Day

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 29th December 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

No Midweek Service on Wednesday 1st January 2025



Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 26th November 2024
20.00 hours *via Zoom*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays 3.30pm—4.10pm
in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre
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MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024
19.30 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2025
19.30 HOURS
IN THE PARISH ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' PARISH CENTRE



Any child (who has been toilet-trained) is very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall on the following Sundays:
8th December 2024.

St Philip and St James'

Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:

8th December 2024.

The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on in the service.

Broadcast Service

Our two parishes will be doing the televised service on RTÉ on Sunday 15th December 2024.

It will be recorded in the RTÉ Studio on Sunday 24th November 2024 at 12.30 hours. It would be good to get more people to be a part of the *Ad Hoc Choir* as we have a number of special events coming up including the televised service.

We will also be singing at the special service on Sunday 1st December 2024 at 10.30 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church, and at the Carols by Candlelight in St Philip and St James' Church at 19.00 on Sunday 15th December 2024.



Full run-through on Friday 22nd November 2024 at 19.00 hours in St Philip and St James' Church.

Ad Hoc Choir Rehearsals

19.00 hours

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Friday 22nd November 2024

Wednesday 27th November 2024

Wednesday 4th December 2024

**Thursday 12th December 2024 – NB
change of day**

culminating with the Carols by
Candlelight on Sunday 15th

December 2024 at 19.00 hours in St
Philip and St James' Church.

**We would like some more bass
and tenor voices please! Men of
the parishes, take note!!!**

**Helpers Wanted with the
Tea/Coffee/Juice
in St Thomas' Church
and in St Philip and St James'
Church on a Sunday morning.**

*Please chat to Patricia Bedlow in St
Thomas' Church or June Burgess in St Philip
and St James' Church.*

St Thomas' 150th Anniversary

*The Special Service in celebration of
the 150th Anniversary of the
consecration of St Thomas' Church is
on Sunday 1st December 2024 at
10.30.*

**Special preacher: The Rev. Ruth
Elmes**

**President: The Right Rev. Michael
Burrows**



PJ's Christmas Craic-er!

***Saturday 7th December 2024
10.30-12.30***

St Philip and St James' Church

A Christmas Get-Together for chat and craic! Tea/Coffee/Juice with Scones and Mince Pies, Ice Cream, Raffle, Bring-and-Buy Stall, Pin the Tail on the Reindeer and Christmas Lucky Dip... and... Santa Claus.



Carol Singing for Dublin SIMON

Thursday 19th December 2024

5pm—7pm

***Blackrock Village Shopping Centre,
(the one with SuperValu)***

We are asking people to sign up to sing and/or collect for 30 minutes or 1 hour... or however long they can.

Please email Gillian to let her when and for how long you can be there!



Help for Santa!

Life can be very cruel and we could make a difference to some children this Christmas. This is why I am asking you if we could help Santa. I am asking if you could buy one or two small toys - they cannot be big toys as those families living in hotels or hostels, or in cars, do not have the room for anything big - and could you bring them to either of our churches at the times below... if you are not able to attend the service, please aim to arrive at the end of the service to drop off the items:

Sunday 8th December 2024 to St Thomas' Church – service at 9.30-10.15 or to St Philip and St James' Church - services at 8.30-9.00, 11.00-11.45.

We have to deliver the items into the Capuchin Day Centre on Wednesday 11th December 2024, so we have to have them before then.

Santa needs long-johns, toiletries, etc too!

New pairs of long-johns (underwear) are hugely appreciated by The Alice Leahy Trust for their service users. As you can imagine, it is bitterly cold, living on the streets, at this time of the year. We would be delighted to pass on new long-johns, new warm socks, new gloves and new hats. Warm jackets and hoodies in good condition would also be great.

We can give a little love this Christmas, and that is exactly what Christmas is... God coming to earth in human form because he loves us, and to show us through Jesus Christ how to love and to care.