

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



Hymn No. 108 (Richmond)

[Verses 1-4]

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self
and essence all-divine.

The Penitence

O God of life,

eternity cannot hold you,
nor can our little words catch
the magnificence of your kindness.
Yet in the space of our small hearts,
and in silence, you can come close and
repair us.

O God of life,
grant us your forgiveness
for our careless thoughts,
for our thoughtless deeds,
for our empty speech and the words
with which we have wounded.

O God of life,
grant us your forgiveness
for our false desires,
for our hateful actions,
for our wastefulness
and for all we left untended.

O God of life,
scatter the sin and the burden of guilt
from our souls,
begin what we do,
inform what we say,
redeem who we are.
In you we place our hope,
our great hope,
our living hope,
this day and evermore. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth

that they may return to the way of righteousness:
 grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
 that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The following collect may be said daily in Lent:
 Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
 Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn No. 605 (Kelvingrove)

[Verse 1-2]

Will you come and follow me
 if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 will you let my name be known,
 will you let my life be grown

in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
 if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 Should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer
 in you and you in me?



The Reading - Mark 8: 31-38

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'
 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who

want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Hymn No. 605 (Kelvingrove)

[Verse 3-4]

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

The Sermon

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.*

Hymn No. 605 (Kelvingrove)

[Verse 5]

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 108 (Richmond)

[Verses 5-7]

O generous love! that he who smote
in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man,
for man, should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

The Blessing

The Closing Responses

Jesus calls us to leave the past,
Jesus calls us to hope.

Jesus calls us to travel lightly
Jesus calls us to faith.

Jesus calls us to live fairly,
Jesus calls us to justice.

Jesus calls us to risky living,
Jesus calls us to life.

WHAT'S ON...

Whilst some of these things go on
throughout the year, you might like to try
them in Lent; to take something up, rather
than give something up...

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

by Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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*This might be something that you
would 'take up' and try for Lent.
The sense of peace and calm is
wonderful.*

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND CHAT

WEDNESDAY

10.30-11.00

via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865214531
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MIDWEEK REFLECTION IN LENT

Wednesday

20.00 - 20.30

via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89886970351?pwd=dndHamd2M1hIOHNtZi tpMFpucVZ1dz09>

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

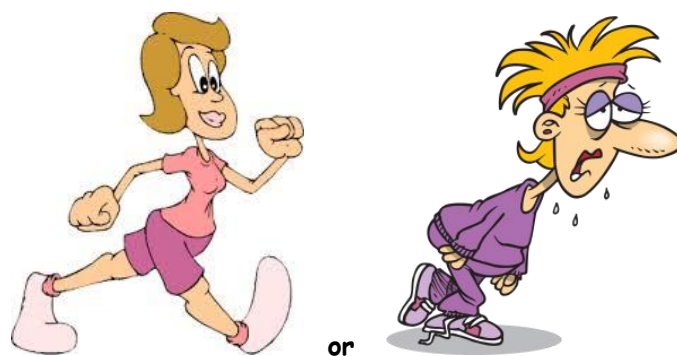
At this stage, it is anticipated that both Easter General Vestries will be held via Zoom.

MOUNT MERRION

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2021
20.00 HOURS**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 22ND APRIL
2021
20.00 HOURS**



Lenten Challenge 5km a day

Gillian and a number of others who are doing various challenges have eleven days done!

... so far, so good!

**She intends to walk 5km every day of Lent 2021
Wednesday 17th February –
Saturday 3rd April 2021
in aid of:**

**The Irish Cancer Society
Protestant Aid
Parish Funds**

We are in difficult times, and for many, this third lockdown has been, and is, the hardest. In Lent 2021, I am suggesting that rather than giving things up, that we could pull together as a parochial group for our mental, spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing and health, whilst at the same time raising funds for three

charities.

The idea is to try and do 5km a day, whether you walk it, cycle it or run it.

If 5km is too much, set yourself a lower target; if it is too easy, set a higher one! Or you can set yourself whatever challenge works for you: learning the 'Jerusalem' and dancing it every day in Lent; learning sign language... it's up to you, but do something that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, this Lent.

The money raised will be divided equally between the three charities.

*Last year, the **Irish Cancer Society's** major fundraiser, Daffodil Day, was severely affected by COVID-19 and it will be again this year. Each year, on the fourth Sunday of March, we have a Daffodil Service followed by a Daffodil Coffee Morning with a Bring-and-Buy, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, but, of course, we were not able to have it last year and we will not be able to have it this year. **Please note that we will be having a Daffodil Service as part of our Palm Sunday Service on Sunday 28th March 2021.***

Protestant Aid (also known as PA) is the Church of Ireland version of St Vincent de Paul. It treats genuine calls for help equally, regardless of religious, ethnic or social backgrounds.

It was established as a charity over 180 years ago to relieve deprivation in Ireland.

Its primary activities include:
Grants to alleviate poverty or distress

- Annuities for the elderly
- Allowances for heating/energy costs
- School expenses
- Second-level education grants
- Third-level loans
- Sheltered housing and nursing care for over 200 elderly people through our sister companies, the Brabazon Trust and St John's House

And the third cause to benefit is our parishes.

You can help by sponsoring or donating to Gillian's 5km Lenten Challenge, or you could take up a Challenge yourself.

As we are in lockdown, we are conscious of people handling money, so donations may be made via the GoFundMe page

<https://gofund.me/996d06a6>

or by online banking to

Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account

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or a cheque payable to *Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account*