

***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.*



### **The Greeting and Welcome**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

### **Opening Responses**

O God, who called all life into being,  
***the earth, sea and sky are yours.***

Your presence is all around us;  
***every atom is full of your energy.***

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.

***With you we yearn for justice to be done,  
for creation to be free from threat,  
for the hungry to be fed,  
for captives to be released,  
for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.***

### **Hymn No. 496 (Alleluia, dulce carmen)**

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness

fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

### The Penitence

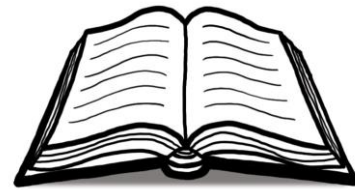
O God, gladly we live and move and  
have our being in you.  
Yet always in the midst of creation's  
glory,  
we see sin's shadow and feel death's  
darkness.

It is around us in the earth, sea and  
sky, in the abuse of matter.  
It is beside us in the broken, the  
hungry and the poor,  
in the betrayal of one another;  
and often, deep within us,  
in a striving against your Spirit.

***O Trinity of Love,  
forgive us that we may forgive one  
another,  
heal us that we may become people  
of healing,  
and renew us that we may be  
makers of peace. Amen.***

### The Collect of the Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the  
cross:  
Give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to  
suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



*[Please sit]*

### The Old Testament Reading - Exodus 34: 29-35

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterwards all the Israelites

came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

**Hymn No. 494 (Beauty for Brokenness)**

[Verses 1 -2]

Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suff'ring world  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,

voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

**The New Testament Reading -  
Luke 9: 28-36**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the

cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn No. 494 (Beauty for Brokenness)**

*[Verses 3-5]*

Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctu'ry,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned -  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed,  
make us content with  
the things that we need.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love*

*from a spark to a flame.*

*Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame,  
until your justice burns  
brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise.*

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friend of the weak,  
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**The Sermon**

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us confess the faith of the Church.

***We believe in God in whom is power and compassion.***

***We believe in the creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space, shaped molecules and mountains, conceived beauty beyond our imagining.***

***God's power topples tyrants,***

*and brings down walls of  
separation;  
God's love embodies the tenderness  
of a mother and father,  
encouraging and caring for each of  
us.*

*We believe in Jesus,  
born in obscurity in an occupied  
land;  
a human being, vulnerable to  
hunger, thirst, persecution and  
grief.  
He understood the power of love  
and confronted the powers of evil,  
spoke the truth with courage and  
clarity,  
forgave his enemies and changed  
lives.  
In his living, dying and rising again  
he showed love strong enough to  
save the world.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who sustains, comforts and  
empowers us,  
opens the scriptures, opens our  
minds,  
and illuminates earth's darkness.  
Amen.*

**Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by Lloyd  
Webber)**

Peace is flowing like a river,  
Flowing out through you and me,  
Spreading out into the desert,  
Setting all the captives free,  
Setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing...

Faith is flowing...

Hope is flowing...

*[Please sit or kneel]*

**Intercessions**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn No. 509 (St. Cecilia)**

Your kingdom come, O God;  
your rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with your iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is your reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
when shall all hatred cease  
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time,  
the end of strife and war;  
when lust, oppression, crime  
and greed shall be no more?

O Lord our God, arise  
and come in your great might!  
Revive our longing eyes  
which languish for your sight.

On lands both near and far  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O Morning Star,  
arise and never set!

**The Blessing**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us, this day and for evermore. *Amen.*

**The Closing Responses**

*May the God of Peace inspire us, may the God of Justice empower us, and may the God of Hope encourage us, so that we go in the power of the Spirit.*

Go, in the power of the Spirit.  
Go, and do not try to separate politics and prayer.  
Go, not to escape, but to engage with God's world.  
Go, to live hopefully, as people of the resurrection.  
*Amen.*

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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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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Service times to be confirmed after meeting of select vestries on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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***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

Contact Irene on 087-2755423  
[irene.reid1052@gmail.com](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)

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

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 –  
Ash Wednesday**

**St Thomas' Church at 10.30**

**Midweek Holy Communion Service**



*Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!*

## **Confirmation Class**

**The next Confirmation Classes will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in St Philip and St James' Church 18.00-18.30 hours and 18.30-19.15 hours**

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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**



## **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.

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## Lenten Challenge



**Gillian has increased her daily challenge from last year by 1km and intends to walk 6km every day of Lent 2022.**

***Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March –  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021***

*in aid of:*

**The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMND),  
Blackrock Hospice and Parish Funds**

Building on last year's Lenten Challenge, where I suggested 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, I am suggesting the same

thing for this year. Two years of the pandemic have taken their toll. The idea is to take up something that gives you a focus each day. Last year, people walked, cycled, scooted or ran. Some learnt the 'Jerusalem' and danced it every day in Lent; others meditated or prayed for 15 minutes a day... it's up to you, but do something that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, this Lent.

In addition, if people wish to make a donation, the money raised will be divided equally between the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and parish funds.

The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Blackrock Hospice are two charities that are close to our hearts in our parishes, and both charities have supported, and continue to support, families in our parishes and beyond.

### **The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association**

The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association is the only organisation of its kind in the country. It is dedicated to working on behalf of people living with MND and their families and carers. Our key services include home visits by our 4 MND nurses, financial assistance towards home help and the supply of specialised equipment on loan. We also fund and promote research into the causes and treatments of MND.

**THEIR AIM IS:**



To encourage and promote the best methods of care, education, research and treatment for people with Motor Neurone Disease throughout Ireland, contributing to worldwide efforts in research and development of treatment.

To establish and promote models of good practice in the delivery of specialised services to their patients, their families and carers, setting standards of excellence.

To communicate widely, knowledge of Motor Neurone Disease and related disorders in order to raise awareness in the wider community.

### **Blackrock Hospice**

For almost 20 years, Blackrock Hospice has been operating from its base in Sweetman's Avenue.

During 2022, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services is investing in significant renovations.

This work will ensure that Blackrock Hospice meets the needs of the community now and for the future. These changes will make real improvements to the care provided by Blackrock Hospice. However, the Hospice is closed during the renovation period which will have no impact on those being looked after in their own homes by the Home Care Team;

Out-patient appointments will be provided in 203 Merrion Road;

In-patients will be accommodated in either Harold's Cross or Wicklow Hospice according to their preference and availability.

The project will cost in the region of €6.5 million in fundraised income for which there is a current shortfall of €2 million.

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

You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion  
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