

CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY



The Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration)

Sunday 11th February 2024

The Gathering of God's People

Are any among you suffering?
Then let us pray.

Are any cheerful?
Then let us sing songs of praise.

Are any among you sick?
Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.

The prayer of faith will save us
And God will lift us up.

Hymn 6 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Penitence

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
'I shall never be moved.'

⁷ By your favour, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹ 'What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth

and clothed me with joy,

¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Mark 9: 2-9

Collect of the Word

Holy God,

you have revealed the glory of your love in Jesus Christ,

and have given us a share in your Spirit.

May we who listen to Christ

follow faithfully,

and, in the dark places where you send us,

reveal the light of your gospel.

Sermon

Hymn 105 *O the deep deep Love of Jesus*

<i>The Response to God's Word</i>
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**We believe in God the Father,
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 fills 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.**

Prayers

Collect of the Day

**Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
Give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Lord of Glory

We behold the mystery of your love

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven:
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

<i>Going Out as God's People</i>

The Blessing

The peace of the earth be with you
The peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you,
The peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you.
**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen**

Hymn 613 *Eternal Light Shine in my heart*

The Dismissal

Our service of worship has ended, our worship through service continues.

Thanks be to God

Organ Voluntary J.S. Bach Fugue BWV 543

(Please remain seated for the organ voluntary and join us afterwards for a cuppa at the back of the church).

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Readings

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

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.

Mark 9: 2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Ash Wednesday 14th February

11am Short service for Ash Wednesday

Sunday 18th February

11am Morning Prayer

The congregation should be aware that all services are live streamed.

<https://www.churchservices.ie/christchurchbray>

Announcements

Mothers Union Monday 12th February

The next MU meeting is tomorrow, 12th February, and everyone is very welcome. We will be meeting Andrew's bees, so if you are curious about the place bees play in our ecosystem do please come at 8pm PLC.

Confirmation 2024

Confirmations for Bray will take place in our church on the morning of Sunday June 9th, and we plan to organise a preparation course after Easter. We would like to hear from parents or those who wish to be confirmed - in First Year and upwards in Secondary School. Please speak with David or Julie Corr, or contact Tracey in the office.

EAPPI

A Zoom call about the work of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), with eyewitnesses' stories from Israel and the West Bank. Next Tuesday, February 13th, 7:30pm. Details at the back of the church or from David.

Donations to the Storehouse

The Mothers' Union have re-instated the food hamper in support of The Storehouse in Crinken. <http://crinken.ie/storehouse.php> Please do bring your contributions of dry goods which will then be delivered to The Storehouse.

Lenten Series at Crinken

We won't be in a position to have a Lenten Series during the vacancy, but we encourage you to sign up for "Who is my neighbour" at Crinken (see overleaf).

Aunt Kitty's Tea Room, St Patrick's Church Greystones

Thursdays 8.30am-12.30pm. Profits towards support for older people in the community. More information available at the back of the Church.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed Monday and Tuesday 12th and 13th February.

Open Wednesday and Thursday 14th and 15th February 9.30am-1.30pm.

Phone 01 286 2968 // email christchurchbray@gmail.com

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact David Reynolds 087 918 7792



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

All are invited to participate in an interactive Lenten Series exploring how we are all connected on this small planet we share.

Where?
Crinken Church
Dublin Road
Bray
(near Woodbrook College)

Starts Saturday 17th February 9:30am - 12:30pm (lunch provided)
Monday 26th February 7:30pm
Monday 11th March 7:30pm
Monday 25th March 7:30pm

To book your place email: revtobrien@gmail.com