

Welcome Back

and

Thank You

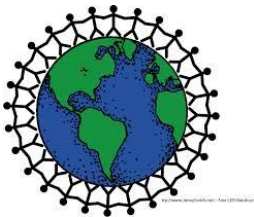
to Alan Rhodes, Diocesan Lay Reader and former parishioner, who is taking the 9.30 and 11.00 services today as the Rector is 'in residence' in St Patrick's Cathedral.



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.



Opening 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.

[Please sit or kneel]

The Preparation

We meet today to remember those we
have known and loved who have died,
to renew our trust and confidence in
Christ,
and to pray that together we may be
one in him, through whom we offer our
praises to the Father.

As a father cares for his children:
**so the Lord cares for those who
fear him.**

For he himself knows of what we are
made:

he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass:
we flourish like a flower of the field.

When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord
 endures forever on those who love
 him:
and his righteousness on children's children.

God of all life, we have been taught to
 walk in this world in a gentle way,
 always respecting the life you have
 given to the animal and the plant
 world,
 and respecting the ways of other
 human beings.

We come this morning with respect in
 our hearts for all that is yours and all
 we will come in contact with today.
 Help us to share, in a good way, with
 each other
 and to know fully that you are with us
 in all we do.
 We pray this in the strength and love
 of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 596 (Seek ye first)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
 and his righteousness,
 and all these things shall be added
 unto you;
 allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
 seek, and ye shall find;
 knock and the door shall be opened
 unto you;
 allelu, alleluia!

We shall not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that
 that proceeds from the mouth of the
 Lord;
 allelu, alleluia!

[Please sit or kneel]

The Confession

Loving God, you call us to love our neighbour as ourselves.

But we messed it up and loved ourselves more.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Loving God, you speak of peace amongst people and nations.

But we didn't listen and let anger and hatred take root.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Loving God, you want justice for the poor and forgotten.

But we didn't care and ignored those in need.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Loving God, you long for us to walk in your ways.

But we didn't think and lived in selfishness and greed.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Prayer for Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself;
 may he forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Acclamations

Through the glory of God the Father,
 we pray that someday an arrow will be broken - not in something or someone - but by each of humankind,
 to indicate peace with one another,
 not violence.

Someday, oneness with creation,
 rather than domination over creation
 and created beings,
 will be the goal to be respected.

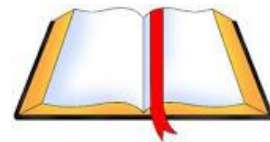
Someday, fearlessness to love and
 make a difference will be experienced
 by all.

***Then our prayer for peace and love
 will be carried all over the world,
 so that all communities can sit in
 the same circle together,
 to communicate in love,
 and experience the presence of
 God the Father, God the Son and
 God the Holy Spirit,
 the Holy Trinity, in our midst.***

***Someday can be today or you and
 me. Amen.***

The Collect of the 3rd Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father,
 whose will is to restore all things
 in your beloved Son, the king of all:
 Govern the hearts and minds of those
 in authority,
 and bring the families of the nations,
 divided and torn apart by the ravages
 of sin,
 to be subject to his just and gentle
 rule;
 who is alive and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



[Please sit]

The Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 2: 1-5

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

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw
 concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
 shall be established as the highest of
 the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of

the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth
instruction,

and the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into
ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against
nation,

neither shall they learn war
any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Here ends the Old Testament Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 666 (Finlandia)

[Verses 1-2]

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy
side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and
pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy
heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful
end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth
undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing
shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at
last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds
still know
his voice who ruled them while he
dwelt below.

[Please sit]

The New Testament Reading - John 15: 9-17

*The New Testament Reading is from the Gospel
according to John, chapter 15, beginning at verse 9.*

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have
loved you: abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you
will abide in my love, just as I have
kept my Father's commandments, and
abide in his love.

¹¹I have said these things to you so
that my joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you
love one another, as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this, to
lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴You are my friends, if you do what I
command you.

¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know
what the master is doing; but I have
called you friends, because I have

made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Here ends the New Testament Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 666 (Finlandia)

[Verses 3-4]

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know his love,
his heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.

Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay,
from his own fullness, all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father almighty,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

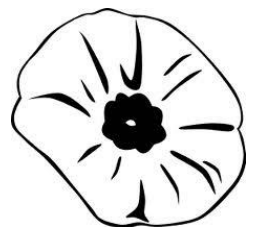
We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith and fill us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

[Please remain standing, if you are able]



Act of Remembrance

We remember the forty-two young people from our three parishes of Booterstown, Carysfort and Mount Merrion, who died in World War One... and five parishioners who died in World War Two...

St Philip and St James' Church

Benjamin George Beatty
 Godfrey Bingham
 Walter Blackwell
 John MacDonald Bradley
 Douglas P.C. Cole-Baker
 Arthur N. Callaghan
 L. Wilfrid Callaghan
 V.A. Butler Cranwill
 Arthur Crawford
 William R. Crawford
 Louis Godfrey Doran
 Robert Victor Drought
 Guy W. Eaton
 Arnold L. Fletcher
 Donald L. Fletcher
 Geoffrey M. Fleming
 Sydney G. Hannam
 Eric W. Harris
 John Frederick Healy
 Robert Ernest Lee
 Joseph Bagnall Lee
 Thomas C. Mainwaring
 Thomas A.E. Morton
 James N.H. Murphy
 Frederick H. Norway
 Walter L. Prentice
 Donald Seymour Smyth
 Mervyn J. Williams
 J. Vernon Y. Willington
 Arthur C. Winser

World War 2

Thomas Butler Cranwill
 John Cyril Davey
 Robert Dermot Barnes Perrott
 Philip "Tim" Harvey
 Robert Edward Hamilton Northbridge

Christ Church Carysfort

John Charles Bishop
 John H.F. Leland
 Charles Linton
 Thomas McCormick
 T. Frood Perrin
 Joseph A. Poulton
 Philip Addison Purser

St Thomas' Church

John Arnott
 William Magee Crozier
 Lucas H. St. Aubyn King
 Florence Balfour Olphert
 Percival St. George Charles Westby

Poppy crosses have already been placed at the War Memorial.



They shall grow not old as we that are
 left grow old:
 age shall not weary them, nor the
 years condemn,
 at the going down of the sun and in
 the morning:
 We will remember them.

Lawrence Binyon

We will remember them.

Silence

Kohima

When you go home tell them of us and
 say -
 For your tomorrow we gave our today.

***Nimrod from "Enigma Variations"
 by Elgar is played as we reflect
 quietly***

Poem for private reflection...

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD 1872-1918



[Please sit or kneel]

The Prayers

We take a few moments to prepare our hearts and to remember the impact of conflict in our world...

The Lord's Prayer

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 503 (St Francis)

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring
your love,

where there is injury, your pardon,
Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in
you:
*O Master, grant, that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me
bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy:
*O Master, grant, that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal
life.

[Please remain standing, if you are able]



Prayer of Commitment

*We leave here today carrying peace
in our hearts.
Help us to live this peace in our
homes, our schools, our workplaces,*

*our neighbourhoods, our playgrounds,
and our sports activities.
We leave here knowing we are loved.
May we live this love in all we do
and say. Amen.*

If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details. There are QR Codes available at the doors of St Philip and St James' Church to enable you to donate online.

**Hymn - Let Streams of Living
Justice Flow Down Upon the Earth
(Thaxted)** *Words: William Whitla (1934 -)*

Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungrys' hands are pleading,
the workers' claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.

Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron power,
abolish ancient vengeance,
proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together,
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enrol us
till our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of the fabric,

bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language:
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour:
our home land brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way - the path untried;
your truth - the heart of stranger,
your life - the Crucified.

The Grace

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit,
be with us all evermore. 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
after the 9.30 Service in the Monk Gibbon*

*Hall and after the 11.00 Service in the
South Transept of St Philip and St James'
Church.*

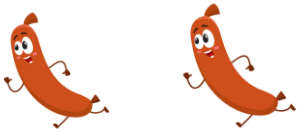
FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 12th November 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 16th November 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Holy Communion and Holy Baptism 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 followed by sausages
and wedges in the Parish Centre.



Wednesday 19th November 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 23rd November 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 United Service in St Philip and St
James' Church

Wednesday 26th November 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church*

*The Christian Church Calendar Year begins
on Advent Sunday and we commence using
Year A of the Lectionary Cycle of Readings
on Advent Sunday 2025.*



Sunday 30th November 2025 – Advent

Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Advent Day Service of the Word in St
Thomas' Church
11.00 Advent Day Service of the Word in St
Philip and St James' Church



Confirmation Class for teenagers

*Next class is on Wednesday 12th
November 2025 at 19.30
St Philip and St James' Church*

**Confirmation and
Enquirers Class for adults**
is on Wednesday 12th November 2025
at 20.30 hours 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
irene.reid1052@gmail.com

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

**Monday 10th November 2025
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 not meet again until January 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:

**16th November and 7th December
2025.**

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT SELECT VESTRY

**THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
2025
19.30 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

MOUNT MERRION SELECT VESTRY

**MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
2025
19.30 HOURS
THE COMMITTEE ROOM**



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

Christmas Day Televised Service

Our two parishes will be doing the televised service on RTÉ on Christmas Day.

It will be recorded in the RTÉ Studio on Sunday 14th December 2025 at 14.00 hours. **It would be good to get more people to be a part of the Ad Hoc Choir and we would like some more bass and tenor voices please! Men of the parishes, take note!!!**

We will also be singing at the Carols by Candlelight in St Thomas' Church at 19.00 on Sunday 21st December 2025.



***Ad Hoc Choir Rehearsals
in St Thomas' Church at 19.30
hours***

Thursday 27th November 2025

Thursday 4th December 2025

Thursday 11th December 2025

**High Loft Painting Group
Exhibition**

TODAY

10am – 3pm

**The Church of the
Assumption Pastoral
Centre.**

Monkstown Parish Sale



**The School House,
Monkstown**

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2025

10:00am to 2:00pm

ALL WELCOME



***PJ's Christmas
Craic-er!***

Saturday 6th December 2025

10.30-12.30

St Philip and St James' Church

***A Christmas Get-Together for
chat and craic!***

***Tea/Coffee/Juice with Scones
and Mince Pies, Ice Cream,
Raffle, Bring-and-Buy Stall,
Pin the Tail on the Reindeer
and Christmas Lucky Dip...
and... Santa Claus.***

