

# Fáilte



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

## The Gathering of God's People - Beannachtaí

Grásta agus trócaire agus síocháin ó  
Dhia ár nAthair  
agus ó Íosa Críost ár dTiarna,  
go raibh libh go léir  
**agus leat féin.**

## Welcome and Greeting

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

## Hymn No. 611 (Bunessan)

Christ be beside me,  
Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me,  
King of my heart.  
Christ be within me,  
Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me,  
never to part.

Christ on my right hand,  
Christ in my left hand,  
Christ all around me,  
shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising,  
light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts  
thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues  
telling of me.  
Christ be the vision  
in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me,  
Christ ever be.

*(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.

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*[Silence]*

### **The Penitential Kyries for Irish Saints**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
 happy are those who trust in him.  
 A Thiarna, déan trócaire.  
**A Thiarna, déan trócaire.**

Lord, have mercy.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants  
 and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

A Chríost, déan trócaire.  
**A Chríost, déan trócaire.**

Christ, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*

Come my children, listen to me:  
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

A Thiarna, déan trócaire.  
**A Thiarna, déan trócaire.**

Lord, have mercy.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

### **The Absolution**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Lord God  
 whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame:  
 give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Collect for Mothering Sunday**  
 God of compassion,

whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of  
Mary, shared the life of a home in  
Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole  
human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your  
presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



### **The Old Testament Reading - Exodus 2: 1-10**

*The Old Testament Reading is from the book of  
Exodus, chapter 2, beginning at verse 1.*

<sup>1</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi  
went and married a Levite woman.  
<sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a  
son; and when she saw that he was a  
fine baby, she hid him for three  
months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him  
no longer she got a papyrus basket  
for him, and plastered it with  
bitumen and pitch; she put the child  
in it and placed it among the reeds  
on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister  
stood at a distance, to see what  
would happen to him.  
<sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came  
down to bathe at the river, while  
her attendants walked beside the  
river. She saw the basket among the  
reeds and sent her maid to bring

it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the  
child. He was crying, and she took  
pity on him. 'This must be one of the  
Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup>Then  
his sister said to Pharaoh's  
daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a  
nurse from the Hebrew women to  
nurse the child for you?' <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's  
daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the  
girl went and called the child's  
mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to  
her, 'Take this child and nurse it for  
me, and I will give you your wages.'  
So the woman took the child and  
nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up,  
she brought him to Pharaoh's  
daughter, and she took him as her  
son. She named him Moses,  
'because', she said, 'I drew him  
out of the water.'

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

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Gradual Hymn The Gradual Hymn - As a Mother Cradles her Child**

*[Written by David Ogden, based on words of St  
Anselm]*

As a mother cradles her child,  
so you enfold us,  
gently in your arms.  
As a mother comforts their pain,  
you calm and quieten our souls with  
your love.

As a mother teaches her child,

so, Lord, you guide us,  
 leading us through life.  
 As a mother listens and cares,  
 O Lord, you hear us and answer our  
 prayers.

*Jesus as a mother,  
 you gather us all to you.  
 In your compassion bring  
 forgiveness and grace.  
 in your tenderness restore and  
 remake us,  
 in your love, bring us joy, give us  
 peace.*

As a mother cries for her child,  
 so, Lord, you are weeping  
 over our sins.  
 As a mother feeds us from our  
 birth,  
 you daily nourish us with the bread  
 of life.

*Jesus as a mother,  
 you gather us all to you.  
 In your compassion bring  
 forgiveness and grace.  
 in your tenderness restore and  
 remake us,  
 in your love, bring us joy, give us  
 peace.*

*(Please remain standing, if you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according  
 to Luke, chapter 2, beginning at verse 33.*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

33 And the child's father and  
 mother were amazed at what was  
 being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then  
 Simeon blessed them and said to his  
 mother Mary, 'This child is destined  
 for the falling and the rising of  
 many in Israel, and to be a sign that  
 will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner  
 thoughts of many will be revealed—  
 and a sword will pierce your own soul  
 too.'

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 stand, if you are able)*

**The Introduction to the Peace for  
Irish Saints' Days**

Peace be to you, and peace to your  
hose, and peace to all who are yours.

*1 Samuel 25: 6*

The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.

***And also with you.***

**Offertory Hymn - No. 322 (St.  
Patrick's Breastplate & Gartan)**

*[Verses 1, 8, 9]*

1. I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.

8. Christ be with me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ beside me,  
Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,

Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and  
stranger.

9. I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three;  
of whom all nature hath creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.  
Amen.

**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 3**

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, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.

When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. ***He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.***

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

***Lord Jesus we bless you: you are the bread of life.***

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; 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.

***Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.***

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: ***dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.***

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, 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!***

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus' disciples recognised him in the breaking of the bread:  
*may we recognise him in our midst and in each other.*

### The 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.*

### **The Communion**



### **The Great Silence**

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

### The Post Communion Prayer

*Father,  
 through your goodness  
 we are refreshed through your  
 Son  
 in word and sacrament.  
 May our faith be so strengthened  
 and guarded  
 that we may witness to your*

*eternal love*

*by our words and in our lives.*

*Grant this for Jesus' sake, our  
 Lord. Amen.*

### The Blessing for Lent

Go dtuga Críost grásta daoibh chun  
 go bhfása sibh in naofacht,  
 go ndiúltaí sibh daoibh féin,  
 agus go dtóga sibh bhur gcros agus  
 go leana sibh é:

agus go raibh beannacht Dé  
 uilechumhachtaigh,

an tAthair, an Mac, agus an Spiorad  
 Naomh oraibh is in bhur measc i  
 gcónaí. **Áiméan.**

Christ give you grace to grow in  
 holiness,  
 to deny yourselves,  
 and to take up your cross and  
 follow him: and the Blessing of God  
 almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy  
 Spirit be with you always. **Amen.**

### Hymn - My Mum

My mum's one in a million,  
 I'm sure that you would agree.  
 I wouldn't say that she's perfect,  
 but she's the best one for me.  
 Sometimes she can get grumpy, and  
 sometimes she gets upset, but I still  
 know that she loves me,  
 and that I'll never forget!

*Oh! This is a Mother's Day song for you.*

*Mum, you're ever so special and I'm gonna find ways to say I love you too!*

*My mum's ever so clever.*

*She understands things clearly, and she can help with my homework, and that's what matters to me.*

*Sometimes she can be stressy, sometimes even she shouts!*

*But I still know that she loves me, and that's what certainly counts!*

*My mum's really an angel, she's great at caring for me.*

*She does the cleaning and shopping, And makes a wonderful tea!*

*Sometimes she is too busy, sometimes she is worn out, but I still know that she loves me, and that's what this is about!*

*Chorus Twice*

*My mum's one in a million,  
I'm sure that you would agree.  
I wouldn't say that she's perfect,  
but she's the best one for me.*

### The Dismissal

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

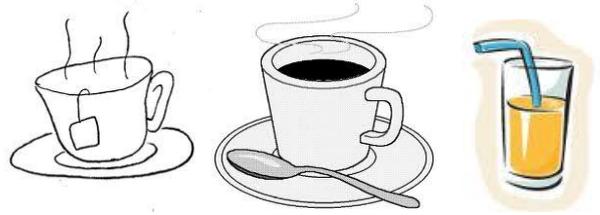
*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

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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.*

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## Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to  
tea/coffee/juice in the Monk  
Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 Service  
and in the South Transept of the  
church after the 11.00 Service.*

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

*NB No Midweek Holy Communion in  
St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Daffodil Service in  
St Philip and St James' Church,  
followed by Daffodil Coffee  
Morning and Bring-and-Buy**

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Palm Sunday**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Service for Palm Sunday in St Thomas' Church  
 11.00 Service for Palm Sunday in St Philip and St James' Church

### **Holy Week**

**Monday** – 19.30 in St Thomas' Church

**Tuesday** – 19.30 in St Philip and St James' Church

**Wednesday** - 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

19.30 in St Thomas' Church

**Maundy Thursday** – 19.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**Good Friday** – 14.00 Prayer at the Cross in St Thomas' Church

19.00 - Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross – The Church of the Assumption on Booterstown Avenue

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter**

#### **Day**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

on Tuesdays 3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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### **Helpers Wanted with the Tea/Coffee/Juice**

*in St Thomas' Church*

*and in St Philip and St James' Church on a Sunday morning.*

*Please chat to Patricia Bedlow in St Thomas' Church or June Burgess in St Philip and St James' Church.*



### **Healer Prayer Group**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**19.30 hours via Zoom**



Any child (who has been toilet-trained) is very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

**St Thomas' Sunday Club** will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall on the following Sundays:

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**St Philip and St James' Sunday Club** will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

*The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on, during the service.*

### **BOOTERSTOWN AND**

### **CARYSFORT**

### **SELECT VESTRY**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**19.30 HOURS**

**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

# **MOUNT MERRION**

## **SELECT VESTRY**

**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**19.30 HOURS**

**THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF  
THE MONK GIBBON HALL**



## **Lenten Challenge**

**Gillian is off again!**

**This year, she is walking/cross-training/cycling/rowing at least 5km every day of Lent 2026.**

*I will be using a variety of ways to move to ensure that the plantar fasciitis that I had for 18 months does not re-appear!*

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 inclusive!**

Lent is the season for examining ourselves and seeing how we can more fully reflect the life and love of Christ and his commandment to us to love our neighbour as ourselves. That means respecting and caring for others and for ourselves.

Therefore, again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you

physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

This year, I will be doing the Challenge for my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and for Pieta House and Aware.

**pieta**

*We provide professional counselling, support and education to those experiencing suicidal thoughts, self-harming behaviour and to those impacted by suicide and self-harm.*

<https://www.pieta.ie>

**Aware**   
Your supporting light through depression

<https://www.aware.ie>

**Come and walk 5km with me...** on any of the Saturdays in Lent, starting at 10.00. We will do a different walk each Saturday. It's not a race, but an opportunity to walk and chat but the chat bit won't be compulsory! – you might be someone who likes to walk in silence - and that is fine too!

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – starting and finishing at Dun Laoghaire DART Station

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – starting and finishing at St Thomas' Church

**4<sup>th</sup> April** – starting and finishing at St Philip and St James' Church

You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**

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## Other Things to do in Lent...



Join us this Lent for a four-week online Pioneer Training course as we journey through *Godsend.intro* — a practical resource for anyone who wants to explore Pioneer Ministry and how it can work locally within traditional parish settings.

Designed for individuals and small groups from parishes, *Godsend* helps connect worship on Sunday with life on Monday. It offers guidance on loving others, making disciples, and nurturing new Christian initiatives that remain rooted in and connected to the life of a traditional parish.

Hosted by the Pioneer Leadership Team, alongside Revd Dr Michael Moynagh, a nationally recognised speaker, pioneer leader, and creator of the *Godsend* material, this course will share best practice not to be copied mechanically, but to inspire prayerful, creative, and locally grounded outreach in your parish.

**Thursdays during Lent**  
**7:30–8:30pm (online via Zoom)**  
**4 weekly sessions (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup> of March)**

Each one-hour session will include:

- Teaching from the *Godsend.intro* material, (Rev Michael Moynagh)

- Guided reflection
- Breakout rooms for discussion, shared learning, and practical application and questions.

Sign up for this free course via [www.pioneerministry.org](http://www.pioneerministry.org)



### **St George and St Thomas Parish (Church of Ireland)** **Cathal Brugha Street**

Lent is upon us! We're delighted to open the church for quiet and contemplative prayer times during Thursday lunchtime.

We are partnering with  
**National Bible Society of Ireland,**  
**The Church's Ministry of Healing**  
**Ireland**  
**The United Dioceses of Dublin &**  
**Glendalough**  
**Praxis**  
**DCM Abbey Street Church (The**  
**Methodist Church in Ireland)**

Come along for tea and toast from 12.30pm and then a guided prayer time will begin at 1pm for 30 minutes with space and time on either side for self-reflection and quiet space in the heart of the city! We hope it's a chance for people to take a breath, sit in silence, and be mindful during Lent. We kick off on February 26th!



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

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026*

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.

**EASTER GENERAL  
VESTRIES**

*Both Easter General Vestries will be held in person.*

**MOUNT MERRION  
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
19.30 HOURS  
ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

**BOOTERSTOWN  
AND CARYSFORT  
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY  
THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
2026  
19.30 HOURS  
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
CHURCH**

