



[Please stand, if you are able]

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.

Hymn No. 136 (Winchester New)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and harken, 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.



JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

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 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.

42 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.

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**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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said,
'This is my Son, the Beloved, with
whom I am well pleased.'

Here ends the New Testament
Reading.

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**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 enduing,

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.

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**

Wednesday 14th January 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

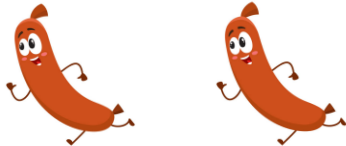
Sunday 18th January 2026

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 21st January 2025

NB No 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion due to the Diocesan Clergy Conference

Sunday 25th January 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 27th January 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st February 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 4th February 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 8th February 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 11th February 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

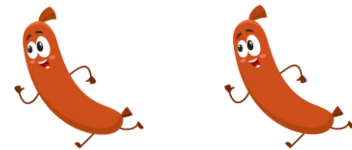
Sunday 15th February 2026

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 18th February 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd February 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word for Founder's Day (Scouting) in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 25th February 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st March 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 UNITED SERVICE – RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**ADMINISTERED BY THE
ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN, IN
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays 3.30pm—4.10pm
in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St
Philip and St James' Parish Centre
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**Confirmation Class
for teenagers**

Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 19.30
St Philip and St James' Church

**Confirmation and Enquirers
Class for adults**

is on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at
20.30 hours in St Philip and St James'
Church

**Helpers Wanted with the
Tea/Coffee/Juice**

*in St Thomas' Church
and in St Philip and St James'
Church on a Sunday morning.*

*Please chat to Patricia Bedlow in St
Thomas' Church or June Burgess in
St Philip and St James' Church.*



**Healer Prayer
Group**

**Tuesday 10th February 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 at 9.30 in
the Monk Gibbon Hall on the following

Sundays:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 18th January 2026 | 8th February 2026 |
| 29th March 2026 | 12th April 2026 |
| 17th May 2026 | |

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will
meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James'
Parish Centre on the following Sundays:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11th January 2026 | 1st February 2026 |
| 8th March 2026 | 12th April 2026 |
| 10th May 2026 | |

*The children and their leaders will join the
respective congregations later on in the
service.*

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

**MONDAY 26th JANUARY 2026
19.30 HOURS
THE COMMITTEE ROOM**

BOOTERSTOWN AND**CARYSFORT****SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
2026**

19.30 HOURS

**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

REGISTER OF VESTRYPERSONS

The Register of Vestrypersons is, in many ways, the electoral roll of the Parish and will be updated at the meetings of the respective Select Vestry on the dates given above.

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.
