



### The Greeting

Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

### Opening Acclamation

Risen in quiet and mysterious  
darkness before the chorus of the  
dawn.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;

***he is risen indeed.***

Risen with glory and grace in reserve,  
and authority beyond measure.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;

***he is risen indeed.***

Risen to prove that violence is no  
solution; to offer us peace and life in  
all its fullness.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;

***he is risen indeed.***

For God has taken into his own flesh  
the sin of the world.

The last laugh is God's laugh;

God has the last laugh:

for freedom comes beyond the cross,  
for peace comes beyond the violence,

for friendship comes beyond the  
betrayal.

For life comes beyond the crushing of  
life.

The first laugh and the last laugh are  
God's.

And God has made laughter for us.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;

***he is risen indeed.***



### Hymn No. 271 (Easter Hymn)

Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*

our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*

who did once, upon the cross, *alleluia!*

suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing,

unto Christ, our heavenly King,

who endured the cross and grave,

sinner to redeem and save.

But the pains that he endured,

our salvation have procured;

now above the sky he's King,

where the angels ever sing.

Collect for Purity

***Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are  
hidden;  
cleans 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.***

*(Please sit or kneel)*

The Penitence

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,  
and so now, as we gather to rejoice in  
the resurrection,  
we bring to mind those times,  
when we have **not** tried to do, say or  
think  
what Christ would want;  
those times when we have rejected  
him.

*[Silence]*

For the times, when we have lived,  
thinking that we have all the answers

and that we can go it alone, without  
you and without the power of your  
resurrection.

***Sorry, Lord.***

For the times when we have refused  
to believe that you would die and live  
again for us.

***Sorry, Lord.***

For the times when we have doubted  
your love for us, and not been sure of  
your promise of eternal life.

***Sorry, Lord.***

For the times, we have dismissed your  
crucifixion and resurrection as a  
tragic story with a fairytale ending.

***Sorry, Lord.***

The Absolution

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our  
Lord. ***Amen.***

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



### The Collect for Easter Day

Almighty God,  
 through your only-begotten Son Jesus  
 Christ you have overcome death  
 and opened to us the gate of

everlasting life:  
 grant that, as by your grace going  
 before us you put into our minds good  
 desires,  
 so by your continual help we may bring  
 them to good effect;  
 through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord  
 who is alive and reigns with you and  
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
 ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Reading - Acts 10: 34-43**

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles,  
 chapter 10, beginning at verse 34.*

34 Then Peter began to speak to  
 them: 'I truly understand that God  
 shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every  
 nation anyone who fears him and does  
 what is right is acceptable to  
 him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent  
 to the people of Israel, preaching  
 peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of  
 all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout  
 Judea, beginning in Galilee after the  
 baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how  
 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with  
 the Holy Spirit and with power; how  
 he went about doing good and healing  
 all who were oppressed by the devil,  
 for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are  
 witnesses to all that he did both in  
 Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him  
 to death by hanging him on a  
 tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the  
 third day and allowed him to  
 appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to

us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

### **The Gradual Hymn No. 287 (Lasst uns erfreuen - Easter Song)**

The whole bright world rejoices now,  
the birds sing out on every bough;  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
Then shout beneath the racing skies  
to him who rose that we may rise:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

Let us rejoice! All shall be well,  
friends severed now, in heaven shall dwell:  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
The end of all our ways is love;  
then rise with him to things above:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

Now let all living things rejoice,  
let young and old lift heart and voice:  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
He rose to cheer us on our ways,

he lives to bless us all our days:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel - Matthew 28: 1-10**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 28, beginning at verse 1.*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and

worshipped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## The Sermon

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.***

*cf 1 Corinthians 15:3 – 7*



*(Please kneel or sit)*

### Intercessions

Lord, we are Easter people:  
***let 'Alleluia' be our song.***

***Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

*We are continuing to be cautious. Please feel free to share the sign of peace as you wish, be it a handshake, a smile or a wave!*



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### The Introduction to the Peace for Easter

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20: 19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

*We have resumed taking up collections. But we do recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, so please feel free and comfortable not to 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.*

### **Offertory Hymn No. 260 (Truro)**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**

Christ, our passover has been  
sacrificed for us,  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

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, almighty and everliving God,  
at all times and in all places, it is right  
to give you thanks and praise:  
above all we praise you for the  
glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord, the true  
paschal lamb who was sacrificed for  
us; by dying he destroyed our death;  
by rising he restored our life:  
and so with all your people, with  
angels and archangels, and with all the  
company of heaven, we proclaim your  
great and glorious name, for ever  
praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.**



***Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!***

*(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image; male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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.

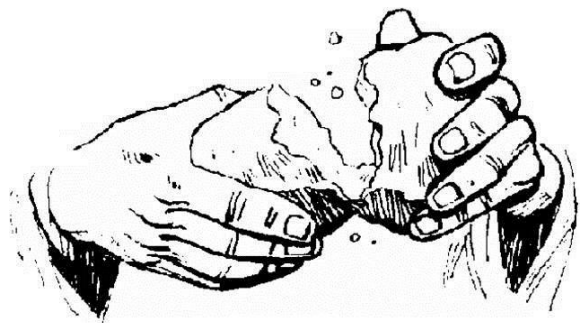
Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

***we remember his passion and death,  
we celebrate his resurrection and  
ascension, and we look for the  
coming of his kingdom.***

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ***all honour and glory are yours,  
Almighty Father, for ever and ever.  
Amen.***

### The Lord's Prayer



### Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

***We being many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.***

### Invitation

*In the interests of people feeling comfortable receiving Holy Communion, there will be the option of receiving from the common chalice or from individual cups. Both will be available at the altar rails. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please place your arms across your chest, to indicate this to the priest.*

### **The Communion**



### **The Great Silence**

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

### The Post Communion Prayer

***Living God,  
for our redemption you gave your  
only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of  
our enemy.***

***Grant us so to die daily unto sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### The Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:  
and the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



### Hymn No. 288 (Maccabeus)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering  
Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death  
hast won;



angels in bright raiment rolled the  
stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where  
thy body lay:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering  
Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death  
hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the  
tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear  
and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of  
triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath  
lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious  
Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in  
our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy  
home above:

### The Dismissal

Glory to God.

***Jesus is risen. Alleluia!***

***What more can we say?!***

***Your life is our story.***

***Your love is our way.***

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*May the glory of the Resurrection  
fill you with joy and hope this  
Easter-time.*

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*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.*

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# Thank You!



*Thank you to those who decorated  
both of our churches so beautifully for  
Easter.*

## **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.

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## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**9.30 NB Time** 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**9.30 NB Time** Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

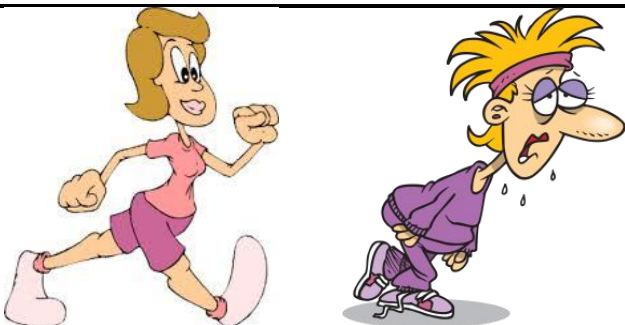
**10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**9.30 NB Time** Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church



# Lenten Challenge...

## DONE!

**6km every day for all 46 days  
of Lent 2023!**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February –  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

*in aid of:*

**The victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria** (*channelled through the Bishops' Appeal to Christian Aid who are working on the ground with local agencies*), **and parish funds**

You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion  
Account**

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Our Sunday Clubs meet once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The remaining date is **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 9.30 and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre at 11.00. The children and leaders will join the rest of the congregation before the end of the service in the respective churches.

Thank you to those who have volunteered

to lead our Sunday Clubs.  
*All children who are aged three and over,  
 and who are toilet-trained are very  
 welcome to join the Sunday Club.*

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## History of the Parishes

Michael Lee has finished his research for a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024. All interviews have now been done. He is still happy to receive photos – *contact Mike at [mikelee2653@gmail.com](mailto:mikelee2653@gmail.com)*

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## **EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES**

*Both Easter General Vestries will be held in person.*

**MOUNT MERRION**  
**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**  
**MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**  
**20.00 HOURS**  
**ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND**  
**CARYSFORT**  
**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**  
**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**2023**  
**20.00 HOURS**  
**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'**  
**CHURCH**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**  
 Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm  
 We usually meet via Zoom, except for the last Tuesday of the month, when we meet in-person in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423  
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## **Gardening Blitz**

Thank you to those who 'blitzed' St Thomas' Church Grounds last Monday – they look soooo much better!

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**MOUNT MERRION**  
**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**  
**19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

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**BOOTERSTOWN AND**  
**CARYSFORT**  
**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**  
**19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

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## **MOUNT MERRION ECUMENICAL SOCIETY GOLF OUTING**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023. All members of our two parishes are welcome to play. The timesheet is currently available in John O'Reilly's Butchers (01-2889949) on Deerpark Road.

If you are not able to play golf that day, but would like to go to the dinner in the evening in Elm Park Golf Club, you are more than welcome to do that too. Again, please contact John O'Reilly.

## ***Sponsor a Chair*** *for* ***St Philip and St James' Church***

In removing the pews from the east end of the nave and from some of both transepts, our desire was not to remove seating but to have seating that was more flexible, which could be arranged in a variety of ways and which would also facilitate those who are wheelchair users to be able to sit with the family and friends in the midst of the congregation rather than sitting in the aisle. The Select Vestry has been in discussions with Irish Contract Seating who are based in Dromod in County Leitrim—they are the same company that made the new Communion Table or Altar and the 'wedding chairs' in St Thomas'

Church. Out of three samples, the Select Vestry has chosen the one called the Christ Church Chair and it is photographed here. The plan (and indeed, the advice from Irish Contract Seating) is to have the wood of the chair the same colour as the pews and the upholstery the same colour as the pew runners. The logo that will be carved on the back-rest is our parish logo without the lettering. There will be a provision for a small brass plaque on the top of the back-rest, to facilitate an engraving if someone would like to donate a chair in memory of someone or as a gift to the church. The cost of a chair is €275 (including the brass plaque and engraving). If you would like more information about donating or sponsoring a chair, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Quentin Teggin at [qteggin@gmail.com](mailto:qteggin@gmail.com) or the Rector. Irish Contract Seating are lending us forty chairs until we take delivery of the bespoke chairs in the middle of 2023.

