



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

The government has announced that 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. There is always plenty of space at the front of the church!!! I would ask people to respect others' need for space. The North Transept of St Philip and St James' Church will continue to have a seating plan where those who would like to be socially-distanced from others may sit.



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

Whoever we are,
we are known to God.

Whatever we've done,
we belong to God.

Wherever we go,
we are loved by God.

Every day, every moment,
God is our friend.

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 23 *The Lord's My Shepherd*. Also, the second reading which is from John's Gospel is all about Jesus being our shepherd and we are his sheep, his flock. So, this morning, we are having a celebration of Psalm 23, in its different forms and tunes!!!

Hymn No. 20 (Dominus regit me)

[Verses 1-2]

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

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.**

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 9: 36-43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple
whose name was Tabitha, which in
Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to
good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At
that time she became ill and died.
When they had washed her, they laid
her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda
was near Joppa, the disciples, who
heard that Peter was there, sent two
men to him with the request, 'Please

come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Here ends the First Reading.

Psalm: Hymn No. 20 (The Followers)

[Verses 3-4]

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

[Please sit]

**The New Testament Reading -
John 10: 22-30**

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

Here ends the Second Reading.

Canticle: Hymn No. 20 (St Columba)

[Verses 5-6]

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
thy unction grace bestoweth,
and O, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

[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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
Raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,

that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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

Hymn No. 21 (Crimond)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

The Sermon

We are continuing to be cautious regarding Covid-19, and therefore, we will not be passing around baskets for the collection. Instead, we will be having a retiring collection; there are baskets at the doors of the church in which you may place your collection or envelope. Thank you to those who give via online banking. If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details

**Hymn No. 147 Thanks and Praise
(The Lord's my Shepherd)**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green,

he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

Descant for Chorus

*I will trust, I will trust in you.
I will trust, I will trust in you;
endless mercy follows me,
goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup - it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path -
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and
staff
are the comfort I need to know.

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 . . .

Closing Responses

When our way is joyful,
God will rejoice with us.

When the going is rough,
God will wipe away our tears.

We are God's people: we are held in
love.
Our hope is in the goodness of God.

***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.*

Stay well and stay safe.

Worship for May 2022

TONIGHT

18.30 Sausage Service and Holy Baptism in
St Philip and St James' Church, followed by
supper of sausages and wedges.



Sunday 15th May 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

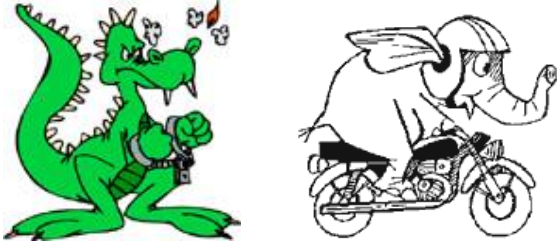
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church, which will also be live-
streamed.

15.00 Rite of Confirmation in Christ Church
Taney.

Sunday 22nd May 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service – Blessing of the Animals in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.



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 as part of the School Fair, afterwards in the Parish Hall

Sunday 29th May 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

Healer Prayer Group

Monday 9th May 2022

19.00 hours *via Zoom*

Zoom details will be issued in the morning of Monday 9th May 2022

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING

MONDAY 9TH MAY 2022

20.00 HOURS *VIA ZOOM*

BOOTERSTOWN AND**CARYSFORT**

SELECT VESTRY

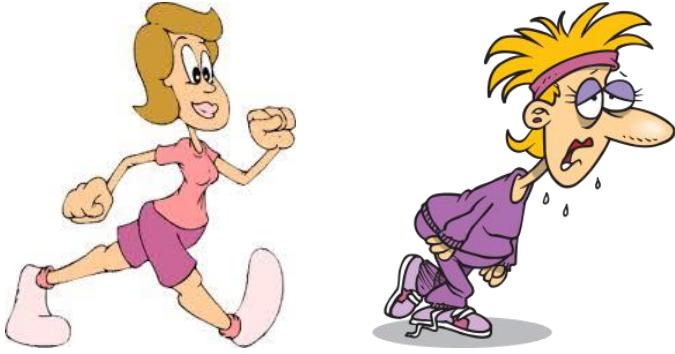
THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2022

19.30 HOURS *VIA ZOOM*

**Confirmation**

The Archbishop will administer the Rite of Confirmation for our parishes, in Christ Church, Taney on Sunday 15th May 2022 at 3pm. Please keep the candidates in your prayers:

**Patrick Burns, Ralph Cogan,
Sam Cole, Sam Dane, Chloe Hiles,
Katie Hiles, Josh Killeen,
Abi Lyons, Theo Phelan,
Alice Postma, Piers Postma,
Alice Robinson, Iarla Rynhart,
Hugo Sellers,
Josh Sherlock-Robertson,
Ben Smyth, Anna Tuite,
Nicholas Vaughan, Rory Vaughan,
Scott Walker**



Lenten Challenge

Gillian completed her Lenten Challenge! 46 days of walking 6km each day for Lent, no skipping out on Sundays!

in aid of:

The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA), Blackrock Hospice and Ukrainian Refugees

If people wish to make a donation, the money raised will be divided equally between the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Ukrainian Refugees.

You can make a donation by online banking to **Booterstown and Mount Merrion Account**
IBAN: IE92ULSB 985330 00606072
BIC: ULSBIE2D

or a cheque payable to *Booterstown and Mount Merrion Account*

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



MOUNT MERRION ECUMENICAL SOCIETY GOLF OUTING

This year, the 56th outing will take place in Elm Park Golf Club on Tuesday 7th June 2022. All members of our two parishes are welcome to play. **The timesheet is currently available in John O'Reilly's Butcher; (01-2889949) on Deerpark Road.**

If you are not able to play golf that day, but would like to go to the

dinner in the evening in Elm Park Golf Club, you are more than welcome to do that too. Again, please contact John O'Reilly.

This is always a fun outing with much craic and camaraderie with our neighbours.



Colouring Section

