



[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.

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 Mayar 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 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 Maya; 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 Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 65: 17-25

*The Old Testament reading is from the book of the
prophet Isaiah, chapter 65, beginning at verse 17.*

¹⁷ For I am about to create new
heavens

and a new earth;

the former things shall not be
remembered

or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as
a joy,

and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be
 heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live
 out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years
 will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a
 hundred will be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit
 them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat
 their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another
 inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the
 days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the
 work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labour in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by
 the Lord—
 and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I
 will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed
 together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall

be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 says the Lord.

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

[Please stand if you are able]

Hymn No. 517 (Servant Song)

[Verses 1-3]

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
 let me be as Christ to you.
 Pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
 and companions on the road;
 we are here to help each other
 walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
 in the night-time of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you,
 speak the peace you long to hear.

[Please sit]

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

The Epistle is from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, chapter 3, beginning at verse 6.

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in
 the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to
 keep away from believers who are
 living in idleness and not according to
 the tradition that they received from
 us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you

ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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



[Please stand if you are able]

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 517 **(Servant Song)**

[Verses 4-6]

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

[Please remain standing if you are able]

The Holy Gospel - Mark 10: 13-16

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 13.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 Maya Hannah Thanaseelan McMurray to be baptized.

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Maya Hannah Thanaseelan 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.

[Please stand if you are able]

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.

The Baptism

The priest, Maya Hannah Thanaseelan, 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 Maya Hannah Thanaseelan 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 Maya Hannah Thanaseelan saying:

Maya Hannah Thanaseelan, 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 Maya Hannah Thanaseelan, 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 Maya 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 Maya, that she may shine forth the light of Christ throughout her life.



[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. 581
(Here I am, Lord)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them,
 my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

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:

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



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 Maya and her family

Father, we thank you that Maya Hannah Thanaseelan 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 Maya. Bless her mum Catherine, her dad Adam, her godparents Evangeline, Emmanuel, Tristan and Aoife. And in a special way we remember today, her granddad Cyril McMurray. 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 Maya is...

we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Maya'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. 647 (Cwm Rhondda)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

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.



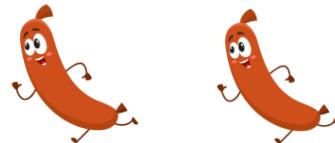
Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to
tea/coffee/juice after the 9.30
Service in the Monk Gibbon Hall.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

TONIGHT!

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



Wednesday 19th November 2025

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church***

Sunday 23rd November 2025

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

Wednesday 26th November 2025

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church***

The Christian Church Calendar Year begins on Advent Sunday and we commence using Year A of the Lectionary Cycle of Readings on Advent Sunday 2025.



Sunday 30th November 2025 – Advent Sunday

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

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 7th December 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 10th December 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 14th December 2025

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
14.00 Recording of the televised service in RTÉ, Donnybrook.

Wednesday 17th December 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 21st December 2025

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

19.00 Carols by Candlelight in St Thomas' Church *followed by mulled wine and mince pies*



Wednesday 24th December 2025 – Christmas Eve

No 10.30 Service

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

Thursday 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 28th December 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 31st December 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church



Confirmation Class for teenagers

Next class is on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 19.30

St Philip and St James' Church

Confirmation and Enquirers Class for adults

is on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 20.30 hours in St Philip and St James' Church

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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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.



Healer Prayer Group

Monday 8th December 2025
19.30 hours via Zoom



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

St Thomas' Sunday Club will not meet again until January 2026.

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

Sundays:

16th November and 7th December 2025.

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

19.30 HOURS

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM



Pickleball

Some parishioners have expressed interest in starting a Pickleball Club in St Philip and St James' Parish Hall. If you are interested in playing and in helping to start a club, please contact:

Quentin Teggin at 086-2463577, Mike Hayes at 087-6846511 or Gordon Richards at 083-1558682

Christmas Day Televised Service

Our two parishes will be doing the televised service on RTÉ on Christmas Day.

It will be recorded in the RTÉ Studio on Sunday 14th December 2025 at 14.00 hours. **It would be good to get more people to be a part of the Ad Hoc Choir and we would like some more bass and tenor voices please! Men of the parishes, take note!!!**

We will also be singing at the Carols by Candlelight in St Thomas' Church at 19.00 on Sunday 21st December 2025.



**Ad Hoc Choir Rehearsals
in St Thomas' Church at 19.30
hours**

Thursday 27th November 2025

Thursday 4th December 2025

Thursday 11th December 2025



PJ's Christmas Craic-er!

Saturday 6th December 2025

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 18th December 2025

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 7th December 2025 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 10th December 2025, 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.

