



Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is no longer mandated by the government. However, people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Social Distancing

Social- distancing is no longer required, and we have removed our seating plans in both churches. However, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space, so please respect others' need for space.

Heating Installation and Interior Works to St Philip and St James' Church

We have completed the first phase of the works. The new heating system has been installed and the accessibility works have been done. We still have more work to do but we have more funds to raise!

The Greeting

*Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
and also with you.*

Hymn No. 584 (St. Nicholas (Redhead no. 143))

[Verses 1-2]

*Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':*

*as of old apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and
kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.*

The Penitence

*Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.*

*This is the first and great
commandment.*

And the second is like it.

*You shall love your neighbour as
yourself.*

*On these two commandments depend
all the law and the prophets.*

***Lord, have mercy on us, and write
these laws in our hearts.***

*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.*

*Let us then confess our sins in
penitence and faith, firmly resolved*

to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

(Silence)

The Penitential Kyries for Epiphany

God be merciful to us and bless us,
and make his face shine on us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on earth,
your saving power to all nations.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your
salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of
the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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!

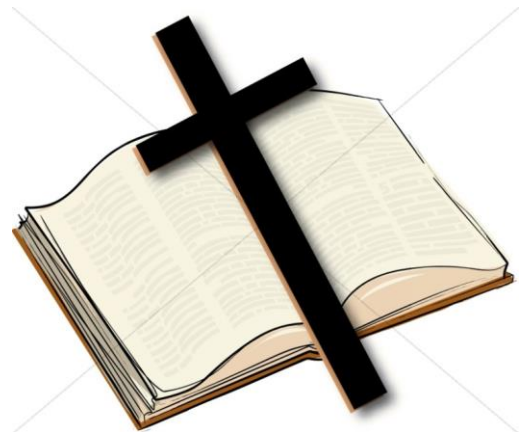
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord
alone!

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 Collect of the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

The first reading is from the first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 2 (Faithful one)

Faithful one, so unchanging;
ageless one, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you, again and again.
I call out to you, again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble,
you lift me up when I fall down;
all through the storm,
your love is the anchor
my hope is in you alone.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - John 1: 29-42

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 1, beginning at verse 29.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with

the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

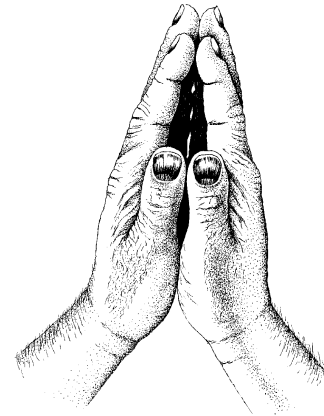
The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Nicene Creed (shortened version)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
Amen.***

[Please sit or kneel]



Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

We are continuing to be cautious as COVID-19 has not gone away so we are suggesting that people do not share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!



[Please stand if you are able]

The Introduction to the Peace for Epiphany

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. *cf Isaiah 9: 6,7*

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. There will be a sum-up machine available at the back of St Philip and St James' Church for you to make a donation at the end of the service, if you would wish to do so.

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 584 (St. Nicholas (Redhead no. 143))

[Verses 3-4]

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,

saying, 'Christian, love me more!'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'

Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give to you our heart's obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ, our Passover has been
sacrificed for us.

***therefore let us celebrate the
feast.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3

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, Lord of all creation, we praise
you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not
reject us. You came to meet us in
your Son, welcomed us as your

children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

***Lord Jesus we bless you:
you are the bread of life.***

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; 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.

***Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.***

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
***dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, 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!

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus' disciples recognised him in the breaking of the bread:
***may we recognise him in our midst
and in each other.***

The Invitation

The Communion

It is the custom of the Church of Ireland to welcome to receive Holy Communion, all those who usually receive Holy Communion in their own tradition. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this to the priest. Please feel free and welcome to do whichever is appropriate for you. We are continuing to administer Holy Communion using individual cups.

Please follow the directions of the churchwardens and the stewards.



The Great Silence

A time for reflection

The Post Communion Prayer

***God of glory,
you nourish us with bread from
heaven.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your
glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Blessing for Epiphany

Christ the Son be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the
world: and the Blessing ...

Hymn No. 80 (Faithfulness)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my
Father,
there is no shadow of turning with
thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt
be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy
faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I
see;
all I have needed thy hand hath
provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto
me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time
and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses
above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and
love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and
to guide;
strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow,

blessings all mine, with ten thousand
 beside!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
 Lord.

In the name of Christ. 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
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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 18th January 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd January 2023

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

Wednesday 25th January 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 29th January 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Service of Wholeness and Healing in
 St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of Wholeness and Healing in
 St Philip and St James' Church

MOUNT MERRION **SELECT VESTRY MEETING** **MONDAY 23RD JANUARY** **2023**

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND **CARYSFORT**

SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY
2023

19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH

REGISTER OF **VESTRYPERSONS**

The Register of Vestrypersons is the
 electoral roll of the Parish, and is
 updated at the January Select Vestry
 meetings of our respective parishes.
 If you are not on the Register, you are
 not entitled to vote on parish matters
 and are not able to hold any office in
 the parish, or serve on the Select Vestry.
 Please contact the Churchwardens to be
 placed on the Register of Vestrypersons.

It is very simple to do, the
 churchwardens have forms available,
 and all you have to do is fill in the short,
 simple form and give it to a
 churchwarden.

Sunday Clubs

We are working towards re-opening the Sunday Clubs. We are looking for people to join the team of leaders so that the responsibility can be shared and is, therefore, not too onerous on any individual. We are particularly looking for male leaders in order to have a gender balance amongst the leaders. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far and who will be undergoing Garda vetting, Safeguarding Trust training. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.



History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is compiling a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024:

2021 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown

2024 - 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church

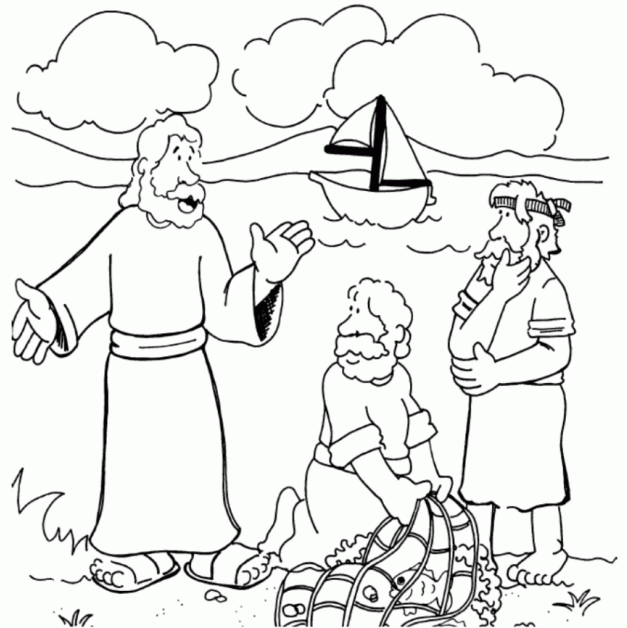
2026 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National School

Mike has interviewed some of the parishioners of both churches, about

their memories, stories and experience but he really would like more stories and photographs if you have them. *“Do not think that your story is not interesting enough, all will help make up the wonderful different strands that will enrich the colourful weave of the story of these historic churches.”*

Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com

COLOURING SECTION



Jesus' First Followers
John 1
