



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### The Greeting

Christ is risen!

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

### Opening Responses

You take us seriously,  
***you listen to our questions.***

You walk alongside us,  
***you share our journeys.***

You surprise us and bless us,  
***you fill us with wonder.***

You call us together,  
***you call us to life. Amen.***

### Opening Hymn No. 253 (Fulda Walton - No. 491)

As we walked home at close of day,  
a stranger joined us on our way.  
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,  
and when we stopped, he carried on.

'Why wander further without light?'  
Please stay with us this troubled  
night.

We've shared the truth of how we  
feel,  
and now would like to share a meal.'

We sat to eat our simple spread,  
then watched the stranger take the  
bread;  
and, as he said the blessing prayer,  
we knew that someone else was there.

No stranger he; it was our eyes  
which failed to see in stranger's  
guise,  
the Lord who, risen from the dead,  
met us when ready to be fed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
As Mary and our sisters said,  
'The Lord is risen from the dead!'

### Collect for Purity

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

### 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.

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*[Silence]*

### **The Penitential Kyries for Easter**

Lord God,  
you raised your Son from the dead.  
Lord, have mercy  
***Lord, have mercy***

Lord Jesus,  
through you we are more than conquerors.  
Christ, have mercy  
***Christ, have mercy***

Holy Spirit,  
you help us in our weakness.  
Lord, have mercy  
***Lord, have mercy***

### **The Absolution**



### **Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)**

*(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo!  
(3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect for Third Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

*(Please sit)*

## The First Reading - Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, beginning at verse 14.*

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

## The Gradual Hymn - Emmaus Way (Gonfalon Royal)

*Written by Leith Fisher*

Along the road that leads to faith,  
life's varied rhythms all must meet;  
through light and darkness, life and death,  
before our journey is complete.

Along the road Christ makes a space  
to walk with those in burdened gloom  
of pain's self-loathing and disgrace,  
to love them well, and give them room.

'Your presence turns our thoughts  
about  
and shifts our feet from blank  
retreat.  
you light the candles death blows out;  
your new reality we meet.'

'Come in and rest and share our meal;  
the way is long, the day near done.'  
the broken bread unveils the real:  
before us stands the risen One.

When faith is hard and long the night,  
when grey despair on our path lies,  
open our eyes to your new light:  
show us God's Easter, Love's surprise.  
Amen.



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel - Luke 24: 13-35**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 24, beginning at verse 13.*

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

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,<sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'<sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body

there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?'<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has

appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## The Sermon

Commissioning of Wardens, Select Vestry members, Parochial Nominators and Supplementalists, Diocesan Synods Member(s) and Supplementalist(s)

The Lord be with you  
***and also with you.***

We are the body of Christ.  
***By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.***

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
***God and Father of all.***

Saint Paul wrote:  
Just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so we who are united with Christ, though many, form one body, and belong to one another as its limbs and organs. We have gifts allotted to each of us by God's grace.

Romans 12: 5, 6 (REB)

Churchwardens, Glebewardens(s), Select Vestry members, Parochial Nominators and Supplementalists, Diocesan Synods Member(s) and Supplementalist(s), will you undertake to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to you, faithfully and with due care and attention?  
***With the help of God, we will.***

We welcome those who have been appointed or elected to serve for the next year or the next three years in our parish.

Will you support and encourage them in their ministry?  
***We will!***

*(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 kneel or sit)*

Intercessions  
Lord, in your mercy:  
***hear our prayer.***

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

*(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 recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, and do not 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 are QR codes available at the doors of St Philip and St James' Church.*

### **Offertory Hymn No. 424 (Jesus, stand among us)**

Jesus, stand among us  
at the meeting of our lives,  
be our sweet agreement  
at the meeting of our eyes;

*O Jesus, we love you,  
so we gather here,*

*join our hearts in unity  
and take away our fear.*

So to you we're gathering  
out of each and every land,  
Christ the love between us,  
at the joining of our hands;

Jesus, stand among us  
at the breaking of the bread,  
join us as one body  
as we worship you, our head.

## **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:

### 8.30 Service

***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!***

### 9.30 and 11.00 Services

**Hymn No. 200 Thanks and Praise  
(Scarborough Fair)**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of endless power and might,  
the earth, the heavens are full of your love.***

***Sing hosanna! Glory to God!***

***Blest is he, the one who is sent  
in the name of God the Most High.  
O holy, holy, holy our Lord!  
Sing hosanna! Glory to God!***

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

### The Lord's Prayer

#### 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

*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.*

### The Communion



### The Great Silence

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

### The Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God,  
in word and sacrament  
we proclaim your truth in Jesus  
Christ and share his life.  
In his strength may we ever walk in  
his way,  
who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. 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. 86 (Vulpus (Gelobt sei Gott))

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know he is your choice.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient  
days.

They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful servants true.

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the way disciples followed then.

Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great  
name;  
with the same faith his word  
proclaim.

Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun  
and the whole Church at last be one.

### The Closing Responses and Dismissal

Open our eyes to see you amongst us,  
*burn in our hearts and fill us with  
joy.*

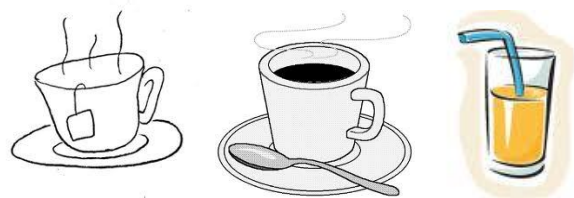
Open our minds to the truth of your  
story,  
*dance with us the céile of life.*

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.*



### Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to join us for  
tea/coffee/juice in the Monk  
Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 service in  
St Thomas' Church, and in the  
South Transept of St Philip and St  
James' Church after the 11.00  
service.*

# Thank You!



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

## **Flower Fund**

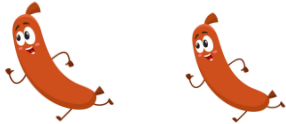
Both churches have a flower fund which is used to pay for the flowers throughout the year. Donations to the respective flower funds would be very much appreciated.

Sometimes, people may donate the flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one.

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

### **TONIGHT!**

*18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church*



### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 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*



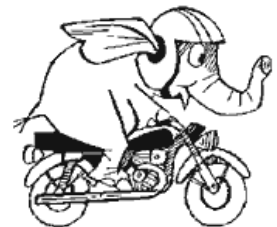
### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

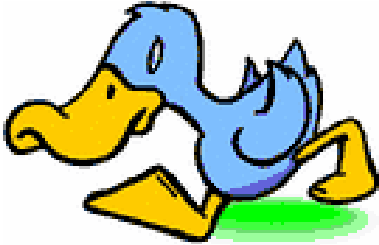
**10.30 United Service – Blessing of the Animals** in St Philip and St James' Church.



All are very welcome to this Service with their animals.

We ask you to keep your animals under control as we do not want any unplanned eating episodes!!!!

*Pooper-scooper rules apply!!!*



There will be Tea/Coffee afterwards in the Parish Hall.

*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026*

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – NB Change of Times and Venues**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Service to celebrate 200 years of Booterstown National School in St Philip and St James' Church**

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

*No Midweek Services in July and August unless announced*

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays 3.30pm—4.10pm  
in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre  
Contact Irene on 087-2755423  
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## Healer Prayer Group

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**19.30 hours via Zoom**

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Any child (who has been toilet-trained) is very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

**St Thomas' Sunday Club** will meet, for the last time before the summer break on **17<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall.

**St Philip and St James' Sunday Club** will meet, for the final time before the summer break on **10<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

*The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on, during the service.*



## **Lenten Challenge 2026** **Done and Dusted!**

Gillian walked/cross-training/rowed 5km every day of Lent, and was joined on all seven Saturdays of Lent by parishioners for a 5km walk and coffee

and chat!

**46 days, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 inclusive!**

This year, the Challenge was to encourage physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and any donations are being given to Pieta and Aware.



*We provide professional counselling, support and education to those experiencing suicidal thoughts, self-harming behaviour and to those impacted by suicide and self-harm.* <https://www.pieta.ie>



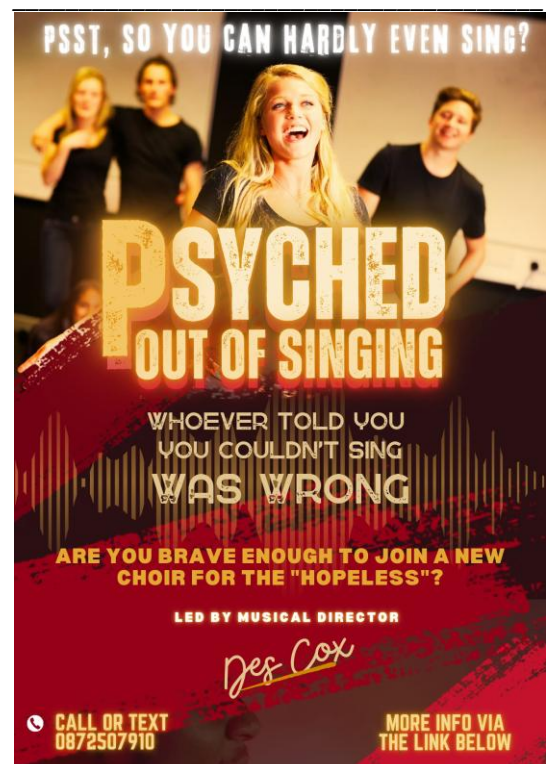
You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**

**IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541**

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*or by cash/cheque in an envelope marked Lenten Challenge on the collection plate.*



A choir, especially for those who were told that they couldn't sing!

Directed by Des Cox who sometimes deputises for our organist Charles Pearson when Charles is away.

**Wednesdays, 7.30pm-9pm**  
**St Philip and St James' Church**

**All welcome!**

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**MOUNT MERRION**  
**EASTER GENERAL**  
**VESTRY**  
**APPOINTMENTS AND**  
**ELECTIONS**

*The following were appointed or elected on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.*

**Rector's Churchwarden:** Monickam Thanaseelan

**People's Churchwarden:** Patricia Bedlow

**People's Glebwarden:** Denis Beare

**Select Vestry:** Judith Donlon, Kieron Knight, Rachel McConnell, Adam McMurray (*Hon. Secretary*), Linda Molloy, Ian Mullen (*Hon. Treasurer*), Wil Robertson, Joan Sherlock-Robertson, Matthew Sherlock-Robertson, Malliga Thanaseelan

*The Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synod Members serve for a three-year period.*

**Parochial Nominators:** Ian Mullen and Sheila Chamberlain

**Supplementalists:** Wil Robertson and Judith Donlon

**Diocesan Synods Member:** Sheila Chamberlain

**Supplementalist:** Patricia Bedlow

**BOOTERSTOWN AND**  
**CARYSFORT EASTER**  
**GENERAL VESTRY**  
**APPOINTMENTS AND**  
**ELECTIONS**

*The following were appointed or elected on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026.*

**Rector's Churchwarden:** Alison Finch

**People's Churchwarden:** Isabella Wiessner

**Rector's Glebwarden:** Gordon Richards

**People's Glebwarden:** Mike Hayes

**Select Vestry:** Viola Brady, June Burgess, Adrienne Cole, Marcus Daly, Alexa Mitchell, Tom Morgan, Brigid Noble, David Reid (*Hon. Secretary*), Síle Reeves, Denise Richards, Quentin Teggin (*Hon. Treasurer*), Eric Wiessner.

*The Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synod Members serve for a three-year period.*

**Parochial Nominators:** Stuart Trotter and Stefanie O'Brien-Feeney

**Supplementalists:** Marcus Daly and Brigid Noble

**Diocesan Synods Members:** Stephanie Morris and Isabella Wiessner

**Supplementalists:** Marcus Daly and Tom Morgan



Church's  
Ministry  
of Healing  
✝ Ireland

**Everyone has a vocation.  
Find yours.**

**United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough  
Vocation Day**

**Saturday 27 June 2026**

**10 am – 1pm (lunch provided)**

**Crinken Church, Bray, A98 VX58**

**Email [rector@crinken.ie](mailto:rector@crinken.ie) or  
[suziesharris@gmail.com](mailto:suziesharris@gmail.com) to book or enquire.**

**If you feel a wish to serve God but aren't sure what to do next, then this day is for you. Come as you are, with your doubts and your questions. Everyone welcome!**

# Spring Fling

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 12pm-3pm**

We are looking for donations of bottles and books; plants; never-used, unwanted gifts, and, of course, we want home-made baked goods, preserves, jams, marmalades and other deli-type items.

We will be storing items at the back of the church so we would really appreciate it, if donations were made from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 onwards and there will be people in the church hall on the evening of

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to accept donations.

All baked goods can be donated on the evening before (at the hall) and the Saturday morning by bringing them to the gate where someone will take them off your hands, appreciatively, and bring them into us before the sale starts at noon.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

*Joan (086 704444)*