

**Welcome and thank you, to the
Rev. Hilary Dungan who is
celebrating and preaching at the
9.30 and 11.00 services this
morning whilst the Rector is on
Annual Leave.
Thank you, Hilary!**



(Please stand if you are able)

The Greeting

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

Hymn No. 584 (St. Nicholas (Redhead no. 143))

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

as of old apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and
kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'

Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give to you our heart's obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

(Please stand 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]

***Almighty God, our heavenly
Father,
we have sinned in thought and
word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus
Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of
life to the glory of your name.
Amen.***

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your
sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,

and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Please stand if you are able)

Gloria - Hymn No. 693
(Camberwell)

Glory in the highest to the God of
heaven!

Peace to all your people through the
earth be given!

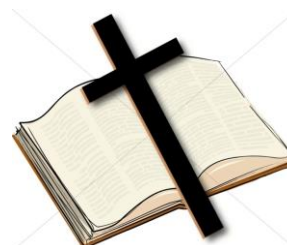
Mighty God and Father, thanks and
praise we bring,
singing Alleluia to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the
Father's Son!

With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord
alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our
guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive
our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high
and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your
Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you!
Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise
be yours!



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(Please remain standing if you are able)

The Collect of the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast
wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Collect for St Matthew - 21 September

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew
the tax-collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
Give us grace to forsake the selfish
pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches;
that we may follow in the way of
your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please sit)

The Epistle - 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

The Epistle is written in the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 4, beginning at verse 1.

⁴Therefore, since it is by God's

mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

(Please stand if you are able)

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 460 (Crüger)

1. For all your saints in glory, for all
your saints at rest,
to you, our Lord and Saviour, all
praises be addressed;
apostles, martyrs, prophets, who
served in you in their day,

have left us their example of following your way.

2p. Praise, Lord, for him whose gospel your human life declared, who, wordly gains forsaking, your path of suffering shared. From all false love of riches, like Matthew, Lord, we pray that we may be delivered, and follow you today.

3. All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One; till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honour, power, and glory ascribe to God alone.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Matthew 9: 9-13

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 9, beginning at verse 9.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher

eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'

¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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)

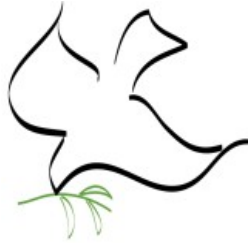
Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***Merciful Father,
accept these our 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 Peace

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13: 34

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The collection will be taken up and received during the Offertory Hymn. 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.

In St Philip and St James' Church, there are QR codes available at the doors to enable you to donate electronically.

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 421 (St Botolph)

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and, as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

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:

Hymn No. 714 (Sanctus)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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

The Communion

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 Great Silence

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

(Please kneel or sit)

The Post Communion Prayers

***God of mercy and compassion,
we have shared the joy of
salvation
that Matthew knew when Jesus
called him.
Renew our calling to proclaim the
one
who came not to call the righteous
but sinners to salvation,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

***Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with
the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your
Spirit
to live and work to your praise
and glory. Amen.***

The Blessing

***God give you grace
to share the inheritance of Matthew
and of all God's saints in glory: And
the blessing... Amen.***

(Please stand if you are able)

Hymn No. 360 (Luckington)

*Let all the world in every corner
sing*

'My God and King!'

*The heav'ns are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.*

*Let all the world in every corner
sing*

'My God and King!'

*Let all the world in every corner
sing*

'My God and King!'

*The Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.*

*Let all the world in every corner
sing*

'My God and King!'

The Dismissal

*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.

**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.*

**Pastoral Care of the Parishes,
the Blackrock Clinic and the
Blackrock Hospice.**

The Rev. Gary Dowd is looking after
the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and
the Blackrock Hospice, until 28th
September 2025, whilst the Rector is
on leave.

The Rev. Gary Dowd
01-2801616 or 087-9266558

*Parishioners who are in hospitals or in
residential care will be looked after by
the chaplains of those
establishments.*

**FORTHCOMING
SERVICES**

*[Wednesday 24th September 2025](#)
[No Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church](#)*



Sunday 28th September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time United Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

We are again collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries, female hygiene products, new underwear and socks for the Alice Leahy Trust and the Capuchin Day Centre. Please bring your items to the United Harvest Thanksgiving at 10.30 in St Philip and St James' Church.

Wednesday 1st October 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 5th October 2025

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

Wednesday 8th October 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 12th October 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 15th October 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 19th October 2025

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

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26th October 2025 – NB Times and Venues due to Dublin City Marathon

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 29th October 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



Harvest Decorating of St Philip and St James' Church

on Saturday 27th September 2025, 10.30-12.00. Donations of flowers, fruit and vegetables to be dropped off before 11.00 please.

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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Ad Hoc Choir

We will be singing at the United Harvest Thanksgiving in St Philip and St James' Church on Sunday 28th September 2025 at 10.30.

Choir practice is in St Philip and St James' Church at **7pm** on Wednesday 25th September 2025.

We would like some more bass and tenor voices please! Men of the parishes, take note!!!

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 30th September 2025
19.30 hours via Zoom**

Autumn Fair

**Saturday 11th
October 2025
12pm-3pm**



Non-perishable items may be delivered to St Philip and St James' Church, Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th October 2024, 7pm-9pm.

Perishable items (foods) may be delivered on Friday 10th October 2025, 7pm-9pm or before 11.00 on Saturday 11th October 2025.



We need three times the supply of home-made goods (sweet and savoury) that we usually have as we sell out so quickly, so we need people to bake and make, please. This is your request to do so – please help! Ideally, we would love if EVERY household could cook, bake or make, or donate TWO items. But don't limit your skills... more would be great!



Return of the Sunday Clubs

Both of our Sunday Clubs resume in October. 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 but the dates have yet to be confirmed.

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:
5th October, 16th November and 7th December 2025.

The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on in the service.

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2025

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND

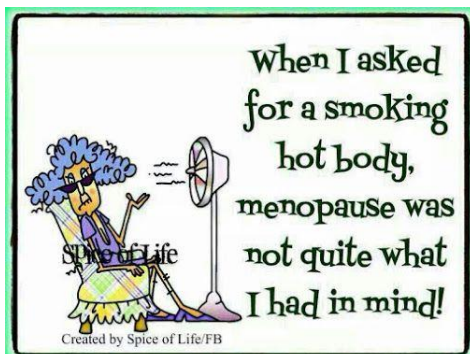
CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025

19.30 HOURS

**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**



Am I losing my marbles or is it the menopause??

Building on the initiative of the Church of Ireland on mental health and wellbeing

Mind Matters, there is an open evening on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 7.30pm in St Philip and St James', to start a discussion on peri-menopause and menopause. This is for women and men (who need to understand what is going on for the women in their lives and work-place). Whilst this subject is now beginning to be talked about, some aspects of it, such as brain fog, emotional and mental well-being, mood swings, etc are still hidden and silent. All are welcome. It would be helpful to know for catering purposes, if you are coming, so do let us know on bootesrtownandmountmerrion@gmail.com

. However, if you find yourself free on the night and want to come, please do, even if you haven't let us know beforehand.

The speakers are Dr Nicola Cochrane (Doctor in the Complex Menopause Clinic in the National Maternity Hospital and Board Member of the Menopause Society of Ireland); Ms Eabhann O'Connor (Consultant Urologist in St Vincent's University Hospital); Helene Fitzpatrick (Pharmacist in Booterstown Pharmacy and Mount Merrion Pharmacy).

Thursday 16th October 2025

7.30pm

St Philip and St James' Church



Pickleball

Some parishioners have expressed interest in starting a Pickleball Club in St Philip and St James' Parish Hall. If you are interested in playing and in helping to start a club, please contact:

Quentin Teggin at 086-2463577, Mike Hayes at 087-6846511 or Gordon Richards at 083-1558682