

**Welcome and thank you, to the
Venerable Gordon Linney who is
celebrating at the 9.30 and 11.00
services this morning whilst the
Rector is on duty in St Patrick's
Cathedral.
Thank you, Gordon!**



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Responses

In the night and in the morning,
we will come to you.

Full of sadness, tired and hungry,
we will come to you.

Lost and puzzled, glad and hopeful,
we will come to you.

You welcome us and feed us,
you question us with love.



Hymn No. 266 (Llanfair)

[Verses 1-3]

Hail the day that sees him arise,
alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; *alleluia!*
Christ the Lamb for sinners given,
alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven,
Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits;
alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! *alleluia!*
He has conquered death and sin;
alleluia!
take the King of glory in! *Alleluia!*

See! The heaven its Lord receives,
alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
alleluia!
though returning to his throne,
alleluia!
still he calls the world his own.
Alleluia!

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,

*and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.
This is the first and great
commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as
yourself.
On these two commandments depend
all the law and the prophets.
***Lord, have mercy on us, and write
these laws in our hearts.***

God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us
from our sins, to intercede for us in
heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in
penitence and faith, firmly resolved
to keep God's commandments and to
live in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

[Silence]

The Penitential Kyries for Easter
Lord God,
you raised your Son from the dead.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
through you we are more than
conquerors.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Holy Spirit,
you help us in our weakness.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Absolution



Gloria - Hymn No. 694 (Sicilian Mariners)

Glory, honour, endless praises
here we offer, King of kings.
You are source of all our being,
Lord of all created things.

Glory, honour, endless praises
to the Lamb who has been slain:
by your blood you ransomed sinners,
set your people free again.

Called to serve from every nation,
kings and priests, we praise you, Lord,
and to Father and to Spirit
lift our hearts with one accord.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his
presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Please kneel or sit)

The First Reading - Acts 9: 1-6

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles,
chapter 9, beginning at verse 1.*

9 And Saul, yet breathing out
threatenings and slaughter against
the disciples of the Lord, went unto
the high priest,
2 And desired of him letters to
Damascus to the synagogues, that if
he found any of this way, whether
they were men or women, he might

bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3 And as he journeyed, he came near
Damascus: and suddenly there shined
round about him a light from heaven:
4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a
voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why
persecutest thou me?
5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord?
And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom
thou persecutest: it is hard for thee
to kick against the pricks.
6 And he trembling and astonished
said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to
do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise,
and go into the city, and it shall be
told thee what thou must do.

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

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 273 (Led like a lamb)

Led like a lamb to the slaughter,
in silence and shame,
there on your back you carried
a world of violence and pain,
bleeding, dying, bleeding, dying.

*You're alive, you're alive, you have
risen,
alleluia!
And the power and the glory is given,
alleluia,
Jesus to you.*

At break of dawn, poor Mary,
still weeping she came,

when through her grief she heard
your voice
now speaking her name.
Mary! Master! Mary! Master!

At the right hand of the Father,
now seated on high,
you have begun your eternal reign
of justice and joy.
Glory, glory, glory, glory.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel – John 21: 1-19

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John,
chapter 21, beginning at verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. **2**Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. **3**Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. **4** Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5**Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' **6**He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now

they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. **7**That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. **8**But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10**Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' **11**So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12**Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. **13**Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14**This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' **16** A second time he said to him, 'Simon son

of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Nicene Creed (shortened version)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
Amen.***



(Please kneel or sit)

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

***Merciful Father, accept these
prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Please feel free to share the sign of peace in a manner that you and the person you are sharing the peace with are comfortable... it may be that a smile or a wave might be more appropriate than a handshake!



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Introduction to the Peace for Easter

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20: 19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, and do not put any collection in the basket. If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 266
(Llanfair)

[Verses 4-7]

See! He lifts his hands above; *alleluia!*
 see, he shows the prints of love;
allelia!
 hark, his gracious lips bestow *alleluia!*
 blessings on his Church below! *Alleluia!*

Still for us he intercedes, *alleluia!*
 his prevailing death he pleads; *alleluia!*
 near himself prepares our place,
alleluia!
 first-fruits of the human race.
Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight,
alleluia!
 far above the starry height, *alleluia!*
 grant our hearts may thither rise,
alleluia!
 following thee beyond the skies.
Alleluia!

There we shall with thee remain,
alleluia!
 partners of thine endless reign;
alleluia!
 there thy face unclouded see, *alleluia!*
 find our heaven of heavens in thee.
Alleluia!

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:
 above all we praise you for the
 glorious resurrection of your Son
 Jesus Christ our Lord, the true
 paschal lamb who was sacrificed for
 us; by dying he destroyed our death;
 by rising he restored our life:
 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:

8.30 Service

*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!*

9.30 and 11.00 Services

(Verses 3 & 4 of Hymn 715)

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Lord almighty!
Hosannas ring in heaven and earth:
'You are holy, Lord!'
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in excelsis,
in excelsis!*

(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



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 the custom of the Church of Ireland to welcome to receive Holy Communion, all those who usually receive Holy Communion in their own tradition. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this to the priest. Please feel free and welcome to do whichever is appropriate for you.

The Communion



The Great Silence

You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

***Living God,
your Son made himself known to his
disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his
redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:
and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



(Please stand, if you are able)

Hymn No. 269 (St Ambrose (St Oswald))

Hark ten thousand voices sounding
far and wide throughout the sky,

'tis the voice of joy abounding,
Jesus lives, no more to die.

Jesus lives, his conflict over,
lives to claim his great reward;
angels round the Victor hover,
crowding to behold their Lord.

Yonder throne for him erected
now becomes the Victor's seat;
lo, the Man on earth rejected,
angels worship at his feet.

All the powers of heaven adore him,
all obey his sovereign word;
day and night they cry before him,
'Holy, Holy, holy, Lord!'

The Dismissal

Take our hands in your hands.
You know that we love you.

Wrap our lives in your life.
You know that we trust you.

Call our names in friendship.
You know that we will follow you.

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***May the glory of the Resurrection
fill you with joy and hope this
Easter-tide.***

*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.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to join us for
tea/coffee/juice in the Monk
Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 service in
St Thomas' Church, and in the South
Transept of St Philip and St James'
Church after the 11.00 service.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 7th May 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 11th May 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church
9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St
James' Church

Wednesday 14th May 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 18th May 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

Wednesday 21st May 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 25th May 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service – Blessing of the Animals in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 28th May 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



Both Sunday Clubs will meet on Sunday 11th May 2025.

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome.

The leaders have been Garda-vetted and have undergone Safeguarding Trust Training.



Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 10th June 2025
19.30 hours *via Zoom*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm—4.10pm
in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

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Lenten Challenge

Gillian is finished!

This Lent, she walked/cross-trained/rowed at least 5km every day of Lent 2025 in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and the Blackrock Hospice.

Thank you to all who supported these two worthy causes.

You can make a donation by online banking to
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BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025

19.30 HOURS

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM



Parish Fete

at
St Thomas' Church
Foster Avenue, Mount
Merrion

**Barbecue, Books, Cakes
& Deli, Bottles, Plants,
Handmade Cards, Games
for Children, Raffle, and
more!**

Tea & Coffee Served
Saturday 17th May 2025
12.00pm - 3.00 pm
Admission €2—Children Free

We need lots and lots of
homemade goods for the Cake
and Deli Stall... cakes, biscuits,
scones, breads, jams,
marmalades, preserves, tarts,
pies, etc.

We are also looking for books
and new (un-opened) gifts,
bottles plants, seedlings and
slips to be given to Julie-Anne
Hudson before the Fete so that
she can pot them!

Anyone who would like to get
involved on the day would be
very welcome and should contact

Joan at
joansherlockrobertson@gmail.com
to let her know



Date for your Diary!



St Thomas' 150th Anniversary BBQ

Saturday 21st June 2025