



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hymn - We'll Walk the Land (No. 551, The Source)

We'll walk the land with hearts on fire;

and ev'ry step will be a prayer.

Hope is rising, new day dawning;
sound of singing fills the air.

Two thousand years, and still the flame
is burning bright across the land.
Hearts are waiting, longing, aching,
for awak'ning once again.

*Let the flame burn brighter
in the heart of the darkness,
turning night to glorious day.
Let the song grow louder,
as our love grows stronger;
let it shine! Let it shine!*

We'll walk for truth, speak out for love;
in Jesus' name, we shall be strong,
to lift the fallen, to save the children,
to fill the nation with your song.

The Preface

Beloved in Christ, we come together
to offer to Almighty God our worship
and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive
God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the
needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his
Spirit
we may serve him and know the
greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our
Father.

[Please kneel or sit]

A Confession for the National Day of Commemoration

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned in
thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as
ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have
been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

The Absolution

[Please stand, if you are able]

O Lord, open our lips
**and our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

[Please sit]

The First Reading - Romans 8: 1-11

*The epistle is from the letter of Paul to the Romans,
chapter 8, beginning at verse 1.*

⁸There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but

according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Here ends the First Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Psalm 42 - Hymn No. 606 (As the deer)

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

*I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.*

*You're my friend and you are my
brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.*

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

*The second reading is from the gospel according to
Matthew, chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.*

¹³That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.
²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered

away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!' ¹⁸'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Here ends the Second Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Canticle - Hymn No. 665 (Ag Críost an síol)

Ag Críost an síol;

ag Críost an fómhar.
In iothlainn Dé
go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir;
ag Críost an t-iasc.
I líonta Dé
go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás to haois,
is ó aois go bás,
do dhá láimh, a Chríost,
anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch,
ní críoch ach athfhás,
i bParthas na nGrást
go rabhaimid.

The seed is Christ's,
and his the sheaf;
within God's barn
may we be stored.

The sea is Christ's;
and his the fish;
in the nets of God
may we be caught.

From birth to youth,
and from youth till death,
your two hands, O Christ,
stretch over us.

From death – the end?
No end, but new life;
in sweet Paradise
may we be found.

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

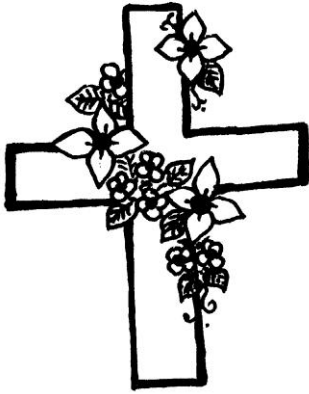
[Please remain standing, if it you are able]

Time of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and
commend to his sure keeping those
who have died in the cause of peace,
those whom we knew, and whose
memory we treasure;
all who have lived and died in the
service of others:
in the past and in recent years,
in faraway places and on this island.

[Silence]

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot
be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your
love, and bring us all, with them, to
your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Prayers

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

[Please sit or kneel]

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

The Versicles and Responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with
righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
**and bless those whom you have
chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
**and let your glory be over all the
earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within
us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the 6th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward
you
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for use at Morning Prayer

*Go before us, Lord, in all our doings,
with your most gracious favour,
and further us with your continual help;
that in all our works begun,
continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



The Prayers of the People

**Prayer for the National Day of
Commemoration 2026**

*The Archbishop of Dublin wrote the prayer below
for the National Day of Commemoration and
encourages clergy and lay readers to use it in their
services this weekend.*

Almighty God,
we remember before you all those
who have given lives of service in the
cause of freedom and justice
worldwide.
On the National Day of
Commemoration, we pause to reflect
and to give thanks for men and women
from Ireland who have taken risks,

offered service and lost lives for the
well-being of others in warfare and in
peacekeeping across the globe.
Protect those who today are involved
in the arenas of war and the places
which cry out for peace.
Bless them and enable us to honour
their example as today we worship you
the God of life, the prince of peace
and the source of love. **Amen**

[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.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the
service of God and our fellow men and
women: that we may help, encourage,
and comfort others, and support
those working for the relief of the
needy and for the peace and welfare
of the nations.



*Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you
and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and
suffering, and for the praise of
your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and
always. Amen.*

*[The offering will be received during the singing of
this hymn. 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 at the doors of the church to facilitate
you making a donation.]*

Hymn No. 47 (Wir pflügen)

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer,
for all your love imparts,
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

[Please sit or kneel]

The Blessing

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.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to
tea/coffee/juice in the South
Transept after this Service.*

The National Day of Commemoration

In Ireland, the **National Day of Commemoration** (Irish: *Lá Cuimhneacháin Náisiúnta*) commemorates all Irish people who died in past wars or United Nations peacekeeping missions. It occurs on the Sunday nearest 11 July, the anniversary of the date in 1921 that a truce was signed ending the Irish War of Independence. The principal ceremony is held at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin, and is televised live on RTÉ 1.

Background

The commemoration of Irish soldiers and wars has been fragmented within Ireland for historical and political reasons.

Ceremonies to honour Irish soldiers who fought in the First World War have been held in Ireland in November on Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day since the war's end. These are mainly organised by the Royal British Legion and observed by Unionists and ex-servicemen and relatives. The focal points were St Patrick's Cathedral and the Irish National War Memorial Gardens, both in Dublin. Though many Irish nationalists served in the British Army prior to independence, this was not generally held in high esteem by later generations. Independent Ireland remained neutral in World War II, and although thousands of its citizens served in the allied armies, the state did not at first mark this.

Commemoration of the Irish War of Independence was muted by the bitterness of the Irish Civil War that followed from it. The preceding 1916 Easter Rising against British rule in Ireland was the focus, with Easter Day considered the "National Day of Commemoration". There was a major parade each Easter until 1971, when the Troubles in Northern Ireland made the commemoration of the earlier Irish Republican rebels more problematic in symbolism. Smaller official commemorations persisted at Arbour Hill Prison.

Inclusive

One of the main recommendations made by the All-Party Oireachtas Committee was that the National Day of Commemoration should be organised in a way which would reflect its national importance, which would encourage people of different traditions to

participate and which would attract the interest and support of the public. The current service and ceremonies closely follow these recommendations.

The military and religious ceremonies are held in the presence of the President, the Taoiseach and other members of the Government of Ireland, members of the Oireachtas, the Council of State, the Diplomatic Corps, the Judiciary, relatives of 1916 leaders, next-of-kin of those who died on service with the UN, Northern Ireland representatives and a wide cross-section of the community, including ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen, and in recent times, ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen (including Chelsea pensioners) from the British Army.

Representatives of the three divisions of the Defence Forces parade and render military honours.

The ceremonies begin with an interfaith service, comprising prayers, hymns and readings by senior representatives of the main Christian denominations and of the Jewish and Islamic faiths.

The military ceremonies include an honour guard, the laying of a wreath by the President on behalf of the people of Ireland, Reveille, the raising of the national flag and the playing of the National Anthem.



Flower Fund

Both churches have a flower fund which is used to pay for the flowers throughout the year. Donations to the respective flower funds would be very much appreciated. Sometimes, people may donate the flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

No Midweek Services in July and August unless announced

Sunday 19th July 2026

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

Sunday 26th July 2026

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

Sunday 2nd August 2026

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

Sunday 9th August 2026

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

Sunday 16th August 2026

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

Sunday 23rd August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church



**Healer Prayer
Group**

Tuesday 28th July 2026
7.30pm
via Zoom



**Jolly Jaunt and Lunch
in Gorey, County Wexford**

Thursday 30th July 2026

We thought that we would go on jolly-jaunt to the Amber Spring Hotel in Gorey for lunch! We will car-pool, so lifts will be available. All are welcome!

MOUNT MERRION**SELECT VESTRY**

MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026

19.30 HOURS

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND**CARYSFORT****SELECT VESTRY**

THURSDAY 10TH

SEPTEMBER 2026

19.30 HOURS

**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**



**Autumn Fair - Saturday
10th October 2026**