



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. 643 (Slane (1))

[Verses 1-3]

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

*naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.*

*Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

(Please stand if you are able)

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.

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]

***Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word
and deed,***

and in what we have left undone.

***We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.***

***For the sake of your Son, Jesus
Christ,***

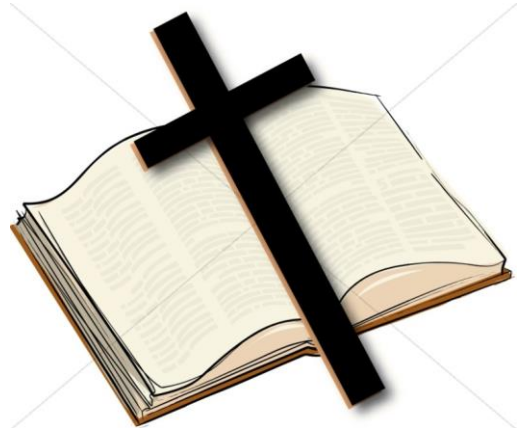
***have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.***

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your
sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria - 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



(Please remain standing if you are able)

The Collect of the Sunday before Lent

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.**

(Please sit)

The First Reading - Exodus 24: 12-18

The first reading is from the book of Exodus, chapter 24, beginning at verse 12.

12 The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses

entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

The Gradual Hymn - The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 325 (Be still)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him, no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 17: 1-9

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 17, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I^{*} will make three dwellings^{*} here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;^{*} with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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 kneel or sit)

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Due to the Covid-19, it is felt that we should continue to refrain from shaking hands as a sign of peace... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!

(Please stand if you are able)



The Peace

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *John 13: 34*

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 - Hymn No. 112 (There is a Redeemer)

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

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!***

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

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

The Post Communion Prayer

Holy God

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

May we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))

[Verses 4-5]

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty
praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my
days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my

heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou
art!

High King of heaven, when the battle
is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright
heaven's sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever
befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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
in church this morning. Thank you.*

Stay well and stay safe.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 22nd February 2023 – Ash

Wednesday

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

***19.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church***

Sunday 26th February 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.00 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

**THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
2023**

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

MOUNT MERRION**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2023

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

**Lenten Challenge**

Gillian is off again!

**She will be walking at least
6km every day of Lent 2023.**

Wednesday 22nd February –

Saturday 8th 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*

Again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boosterstown and Mount Merrion
Account**

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**Daffodil Service and
Daffodil Coffee
Morning with Bring-
and-Buy**

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion - St
Thomas' Church

10.30 United Family Service
for Daffodil Day - St Philip
and St James' Church

At this Service, we will pray for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of those who have survived cancer, and remember those who have died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service in the parish hall, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



Sunday Clubs

We are delighted that both of our Sunday Clubs re-opened in February. They meet once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The dates are:

Sunday 5th March 2023

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 10.00 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.



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
