



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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Mountains and rivers,
islands and oceans,
give God glory.

Children and lovers,
rulers and nations,
give God glory.

All who live,
all who breathe,
give God glory.



JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4

Hymn No. 136 (Winchester New)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch forth thine
hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

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 Old Testament Reading - Isaiah

42: 1-9

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 42, beginning at verse 1.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul
delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the
nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not
quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in
the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his
teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and
stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what
comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in
righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and
kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the
people,

a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in
darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come
to pass,

and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Here ends the Old Testament
Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Psalm - Hymn No. 199 (Dundee (French))

[Verses 1-3]

The people that in darkness walked
a glorious light have seen;
the light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

For unto us a Child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

[Please sit]

The New Testament Reading -

Matthew 3: 13-17

The New Testament Reading is from the gospel according to St Matthew, chapter 3, beginning at verse 13.

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' 15 But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Here ends the New Testament Reading.



[Please stand, if you are able]

Canticle - Hymn No. 199 (Dundee (French))

[Verses 4-5]

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored;
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the Everlasting Lord.

His power, increasing, still shall
spread,
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Apostles' Creed [shortened version]

***I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life. 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 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born of water
and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
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. 294 (Down Ampney)

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour
glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
and let thy glorious light

shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner
clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
dwelling.

The Sermon

*[The offering will be received during the singing of
this hymn.]*

Hymn No. 303 (Londonderry Air)

Lord of the Church, we pray for our
renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our
ending,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living
flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and
failing,

the will that lacks the courage to be
free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church
should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a
Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith
restored,
a swift obedience and a new
possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the
Lord!

We turn to Christ from all our
restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single
prayer:
the living water for our soul's reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve
and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our
uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision
stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed
reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his
word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble
ended,
one Church triumphant one new song
shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and
ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

The Blessing for Epiphany

Christ the Son be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the
world:
and the Blessing...

The Dismissal

Exciting God,
glorious God,
baptise us with wonder.

Wise God,
righteous God,
baptise us with justice.

Holy God,
covenant God,
baptise us with love.

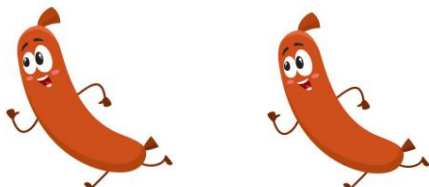
*In the interests of trying to keep all
who come to our churches safe,
please take away this service sheet
and any other items that you may
have brought with you or used in
church this morning. Thank you.*

Stay well and stay safe.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

TONIGHT!

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St
James' Church



Wednesday 11th January 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January 2023

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

Wednesday 18th January 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd January 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Family Service and Holy

Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 25th January 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 29th January 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Service of Wholeness and Healing in
St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of Wholeness and Healing in
St Philip and St James' Church

Healer Prayer Group

Monday 9th January 2023

19.30 hours via Zoom

MOUNT MERRION **SELECT VESTRY MEETING** **MONDAY 23RD JANUARY** **2023**

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY
2023
19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH

REGISTER OF
VESTRYPersons

The Register of Vestrypersons is the electoral roll of the Parish, and is updated at the January Select Vestry meetings of our respective parishes. If you are not on the Register, you are not entitled to vote on parish matters and are not able to hold any office in the parish, or serve on the Select Vestry. Please contact the Churchwardens to be placed on the Register of Vestrypersons.

It is very simple to do, the churchwardens have forms available, and all you have to do is fill in the short, simple form and give it to a churchwarden.

Sunday Clubs

We are working towards re-opening the Sunday Clubs. We are looking for people to join the team of leaders so that the responsibility can be shared and is, therefore, not too onerous on any individual. We are particularly looking for male leaders in order to have a gender balance amongst the

leaders. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far and who will be undergoing Garda vetting, Safeguarding Trust training. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.



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
