

***At a meeting of both select vestries on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022, it was decided, in light of the numbers of COVID cases and the concerns expressed by parishioners, to continue with the current measures and service times until the end of February when there will be a further full review. Your opinions on how we go forward would be welcome and will be taken into consideration at that review.***

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### **Face Masks**

*The government guidelines still require us to wear a face mask in church, covering your mouth and nose. It has been indicated that this will be reviewed at the end of February. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading.*

### **Social Distancing**

*The government has announced that social-distancing is no longer required, however, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space. There is always plenty of space at the front of the church!!! I would ask people to respect others' need for space.*

### **Contact Tracing**

*We are no longer required get the contact details of attendees.*



### **The Gathering of God's People**

*The Lord be with you  
and also with you.*

### **Opening Hymn No. 618 (Slane 2)**

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares  
could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we  
pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the  
break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the  
plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us,  
we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at  
the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all  
grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your  
arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we  
pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the  
eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord, of all  
calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose  
presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us,  
we pray,*

your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

### The Preface

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to  
Almighty God our worship and praise  
and thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins and to receive  
God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs and the  
needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his  
Spirit we may serve him and know the  
greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our  
Father.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

**Heavenly Father,**  
***we have sinned against you and***  
***against our neighbour***  
***in thought and word and deed,***  
***through negligence,***  
***through weakness,***  
***through our own deliberate fault;***  
***by what we have done and by what***  
***we have failed to do.***  
***We are truly sorry and repent of all***  
***our sins.***  
***For the sake of your Son Jesus***  
***Christ who died for us,***  
***forgive us all that is past;***  
***and grant that we may serve you in***

***newness of life to the glory of your***  
***name. Amen.***

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 stand, if you are able]*

O Lord, open our lips  
***and our mouth shall proclaim your***  
***praise.***

O God, make speed to save us.  
***O Lord, make haste to help us.***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
***as it was in the beginning, is now,***  
***and shall be forever. Amen.***

Praise the Lord.

***The Lord's name be praised.***



*[Please sit]*

**The Old Testament Reading -  
Jeremiah 17: 5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in  
mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from  
the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in  
the desert,

and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places  
of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in  
the Lord,

whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted  
by water,

sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is  
not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of  
their doings.

Here ends the Old Testament Reading.

**Psalm - Blessed is the Man - Psalm 1**  
*[Verses 1-2]*

Blessed is the man, the man who does  
not walk  
in the counsel of the ungodly - blessed  
is that man.

He who rejects the way, rejects the  
way of sin  
and who turns away from scoffing -  
blessed is that man.  
But his delight - by day and night -  
is the law of God Almighty.

He is like a tree - a tree that  
flourishes  
being planted by the water - blessed  
is that man.  
He will bring forth fruit - his leaf will  
wither not -  
for in all he does he prospers -  
blessed is that man.  
For his delight - by day and night -  
is the law of God Almighty.

*[Please sit]*

**The New Testament Reading - Luke  
6: 17-26**

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood  
on a level place, with a great crowd of  
his disciples and a great multitude of  
people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and  
the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They  
had come to hear him and to be healed  
of their diseases; and those who were  
troubled with unclean spirits were

cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> 'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Here ends the New Testament  
Reading.

### **Canticle - Blessed is the Man -** **Psalm 1**

[Verses 3-4]

The ungodly are not so - for they are  
like the chaff

which the wind blows clean away - the  
ungodly are not so.

The ungodly will not stand - upon the  
judgement day

nor belong to God's own people - the  
ungodly will not stand.

But God knows the way of righteous  
men

and ungodly ways will perish.

Blessed is the man, the man who does  
not walk

in the counsel of the ungodly - blessed  
is that man.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

***I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father, and he will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,***

*the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you  
*and also with you.*

*[Please sit or kneel]*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.  
***Christ, have mercy.***  
Lord, have mercy.

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Versicles and Responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
*and grant us your salvation.*

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
*and grant our government wisdom.*

Let your ministers be clothed with  
righteousness  
*and let your servants shout for joy.*

O Lord, save your people  
*and bless those whom you have  
chosen.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
*and let your glory be over all the  
earth.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
*and renew us by your Holy Spirit.*

### The Collect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of  
sinful humanity:  
Give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise;  
that, among the many changes of the  
world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### Collect for use at Morning Prayer

*Go before us, Lord, in all our  
doings, with your most gracious  
favour,  
and further us with your continual  
help;  
that in all our works begun,  
continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy attain  
everlasting life;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### The Prayers



#### Hymn No. 662 (Monks Gate (1))

##### **Version 1**

Those who would valour see,  
let them come hither;  
one here will constant be,  
come wind, come weather;  
there's no discouragement  
shall make me once relent  
my first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.

Those who beset me round  
with dismal stories  
do but themselves confound;  
my strength the more is.  
No lion can affright;  
I'll with a giant fight;  
but I will have a right  
to be a pilgrim.

No evil ghost or fiend  
can daunt my spirit;  
I know that at the end  
I'll life inherit.  
Then fancies fly away;  
whatever others say,  
I'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.

### **The Sermon**

#### Hymn No. 662 (Monks Gate (1))

##### **Version 2**

He who would valiant be  
'gainst all disaster,  
let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
shall make him once relent  
his first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round  
with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound -  
his strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
Though he with giants fight:  
He will make good his right  
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
us with thy Spirit,  
we know we at the end  
shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.

### **The Blessing**

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*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.*

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**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**St Thomas' Church at 10.30**

*Midweek Holy Communion Service*



*Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!*

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## **Confirmation Class**

**There will be no  
Confirmation Classes next  
Saturday (19<sup>th</sup> February  
2022) due to half-term.**

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**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

*via Zoom*

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

For Zoom details, please contact

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

**10.30 Holy Communion - St  
Philip and St James' Church  
(live-streamed)**

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**BOOTERSTOWN AND  
CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

**20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

**20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**




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**Daffodil Service  
and Daffodil Coffee  
Morning with  
Bring-and-Buy**

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
2022*

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.