



*Welcome and thank you to  
Uta Raab, Diocesan Lay Reader and  
former parishioner who is taking the  
9.30 and 11.00 services in our  
parishes this morning as the Rector  
is in canonical residence in  
St Patrick's Cathedral.*

### 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

Come and hear

***the good news of God.***

Come and see

***what Jesus has done.***

We will tell the story of God in our  
world;

***We will share the secret of hope in  
our lives.***

Come and explore the truth of the  
gospel;

***Come and receive the Holy Spirit of  
God.***

### Opening Hymn No. 266 (Llanfair)

*[Verses 1-3]*

1. Hail the day that sees him arise,  
*alleluia!*  
to his throne above the skies; *alleluia!*  
Christ the Lamb for sinners given,  
*alleluia!*  
enters now the highest heaven,  
*Alleluia!*

2. There for him high triumph waits;  
*alleluia!*  
lift your heads, eternal gates! *alleluia!*  
He has conquered death and sin;  
*alleluia!*  
take the King of glory in! *Alleluia!*

3. See! The heaven its Lord receives,  
*alleluia!*  
yet he loves the earth he leaves;  
*alleluia!*  
though returning to his throne,  
*alleluia!*  
still he calls the world his own.  
*Alleluia!*

### 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.**

Merciful Lord,  
grant to your faithful people pardon  
and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our  
sins,  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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 13: 12-19**

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 3, beginning at verse 12.*

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?' <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Here ends the First Reading.

**Psalm: Hymn No. 432 (Cresswell)**

*[Verses 1-3 and chorus]*

Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with friends, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love is his way:

*Richer than gold is the love of my  
Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast.  
Christ at this table, host to the  
twelve,  
love, only love is his mark:

Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our  
joy,  
'This is my body, this is my blood' -  
love, only love, is his sign:

*[Please sit]*

**The Second Reading - Luke 24:  
36b-48**

*The second reading is from Gospel according to  
Luke, chapter 24, beginning at verse 36.*

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

Here ends the Second Reading.

**Canticle: Hymn No. 432 (Cresswell)***[Verses 4-5 and chorus]*

Love is his sign, love is his news,  
 'Do this, he said, 'lest you forget  
 all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood'

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love, only love, is his news:

*Richer than gold is the love of my  
 Lord,  
 better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his news, love is his name,  
 we are his own, chosen and called,  
 sisters and brothers, parents and kin,  
 love, only love, is his name:

*[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 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.**

### 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.***



## The Prayers

### Hymn No. 432 (Cresswell)

[Verses 6-7 and chorus]

Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his:  
'Love one another, I have loved you' -  
love, only love, is his law:

*Richer than gold is the love of my  
Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God, ever one,  
love, only love, is his word:

## The Sermon

*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.*

### Hymn No. 266 (Llanfair)

[Verses 4-7]

4. See! He lifts his hands above;  
*alleluia!*  
see, he shows the prints of love;  
*alleluia!*  
hark, his gracious lips bestow *alleluia!*  
blessings on his Church below! *Alleluia!*

5. Still for us he intercedes, *alleluia!*  
his prevailing death he pleads; *alleluia!*

near himself prepares our place,  
*alleluia!*  
 first-fruits of the human race.  
*Alleluia!*

6. Lord, though parted from our sight,  
*alleluia!*  
 far above the starry height, *alleluia!*  
 grant our hearts may thither rise,  
*alleluia!*  
 following thee beyond the skies.  
*Alleluia!*

7. There we shall with thee remain,  
*alleluia!*  
 partners of thine endless reign;  
*alleluia!*  
 there thy face unclouded see, *alleluia!*  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee.  
*Alleluia!*

### **Going Out as God's People**

May the God of hope  
 fill you with all joy and peace in  
 believing,  
 so that by the Holy Spirit you may  
 abound in hope. **Amen.**

*Romans 15: 13*

### **The Dismissal**

We are loved, cherished, befriended,  
 accepted.

We are not alone: God's love is in us.  
 He knows our hopes, our fears, our  
 questions.

***This is the truth.***

God is leading us deep into justice and  
 wonder.

***God is joyfully walking us home.***

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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### **Tea/Coffee/Juice**

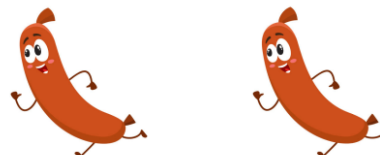
***You are warmly invited to join us for  
 tea/coffee/juice in the Monk  
 Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 service in  
 St Thomas' Church and in the South  
 Transept after the 11.00 service in St  
 Philip and St James' Church.***

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## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

### **TONIGHT!!!!**

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St  
 James' Church





**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

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> April 2024**

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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church

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

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Tuesday afternoon—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)

## **MOUNT MERRION**

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**

**MEETING**

**MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

**20.00 HOURS IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

## **BOOTERSTOWN AND**

## **CARYSFORT**

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

**20.00 HOURS**

**IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**



## **Confirmation Class for teenagers**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 18.30**

**St Philip and St James' Church**

**Confirmation and Enquirers Class for adults is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 20.30 hours in St Philip and St James' Church**



St Philp and St James' Sunday will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

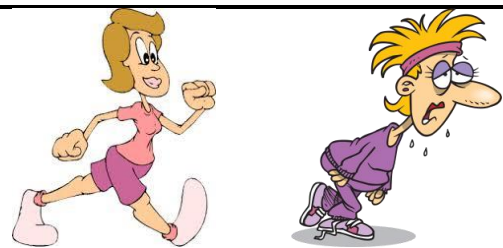
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome!



## **Lenten Challenge... DONE!**

**5km every day for all 46 days of Lent 2024!**

in aid of the victims of the conflict between Palestine and Israel, (*channelled through the Diocesan Shine a Light Appeal and the Bishops' Appeal.*)

Thank you to all those who donated.



# A Spring Fling

at

## St Thomas' Church

Foster Avenue  
Mount Merrion

Barbecue, Books, Cakes & Deli,  
Bottles, Plants, Handmade Cards,  
Games for Children, Raffle and more!

Tea & Coffee Served

Saturday 27th April 2024

12.00pm - 3.00 pm

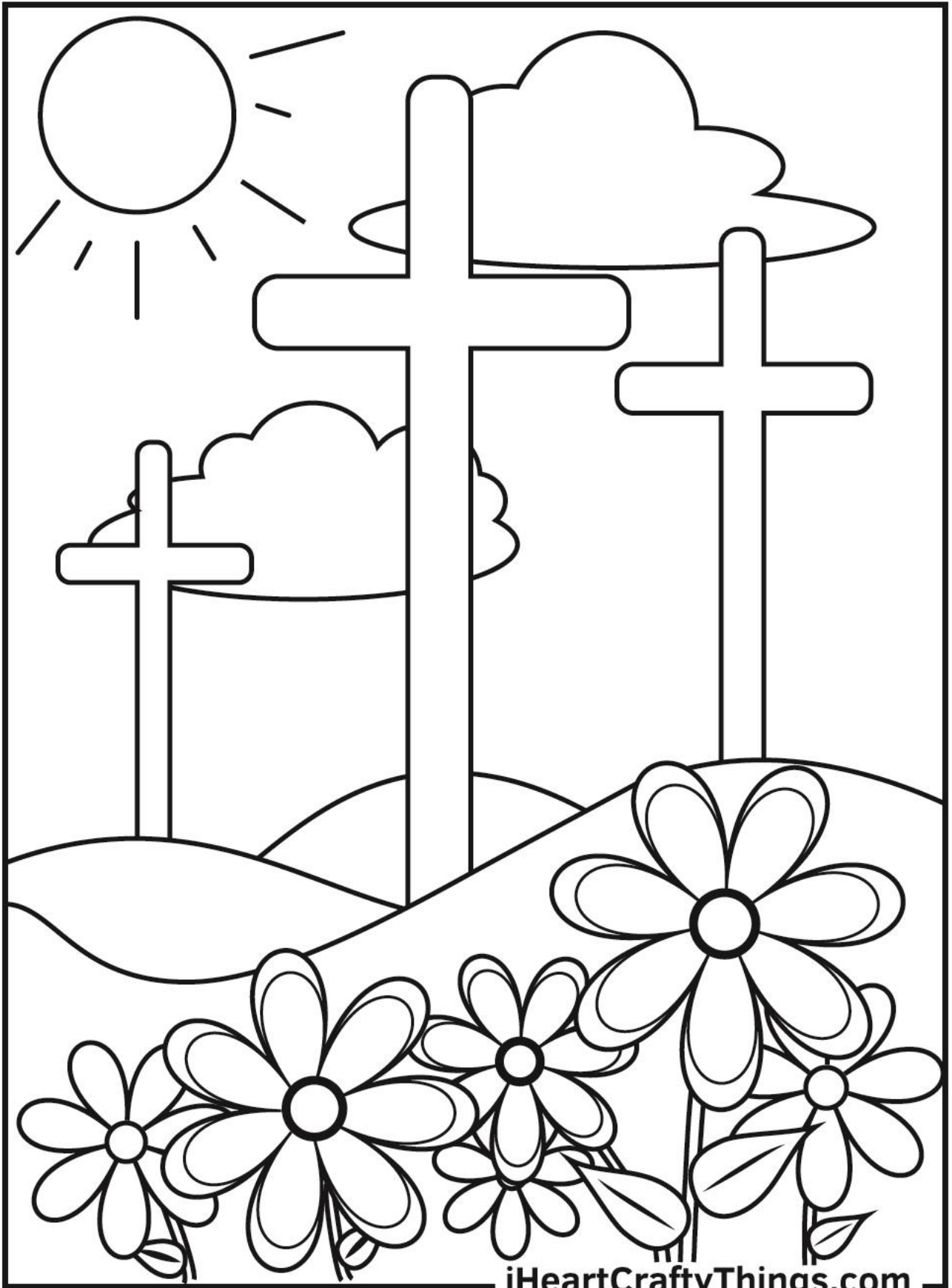
Admission €2 — Children Free

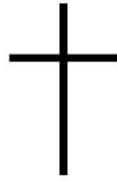
*This is a cash-only event*





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THE RECTOR & THE SELECT VESTRY  
invite you to join them in celebrating

THE *200th* OF  
*Anniversary*

the consecration of

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

Cross Avenue, Booterstown, Blackrock

SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024 at 10.30am

followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

RSVP WED 1st MAY 2024

[booterstownandmountmerrion@gmail.com](mailto:booterstownandmountmerrion@gmail.com)

# St Thomas' Church

Celebrating 150 years in our community

## A Spring Fling

The Spring Fling will be happening on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2024, from 12 noon until 3pm. We want you to come along and enjoy yourselves at this **community event**, part of our **150 Year Celebrations**.

There will be cakes, baked goods and all manner of preserves. There will be plants and books for sale on the day. There will be a bottle stall, teas, coffees and scones and new gifts and handmade cards for sale. The children will be well taken care of with a few magic shows throughout the day and facepainting and games to play. There will be ice-cream for sale and, of course, our infamous barbeque will be fired up on the day, no matter the weather - yum yum!!!

<b>Books -</b>	<b>John 087 2635670</b>
<b>Plants -</b>	<b>Julie-Anne 086 0809209</b>
<b>Cakes -</b>	<b>Hilary 087 6417230</b>
<b>Teas -</b>	<b>Sheila 086 3320072</b>
<b>Bottles -</b>	<b>Denis 087 814 0423</b>
<b>Ice Cream -</b>	<b>Catherine 087 9025531</b>
<b>Children's Games -</b>	<b>Adam 089 4939973</b>
<b>Raffle -</b>	<b>Myrtle 086 0415066</b>
<b>Barbeque -</b>	<b>John 087 6114376</b>
<b>Handmade Cards and Gifts - c/o Julie-Anne number as above</b>	

We are looking for donations of bottles and books, plants, never-used unwanted gifts. And of course we want home-made baked goods, preserves 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 April 21<sup>st</sup> onwards and there will be people in the church hall on the evening of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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 8704444)