

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.

**The Gathering of God's People**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Opening Hymn No. 3 (Abbot's Leigh)

God is love: let heaven adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal love.

God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
his unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race;
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts and clouds the will,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds us fast and guides us still.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

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]

A Confession for the National Day of Commemoration

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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]

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.

No. 538 (Gathering clouds)

[Verses 1-2]

O Lord, the clouds are gathering, the
fire of judgment burns,
how we have fallen!
O Lord, you stand appalled to see your
laws of love so scorned
and lives so broken.

*Have mercy, Lord, forgive us Lord,
restore us, Lord, revive your Church
again.
Let justice flow like rivers
and righteousness like a never failing
stream.*

O Lord, over the nations now where is
the dove of peace?
Her wings are broken.
O Lord, while precious children starve
the tools of war increase;
their bread is stolen.



[Please sit]

The Reading - Mark 6: 14-29

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod* had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his

daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Here ends the Reading.

No. 538 (Gathering clouds)

[Verses 3-4]

O Lord, dark powers are poised to flood our streets with hate and fear; we must awaken!

O Lord, let love reclaim the lives that
sin would sweep away,
and let us your kingdom come.

*Have mercy, Lord, forgive us Lord,
restore us, Lord, revive your Church
again.*

*Let justice flow like rivers
and righteousness like a never failing
stream.*

O Lord, your glorious cross shall tower
triumphant in this land,
evil confounding.

Through the fire your suff'ring Church
displays the glories of her Christ,
praises resounding!

*Have mercy, Lord, forgive us Lord,
restore us, Lord, revive your Church
again.*

*Let justice flow like rivers
and righteousness like a never failing
stream;
like a never failing stream.*

The Apostles' Creed

[shortened version]

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Amen.***

Time of Remembrance

(Please remain standing if you are able)

Let us remember before God, and
commend to his sure keeping those
who have died in the cause of peace,
those whom we knew, and whose
memory we treasure;
all who have lived and died in the
service of others:

in the past and in recent years,
in far away places and on this island.

[Silence]

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot
be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for
all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love,
and bring us all, with them, to your
eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Please sit]

Pachelbel's Canon in D

*You are invited to sit and reflect upon this
piece of music.*

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 6th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward
you
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.*

Prayer for the National Day of Commemoration

*The Archbishop wishes all clergy to use the
attached prayer in their services today.*

Almighty God,

we remember before you all those who have given lives of service in the cause of freedom and justice worldwide.

On the National Day of Commemoration, we pause to reflect and to give thanks for men and women from Ireland who have taken risks, offered service and lost lives for the well-being of others in warfare and in peacekeeping across the globe.

Protect those who today are involved in the arenas of war and the places which cry out for peace.

Bless them and enable us to honour their example as today we worship you the God of life, the prince of peace and the source of love. **Amen**

Hymn No. 665 (Ag Críost an síol)

Ag Críost an síol;
ag Críost an fómhar.
In iothlainn Dé
go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir;
ag Críost an t-iasc.
I líonta Dé
go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás to haois,
is ó aois go bás,
do dhá láimh, a Chríost,
anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch,
ní críoch ach athfhás,
i bParthas na nGrást

go rabhaimid.

The seed is Christ's,
and his the sheaf;
within God's barn
may we be stored.

The sea is Christ's;
and his the fish;
in the nets of God
may we be caught.

From birth to youth,
and from youth till death,
your two hands, O Christ,
stretch over us.

From death – the end?
No end, but new life;
in sweet Paradise
may we be found.

The Sermon

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.

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.

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the
service of God and our fellow men and
women: that we may help, encourage,
and comfort others, and support those
working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the
nations.

***Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and
all humankind,
in the cause of peace,***

***for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.***

The Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your
face;
and the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his
hand.
May he go before you to protect you,
and stand behind you to give you
strength;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you, this day and for
evermore. **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.

The National Day of Commemoration

In Ireland, the **National Day of Commemoration** (Irish: *Lá Cuimhneacháin Náisiúnta*) commemorates all Irish people who died in past wars or United Nations peacekeeping missions. It occurs on the Sunday nearest 11 July, the anniversary of the date in 1921 that a truce was signed ending the Irish War of Independence. This year, of course, 11th July falls on a Sunday.

Background

The commemoration of Irish soldiers and wars has been fragmented within Ireland for historical and political reasons.

Ceremonies to honour Irish soldiers who fought in the First World War have been held in Ireland in November on Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day since the war's end. These are mainly organised by the Royal British Legion and observed by Unionists and ex-servicemen and relatives. The focal points were St Patrick's Cathedral and the Irish National War Memorial Gardens, both in Dublin. Though many Irish nationalists served in the British Army prior to independence, this was not generally held in high esteem by later generations. Independent Ireland remained neutral in World War II, and although thousands of its citizens served in the allied armies, the state did not at first mark this. Commemoration of the Irish War of Independence was muted by the bitterness of the Irish Civil War that followed from it. The preceding 1916 Easter Rising against British rule in Ireland was the focus, with Easter Day considered the "National Day of Commemoration". There was a major

parade each Easter until 1971, when the Troubles in Northern Ireland made the commemoration of the earlier Irish Republican rebels more problematic in symbolism. Smaller official commemorations persisted at Arbour Hill Prison.

Inclusive

One of the main recommendations made by the All-Party Oireachtas Committee was that the National Day of Commemoration should be organised in a way which would reflect its national importance, which would encourage people of different traditions to participate and which would attract the interest and support of the public. The current service and ceremonies closely follow these recommendations.

The military and religious ceremonies are held in the presence of the President, the Taoiseach and other members of the Government of Ireland, members of the Oireachtas, the Council of State, the Diplomatic Corps, the Judiciary, relatives of 1916 leaders, next-of-kin of those who died on service with the UN, Northern Ireland representatives and a wide cross-section of the community, including ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen, and in recent times, ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen (including Chelsea pensioners) from the British Army.

Representatives of the three divisions of the Defence Forces parade and render military honours. Since its inception, music has been provided by the combined bands of the several Army Commands.

The ceremonies begin with an interfaith service, comprising prayers, hymns and readings by senior representatives of the

main Christian denominations and of the Jewish and Islamic faiths. The military ceremonies include an honour guard of the Cadet School, the laying of a wreath by the President on behalf of the people of Ireland, Reveille, the raising of the national flag and the playing of the National Anthem.

It is televised live on RTÉ 1 at 11.00.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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Services next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 12TH JULY 2021

20.00 HOURS

VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 22ND JULY 2021

20.00 HOURS

VIA ZOOM

Temporary Accommodation for Six Months

A family of two parents and two young children is looking for a local property to rent for approximately six months, September 2021 to March 2022, whilst work is being done on their house. Please contact the Rector for contact details.

Temporary Accommodation for Three Months

A family of two parents and one young child is looking for a local property to rent for approximately three months, September to December 2021, whilst work is being done on their house. Please contact the Rector for contact details.
