Sunday 15 November 2026

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.30AM HOLY COMMUNION

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Holy Trinity Church, Crosshaven

For our services you may need:

- **this announcement / readings sheet**
- **a copy of the *Book of Common Prayer (except when a service sheet is provided by the Wardens)***
- **a copy of the *Church Hymnal***

There are activity sheets at the back of the church for our younger worshippers. These include a take home sheet for completion during the week.

If you would like someone prayed for during the service today please put their name on the Prayer Sheet in the aisle.

Large Print Copies of all texts used in the service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden.$

Next Sunday: 22nd November 2026 – The Kingship of Christ

8.30 a.m.	Holy Trinity	Service of Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.	Nohoval	Service of Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m	Holy Trinity	Service of Morning Prayer

Pastoral matters should be directed to the Rector

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Churchwardens: Della MacSweeney and David Chambers

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COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 123

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5] You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6] So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7] For those who

sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10] He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

14 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. [15] To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. [16] The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. [17] So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. [18] But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. [20] The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

21 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

22 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."

23 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

24 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. [25] So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

26 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? [27] Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 '"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. [30] And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Fayre weekly collection of items– baskets at the back of each church:

Week 2 - Sunday 15th November - Bottles of Wine/used wine bags & Children's Books and Toys

Week 3 - Sunday 22nd November - Items for Regifting and Raffle Prizes.



Templebreedy Christmas Fayre

Crosshaven Community Hall

Saturday 28th November

1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.



Nohoval Christmas Concert Saturday December 5th at 8pm & Sunday December 6th at 4pm. Tickets are €25 and available at Dempsey XL Store Minane Bridge

Anam Cara's next Bereavement Information Evening online on Thursday 19 November at 7pm registration link on the email

If you would like something to be announced on this sheet,

please contact the Parish Office before 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, thank you.

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Rector's Day Off: Monday

If you are visiting us, or are with us for the first time, we would be delighted to meet you after church today and if you would like a pastoral visit please complete your name and contact details and give this sheet one of the Churchwardens on your way out.

Name: _____ Contact Details:_____