



*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### **The Gathering of God's People**

Christ is risen!

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

### **Opening Responses**

In the breaking of the bread and in prayers,

***Jesus is among us.***

In the telling of stories and in signs,

***Jesus is among us.***

In the sharing of resources and in justice,

***Jesus is among us.***

In this place and in this moment,

***Jesus is among us.***

### **Hymn No. 252 (Alleluia No. 1)**

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news through all the earth,

Jesus has died and is risen:

We have been crucified with Christ - now we shall live for ever:

God has proclaimed the just reward - life for the world, alleluia!

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour!

### **The Preface**

Beloved in Christ,

we come together to offer to

Almighty God

our worship and praise and

thanksgiving,

to confess our sins and to receive

God's forgiveness,

to hear his holy word proclaimed,

to bring before him our needs and the

needs of the world,

and to pray that in the power of his

Spirit

we may serve him and know the

greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

*Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and  
against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through  
weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done and by what  
we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of  
all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.*

### **The Absolution**

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.**

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

*[Please sit]*

### **The First Reading - Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

*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:

22 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

<sup>29</sup> 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Here ends the First Reading.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**Psalm: Hymn No. 250 (Miles Lane)**

*[Verses 1-3]*

All hail the power of Jesu's name,  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol him in whose path ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

*[Please sit]*

**The New Testament Reading -  
John 20: 19-31**

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to John, chapter 20, beginning at verse 19.*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the

mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'  
 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'  
 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.  
 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Here ends the Second Reading.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**Canticle: Hymn No. 250 (Miles Lane)**

*[Verses 4-6]*

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 the wormwood and the gall,  
 go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,

on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,  
 we at his feet may fall;  
 we'll join the everlasting song,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**The Apostles' Creed**

***I believe in God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,  
 God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of  
 the Father,  
 and he will come again to judge the  
 living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.***

### The Prayers of the People

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

*[Please sit or kneel]*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Versicles and Responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
*and grant us your salvation.*

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
*and grant our government wisdom.*

Let your ministers be clothed with  
righteousness  
*and let your servants shout for joy.*

O Lord, save your people  
*and bless those whom you have  
chosen.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
*and let your glory be over all the  
earth.*

O God, make clean our hearts within  
us  
*and renew us by your Holy Spirit.*

### The Collect of the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,  
you have your only Son to die for our  
sins  
and to rise again for our justification;  
grant us to so put away the leaven  
of malice and wickedness,  
that we may always serve thee in  
pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of the same thy  
Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Collect for use at Morning Prayer

*Go before us, Lord in all our doings,  
with your most gracious favour,  
and further us with your continual  
help;*  
*that in all our works begun,  
continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name, and  
finally by your mercy attain  
everlasting life;*  
*through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



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### The Prayers of the People

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**Hymn - No. 338 (St. Barnabas)**

Jesus, stand among us  
in your risen power;  
let this time of worship  
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe your Holy Spirit  
into every heart;  
bid the fears and sorrows  
from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps  
we will go our way,  
watching for the dawning  
of the eternal day.

**The Sermon**

*We recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order. If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.*

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**Hymn No. 255 (Morgenlied)**

Christ is risen, alleluia!  
risen our victorious head;  
sing his praises, alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead.  
gratefully our hearts adore him,  
as his light once more appears,  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from grief and tears.

*Christ is risen, alleluia!  
risen our victorious head;*

*sing his praises, alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead.*

Christ is risen! all the sadness  
of this earthly life is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending,  
he doth rise the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded brow:

Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall,  
we are Christ's, in him for ever  
we have triumphed over all;  
all the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased.  
'Tis the day of resurrection;  
let us rise and keep the feast.

**The Blessing for Easter**

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 . . .

**The Dismissal and Closing Responses**

A great mercy and a sure hope,  
a new birth and a deep place,  
a strong love and a rich blessing,  
***God is sending us out in joy.***

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.*

*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.*

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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.

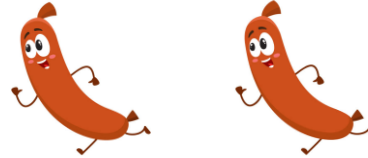
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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 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  
*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

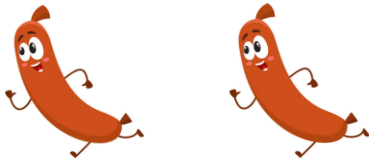
### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*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

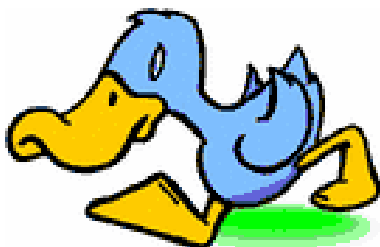
8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**10.30 United Service – Blessing of the Animals** in St Philip and St James' Church.



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  
[irene.reid1052@gmail.com](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)



## Healer Prayer Group

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



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.*

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## MOUNT MERRION

## EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
19.30 HOURS  
ST THOMAS' CHURCH

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## BOOTERSTOWN AND

## CARYSFORT

## EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
19.30 HOURS  
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
CHURCH



## 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>

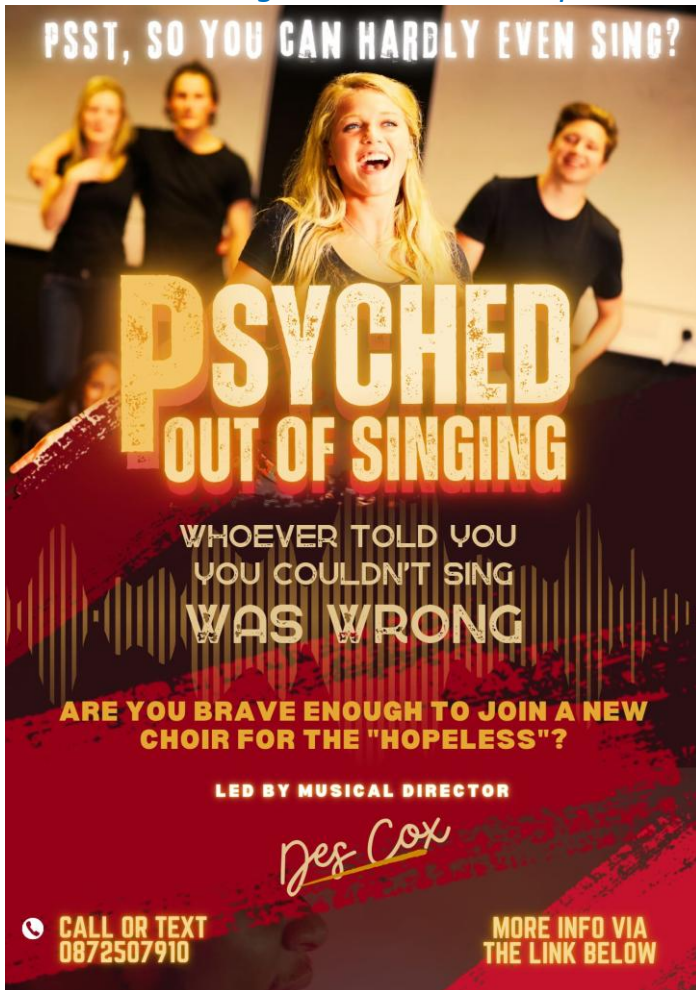


You can make a donation by online banking to  
**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**

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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, starting on 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**2026, 7.30pm-9pm**

**St Philip and St James' Church**

**All welcome!**

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