

[Please stand if you are able]

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn No. 52 Thanks and Praise

He's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands,
he's got everybody here in his hands,
he's got everybody here in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

The Group Neckerchief/Scarf

The Group Neckerchief/Scarf of 25th Dublin (Mount Merrion) is presented and placed on the Holy Communion Table during the singing of the first verse of the hymn, along with some old Scout shirts.

Symbols of this year's activities

Likewise, symbols of the activities that our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts have been focusing on this year are presented and placed on the Holy Communion Table.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

(based on the Cub Law and the Scout Law)

Lord, as we gather to spend time with you, we recognise that we have not always done our best or even tried to do our best.

Sorry, Lord.

We have not always done our duty to you, or tried to grow in our faith.

Sorry, Lord.

We have not always done our duty to our community,
by not caring for the people or the environment.

Sorry, Lord.

We have said things that have hurt others,
sometimes without even realising it. Help us to think before we speak.

Sorry, Lord.

We have rushed into doing things without always thinking through the consequences of our actions.

Sorry, Lord.

We have not thought about others and have left them out,
or not made an effort to be friendly.

Sorry, Lord.

We have not tried to help other people.

Sorry, Lord.

The Absolution

God the Father understands that we are human
and we get things wrong.
On all whose lives are open to change,
from getting it wrong to getting it right,
God pronounces his pardon and gives his peace.

Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

[Please stand if you are able]

An Acclamation of Praise

May the flame of the Spirit
touch our souls.

May the light of Christ's truth
fill our minds.

May the love of the Maker
fill our hearts.

[Please remain standing if you are able]

The Collect of the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things, now
and for ever. **Amen**



[Please sit]

The First Reading - Isaiah 55: 10-13

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter, 55, beginning at verse 10.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand if you are able]

Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by Lloyd Webber)

[Verses 1, 2 and 3]

Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free,
Setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing...

Joy is flowing...

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - Luke 8: 22-25

The second reading is from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 8, beginning at verse 22.

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand if you are able]

Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by Lloyd Webber) *[Verses 4 and 5]*

Faith is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free,
Setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing...

[Please sit]

What We Have Done!

Members of the Beavers, Cubs,
Scouts and Venture Scouts will tell
us about some of the things that
they have been doing in the last
year.

[Please stand if you are able]

Song - A Smile is Something!

A smile is something when you give it
away,

give it away, give it away.

A smile is something when you give it
away,

it comes right back to you.

It's like a shiny penny.

Hold on tight and you won't get many.

Lend it. Spend it.

Give it away.

It comes right back to you.

Friendship is something when you give
it away...

Love is something when you give it
away...

[Please remain standing if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

***We believe in a loving God,
whose spirit sustains our lives
and the work of our hands in the
world.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Son amongst us,
whose spirit encourages our lives
and shows us the meaning of love.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit of
life,
who makes us one with God,
who renews our strength,
and helps us believe.
The Spirit is life and love.***

*[The congregation may be seated and the Beavers,
Cubs, Scouts and Ventures remain standing if you
are able]*

**The Scout Law
as per the Constitution of
Scouting Ireland**

- a) A Scout is to be trusted.
- b) A Scout is loyal.
- c) A Scout is helpful and considerate to all.
- d) A Scout has courage in all difficulties.

e) A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.

f) A Scout has respect for self and others.

g) A Scout respects nature and the environment.

Youth Variations on the Scout Law for each Section, building up as the members grow in maturity and understanding.



The Beaver Scout Law

Beaver Scouts are:
friendly and kind.

The Beaver Scouts renew their promise:

***I promise to do my best;
to be a good Beaver Scout,
to love the world and
to love one another.***

The Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts are:
friendly,
kind,
honest,
and can be trusted.

The Cub Scouts renew their promise:
***I promise that I will do my best,
to do my duty to God,
to serve my community,
to help other people,
and to live by the Cub Scout Law.***

The Scout Law

Scouts are:
friendly,
kind,
honest,
can be trusted,
are respectful,
and are brave.

The Scouts and Leaders renew their promise:

***On my honour, I promise that I will
do my best,
to do my duty to God,
to serve my community,
to help other people,
and to live by the Scout Law.***

The Venture Scout Law

Venture Scouts are:
friendly,
kind,
honest,
can be trusted,
are respectful,
brave,
and loyal.

The Venture Scouts renew their promise:

***On my honour, I promise that I will do my best,
to do my duty to God,
to serve my community,
to help other people,
and to live by the Venture Scout Law.***

[Please stand if you are able]

Hymn No. 503 (St. Francis)

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring
your love,
where there is injury, your pardon,
Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in
you:
*O Master, grant, that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me
bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy:
*O Master, grant, that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:

it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal
life.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us pray.

The Members of the Group join in the
prayers for their particular section.

A Prayer for Beavers

***Dear Lord, help me be a good
Beaver,
always busy and bright.
Be with those who are dear to me,
and help me do things right.***

A Prayer for Cub Scouts

***Lord,
we thank you for the fun and
friends we have in Cubs.
Help us to keep our Promise,
to do our best and to do a good
turn every day. Amen.***

A Prayer for Scouts

***Lord,
thank you for bringing us together
in Scouting.***

*Be with our Troop and all its members.
Keep us loyal to our Promise,
to each other and to ourselves;
and in everything we do,
help us to put other people first.
Amen.*

A Prayer for Venture Scouts

*Lord, we thank you for the opportunities we have in Venture Scouts;
opportunities to develop our skills and talents,
to discover our place in the world and how we can make it a better place, to make friends.
May our Unit be a place of growth and trust
guided by the Law and the Promise.
Amen.*

A Prayer for Leaders

*Lord, we ask you to be with us in our responsibilities as Leaders in Scouting.
Let the Scout Promise and Law be our guide.
Inspire us so that our decisions, actions and leadership may be wise and true to the spirit of Scouting.
Amen.*

Prayers for the Needs of People and the World at this time.

*Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

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,
the power and the glory for ever
and ever. Amen.*

[The Collection will be received during this hymn]

[Please stand if you are able]

Hymn No. 658 - (Southcote)

*One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:*

*And it's from the old that I travel to
the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

*Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I
learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:*

*As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way I know:*

Give me courage when the world is rough,
 keep me loving though the world is tough;
 leap and sing in all I do,
 keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
 you are younger than the child in me;
 ever old and ever new,
 keep me travelling along with you:

The Blessing

[Please stand if you are able]

Daylight Taps

Thanks and praise,
 for our days,
 'neath the sun,
 'neath the stars,
 'neath the sky.
 As we go,
 this we know,
 God is nigh.

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 10.30 Service in St Thomas' Church.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 26th February 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 2nd 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 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**

Monday 24th February 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.

**MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY
MEETING**

**TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
2025**

**19.30 HOURS IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE
MONK GIBBON HALL**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025
19.30 HOURS**

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon

3.30pm—4.10pm

In the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

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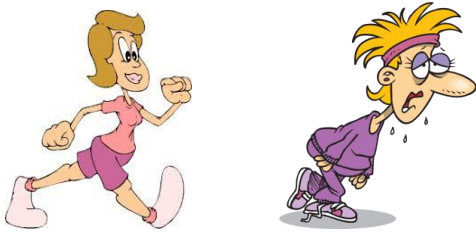
SPONSORED WALK

To raise money for the school.

Sunday, 2nd March 2025

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 be doing 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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**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 those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of those who have survived cancer, and remember those who have died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service in the parish hall, 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.

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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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