



Face Masks

As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.

Contact Tracing

We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.

Hymn Singing

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to sing in church this morning. Charles Pearson, our organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.

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))

[Verses 1-2]

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.

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 Emilie; 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.

The Collect of the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast
wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))

[Verse 3]

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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading - Galatians 3: 27 -29

*The first reading is from the epistle to the
Galatians, chapter 3, beginning at verse 27.*

²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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



The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 643
(Slane (1)) [Verse 4]

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!

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



Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1)) [Verse 5]

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 Sermon

The Presentation

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

Sponsors:

***We present Emilie Grace Feeney to
be baptized.***

Parents and godparents, will you
accept the responsibilities placed
upon you in bringing Emilie Grace 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.

*You are invited to sit and reflect upon this
hymn which Charles is going to play whilst
the font is prepared for Emilie's baptism
and her big sister Annabelle pours the water
into the font.*

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, Emilie Grace, 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 Emilie
Grace 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 Emilie Grace saying:

*Emilie Grace, 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 Emilie Grace, 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 Emilie 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 Emilie, 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.

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, there is no
collection. There are baskets at the doors to
facilitate making an offering. In the
interests of everyone's safety we would
encourage you to give via online banking if
possible.*

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 32 (O Lord my God)

[Verses 1-2]

O Lord my God! When I in awesome
wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath
made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty
thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe
displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou
art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,*

*How great thou art! How great thou
art!*

When through the woods and forest
glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the
trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the
gentle breeze:

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, 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:

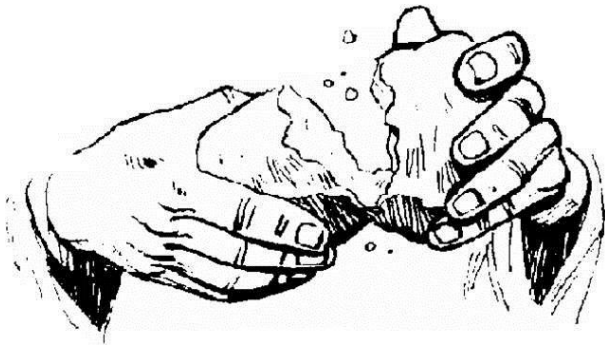
***we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and
ascension, and we look for the
coming of his kingdom.***

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

***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.***



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.***

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. Please feel free and
welcome to whichever is appropriate for
you. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in
the interests of having as little movement of
the congregation as possible, please remain
in your seat to receive Holy Communion.*

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 Emilie Grace and her family

Father, we thank you that Emilie Grace 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 Emilie. Bless her mum Stefanie, her dad Peter, her big sister Annabelle, and her godparents Andrew, Katie and Karen. 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 Emilie is...
we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Emilie'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, and in a special way we remember Emilie's Auntie Natalie and her Granddad Kevin.

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.**

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will be having a retiring collection; there are baskets at the doors of the church in which you may place your collection or envelope. You may wish to donate to the church online or electronically and the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Hymn No. 32 (O Lord my God)

Verses 3-4]

And when I think that God, his Son
not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it
in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou
art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou
art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill
my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great
thou art!

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.

Pastoral Care of the Parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne is looking
after the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic
and the Blackrock Hospice, until 19th
September 2021.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne
01-2806596 or 086-3467920

*Parishioners who are in hospitals or in
residential care will be looked after by
the chaplains of those establishments.*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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***There will be no Midweek
Holy Communion Service on
Wednesday.***

Services next Sunday

**8.30 Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church**

**10.30 Service of Morning Prayer
in St Philip and St James'
Church (live-streamed)**

MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY
MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER
2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM



No PJ's Autumn Fair this year

The Select Vestry of Booterstown and Carysfort Parish has decided to cancel the Autumn Fair, which had been scheduled for Saturday 16th October 2021 due to the ongoing restrictions and the high numbers of COVID-19 cases.

It is planned to have a smaller, alternative event before Christmas, restrictions-permitting.

Update on COVID-19 Restrictions

Dear all,

The Archbishop of Dublin received clarification from the Department of An Taoiseach with relation to Religious Ceremonies, and his secretary forwarded it to clergy today. Please see text in blue below.

As social distancing is still in force, the increase to 50% of venue capacity is subject to that, and therefore, the numbers that we are able to accommodate in either of our churches remains the same. Hopefully, the lifting of further restrictions, which the government's roadmap intends to happen on 22nd October 2021, will enable us to make some progress. However, the priority is people's safety and wellbeing.

Kind regards,
 Gillian

*This clarifies that services can proceed with up to 50% capacity subject to appropriate protective measures (social distancing, hand sanitising, masks etc) from **6th September**.*

Please also note that as no updates in relation to singing have been received the following guidance from the HPSC still applies [Link](#)

'Indoor congregational singing should be avoided due to the increased risk of COVID-19 transmission to other people present at the service. Therefore, it is important that the congregation is made aware that they should not sing along with the singers or other instrumental music.'



Thank you re Gardening

St Thomas' Church Grounds

Thank you to those who came down on Saturday 14th and Saturday 28th August 2021 – amazing work and the grounds are looking so much better, and to those who are on the grass-cutting rota, and particularly to John Hudson who took his lawnmower for regular walks during the various lockdowns over the past eighteen months to cut St Thomas' Church grass.



Thank you re Gardening

St Philip and St James' Church Grounds

Thank you to Gordon Richards, Denise Richards, Viola Brady and June Burgess who do so much grass cutting, hedge cutting, wedding, etc., on an ongoing basis to keep the grounds of St Philip and St James' Church looking so well.

