

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is no longer mandated by the government. However, people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Social Distancing

The government has announced that social- distancing is no longer required, and we have removed our seating plans in both churches. 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 North Transept of St Philip and St James' Church will continue to have a seating plan where those who would like to be socially-distanced from others may sit.



(Please stand, if you are able)

**The Gathering of God's People -
Welcome and Greeting**

*Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
and also with you.*

Opening Responses

*Wanderers, gatherers,
homemakers, travellers,
we come to God.*

*Questioners, adventurers,
Believers, doubters,
we come to God.*

*Workers, menders,
seekers, dreamers,
we come to God.*

**Hymn No. 78 Thanks and Praise
(Ebenezer (Ton-y-botel))**

[Verses 1-2]

*Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells
him;*

*'turn these barren rocks to bread!
'Not alone by bread', he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'*

*Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!'*

*Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects,
preserves us,
We must never vainly test.'*

(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 Gloria

The Gloria is omitted in Lent.

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 Lent

In the wilderness we find your
grace:
you love us with an everlasting love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our
cause;
our sin cries out and our guilt is
great.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be
healed;
restore us and we shall know your
joy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

***The Gloria – we omit the Gloria during
Advent and Lent***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



The Collect of the 1st Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gradual Hymn - Psalm 91 **Hymn No. 173 Thanks and Praise** **(On Eagles' Wings)** [Verse 1 and Chorus]

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust."

*And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Luke 4: 1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 4, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.' ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

"He will command his angels

concerning you,
to protect you",

¹¹and

"On their hands they will bear
you up,

so that you will not dash your foot
against a stone." ' "

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do
not put the Lord your God to the
test." ' ¹³When the devil had finished
every test, he departed from him
until an opportune time.

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

Rest of the Gradual Hymn - Psalm

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Hymn No. 173 Thanks and Praise (On Eagles' Wings)

[Verses 2 and 3 and Chorus]

Snares of the fowler will never
capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under his wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

*And he will raise you up on eagles'
wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

For to his angels he's given a
command,
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you
up,

lest you dash your foot against a
stone.

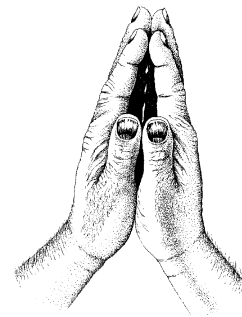
*And he will raise you up on eagles'
wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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.***



Intercessions (Please kneel or sit)

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

***Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers***

for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Due to the Covid-19, it is felt that we should continue to refrain from shaking hands as a sign of peace... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Introduction to the Peace for Lent

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 5: 1, 2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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. You may wish to donate to the church online or electronically and the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Offertory Hymn No. 78 Thanks and Praise (Ebenezer (Ton-y-botel)

[Verses 3 and 4]

Jesus, tempted on the mountain

by the lure of vast domain;
'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame you're sure to gain!
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!'

When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filling with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word, we hear, obey.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ, our passover has been sacrificed for us,
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 1

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: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

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:

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!

(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.***

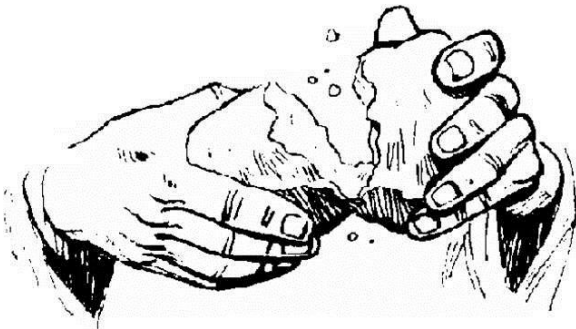


The Lord's Prayer

The 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.



The Invitation

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in the interests of having as little movement of the congregation as possible, please remain in your seat to receive Holy Communion.

The Communion

The Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayer

***Lord God,
you renew us with the living bread
from heaven.
Nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
strengthen our love,
and enable us to live by every
word
that proceeds from out of your
mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
and take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing...

Hymn No. 595 (Creator God)

Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath his hand and power,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the
night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
by darkness and by day.

His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and meet his love with mine.

**The Closing Responses and
Dismissal**

Wherever we travel,
God is on our track.

Wherever we settle,
God is in our midst.

Whatever is ahead of us,
God will be there before us.

God's angels are among us,
to keep us in all our ways.

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. 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.

Services for March 2022

The two select vestries met jointly via Zoom this evening to discuss service times, etc for our parishes in light of the further lifting of restrictions. As you will be aware from email correspondence, the select vestries, at a joint meeting on 24th January 2022, decided to continue with the restrictions and pattern of services that were in place at the time, and that

parishioners would be asked for their opinions and thank you to those of you who have given feedback. There was a wide range of opinions and suggestions.

The select vestries gave careful consideration to all the points made by parishioners, and to various concerns such as those who are no longer able to go to church and who worship via the live-stream at the time that the service is on. It enables them to feel part of our group of parishes and to be part of a corporate act of worship. As the live-stream service is a united service for both parishes, it was felt that we should try to have it at time that would work for parishioners of both parishes, and for those who join us via the live-stream from nursing homes and other places of residential care, so we are going to try having the service in St Philip and St James' Church at **11.00 - please note the time**. This will be reviewed by both select vestries to see if it is working. The organist, Charles Pearson, and I will be doing a speedy hop across the Stillorgan Road!!!

- We will continue to administer Holy Communion using the individual cups and little wooden blocks.
- We ask that people would sanitise their hands on entering the churches.
- The seating plans will no longer be in place but we ask that people would use all the space in both churches and respect that some people may need more space than others in order to feel comfortable. The North Transept in St Philip and St James' Church will be an area where people who

wish to socially distance, may sit and be socially distanced from others.

- Whilst mask wearing is no longer mandated, people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Sunday 13th March 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, which will be followed by supper of sausages and potato wedges in the Parish Centre.

Sunday 20th March 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

Sunday 27th March 2022 - Mothering Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed. **Please note the time.** This will be followed by the Daffodil Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy in St

Philip and St James' Parish Centre, in aid of
the Irish Cancer Society.

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

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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.*

TIME of PRAYER and REFLECTION for LENT

St Philip and St James' Church

Each Tuesday evening in Lent
7.30pm-8.00pm

*We will also be praying each
Tuesday night for Ukraine and
for peace.*

**Wednesday 9th March 2022
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
12th March 2022 in St Philip
and St James'
Church 18.00-18.30 hours
and 18.30-19.15 hours**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2022
20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

MOUNT MERRION

**SELECT VESTRY
MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022
20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**



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

Sunday 27th 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.



Lenten Challenge



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

***Wednesday 2nd March –
Saturday 16th April 2022***

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.

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

**Booterstown and Mount Merrion
Account**

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