

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!

Fáilte

**The Gathering of God's People**

Go raibh an Tiarna libh.
Agus leat féin.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Responses

Pilgrim God, striking water in the desert,
refresh us and quench our thirst.

Revealing God, sitting by the well side,
refresh us and teach us truth.

Dancing God, moving over the waters,
refresh us and bring us live.

Opening Hymn No. 61 Thanks and Praise**I'll Go in the Strength of the Lord**

[Verses 1- 2]

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
in paths he has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of his word,
nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend,
his fullness my wants shall supply;
on him, till my journey shall end,
my unwavering faith shall rely.

*I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.
I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to work he appoints me to do;
in joy which his smile doth afford
my soul shall her vigour renew.

His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
his power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,
and prove his unchangeable love.

The Preface

A lucht na páirte i gCríost,
táimid cruinnithe le chéile anseo
lenár n-adhradh agus ár moladh agus
ár mbuíochas
a thairiscint do Dhia
uilechumhachtach;
lenár bpeacá a admháil agus le
maithiúnas Dé a fháil,
le fógairt a bhriathair naofa a
chloisteáil,
lenár riachtanais féin agus riachtanais
an domhain mhóir a chur roimhe,
agus le guí air trí chumhacht a
Spioraid
go ndéana muid seirbhís dó
ionas go mb'eol dúinn liacht a ghrá.

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 us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all
goodness, and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

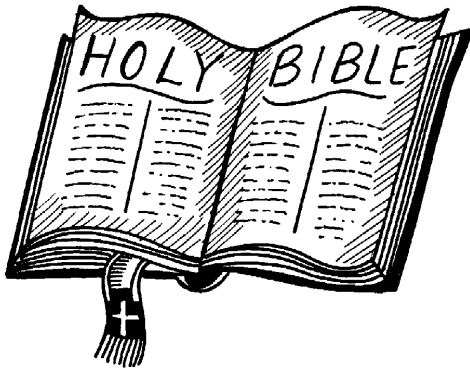
**O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.**

**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.



Psalm 95 - The Venite

1 O come let us | sing un-to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the |
strength of | our sal|vation.
2 Let us come before his | presence ·
with | thanksgiving .. and show
ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
3 For the Lord is a | great | God .. and
a great | King a·bove | all | gods.
4 In his hand are all the | corners · of
the | earth .. and the strength of the |
hills is | his | also.
5† The sea is his and | he | made it, ..
and his | hands pre|pared the · dry |
land.
6 O come let us worship and | fall |
down .. and kneel be|fore the | Lord
our | Maker.
7 For he is the | Lord our | God; .. and
we are the people of his pasture, | and
the | sheep of · his | hand.

Glory to the Father, and | to the |
Son, .. and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, ..
and shall be for | ever. | A|men

[Please sit]

The Reading: John 4: 5-42

*The reading is from the Gospel according to John,
chapter 4, beginning at verse 5.*

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called
Sychar, near the plot of ground that
Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus,
tired out by his journey, was sitting by
the well. It was about noon.
7 A Samaritan woman came to draw
water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me
a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the
city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan
woman said to him, 'How is it that you,
a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of
Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in
common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus
answered her, 'If you knew the gift of
God, and who it is that is saying to
you, "Give me a drink", you would have
asked him, and he would have given you
living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him,
'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well
is deep. Where do you get that living
water?' ¹²Are you greater than our
ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well,
and with his sons and his flocks drank
from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone
who drinks of this water will be
thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of

the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said

to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I

have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 665 (Ag Críost an síol)

Ag Críost an síol;
ag Críost an fómhar.
In iothlainn Dé
go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir;
ag Críost an t-iasc.
I líonta Dé
go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois,
is ó aois go bás,
do dhá láimh, a Chríost,
anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch,
ní críoch ach athfhás,
i bParthas na nGrást
go rabhaimid.

The seed is Christ's,
and his the sheaf;
within God's barn
may we be stored.

The sea is Christ's;
and his the fish;
in the nets of God
may we be caught.

From birth to youth,
and from youth till death,
your two hands, O Christ,
stretch over us.

From death – the end?
No end, but new life;
in sweet Paradise
may we be found.

[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

Go raibh an Tiarna libh.
Agus leat féin.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

[Please kneel or sit]

Let us pray.

A Thiarna, déan trócaire.

***A Chríost, déan trócaire.
A Thiarna, déan trócaire.***

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

The Lord's Prayer

***Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn
inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna
féin.
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an
chumhacht, agus an ghlóir, trí shaol
na saol. Áiméan.***

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.***

An Ortha an Triú Domhnach i Tráth
an Charghais

***A Thiarna
achainimid ort do ghrásta a thabhairt
do do phobal
chun seasamh in aghaide cathuithe
an tsaoil, na colainne, agus an diabhail
agus chun go leana siad tusa, an t-aon
Dia amháin,
go glanchroíoch, glanaigeanta;
trí Íosa Críost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.***

The Collect of the 3rd Sunday in Lent

***Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil
and with pure hearts and minds to follow
you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Collect for use during Lent

***Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who
are penitent:
create and make in us new and***

*contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of
all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Prayers



Hymn No. 227 (Man of Sorrows)

Man of sorrows! What a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Mocked by insults harsh and crude,
in my place condemned he stood;
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Guilty, helpless, lost were we:
blameless Lamb of God was he,
sacrificed to set us free:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

He was lifted up to die:
'It is finished' was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

When he comes, our glorious king,

all his ransomed home to bring;
then again this song we'll sing:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

The Sermon

Hymn No. 61 Thanks and Praise I'll Go in the Strength of the Lord

[Verse 3]

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to conflicts which faith will require;
his grace as my shield and reward,
my courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since he gives the word of command,
to meet and encounter the foe,
with his sword of truth in my hand,
to suffer and triumph I'll go.

*I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.
I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

The Blessing for Lent

Go dtuga Críost grásta daoibh chun go
bhfása sibh in naofacht,
go ndiúltaí sibh daoibh féin,
agus go dtóga sibh bhur gcros agus go
leana sibh é:

agus go raibh beannacht Dé
uilechumhachtaigh,
an tAthair, an Mac, agus an Spiorad
Naomh oraibh is in bhur measc i
gcónaí. *Áiméan.*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
and to take up your cross and follow him:
and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be
with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

We are God's people.
Loved and cherished,
called and challenged,
refreshed and forgiven,
we go out in joy.

***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.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm
Our meetings on Tuesday 14th and
Tuesday 21st March 2023 will be via
Zoom. We usually meet via Zoom,
except for the last Tuesday of the
month, when we meet in-person, so

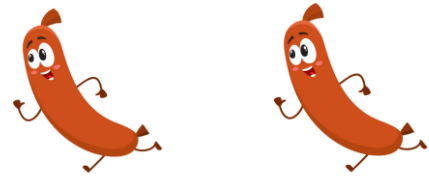
**please note that we will meet in-person
on Tuesday 28th March 2023, in the
Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip
and St James' Parish Centre.**

**Contact Irene on 087-2755423
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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 12th March 2023 – TONIGHT!

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St
James' Church



Wednesday 15th March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church

Sunday 19th March 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 22nd March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and
St James' Church
No 10.00 and 11.00 services

Wednesday 29th March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church

Sunday 2nd April 2023 – Palm Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Holy Week

Monday – 19.30 in St Thomas' Church

Tuesday – 19.30 in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday - 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

19.30 in St Thomas' Church

Maundy Thursday – 19.30 in St Philip and St James' Church

Good Friday – 14.00 in St Thomas' Church

19.30 in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church – TO BE CONFIRMED

Sunday 9th April 2023 – Easter Day

6.30 Sunrise on Sandymount Strand

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 12th April 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th April 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 19th April 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd April 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 26th April 2023

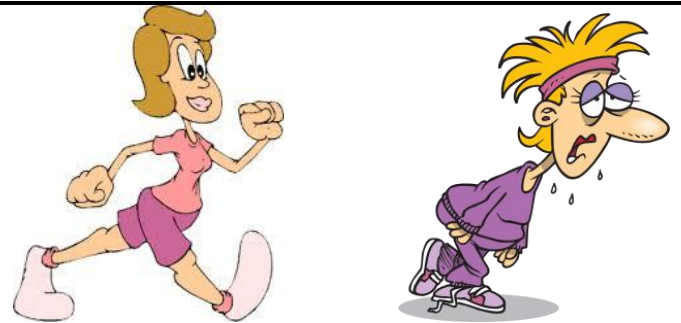
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th April 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church



Lenten Challenge

Gillian is off again!

She is walking at least 6km every day of Lent 2023.

Wednesday 22nd February – Saturday 8th April 2023

in aid of:

The victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria (channelled through the Bishops' Appeal to Christian Aid who are working on the ground with local agencies), and parish funds
Again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives

you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion
Account
IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541
BIC: IPBSIE2D**

***JOIN GILLIAN FOR A 6KM WALK
ON ALL OR ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING SATURDAYS AT
2PM:
25TH MARCH 2023,
1ST APRIL 2023
8TH APRIL 2023***



**Daffodil Service and
Daffodil Coffee Morning
with Bring-and-Buy**

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion - St Thomas'
Church

10.30 United Family Service for
Daffodil Day - St Philip and St
James' Church

At this Service, we will pray for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in

the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of those who have survived cancer, and remember those who have died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service in the parish hall, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



We are delighted that both of our Sunday Clubs re-opened in February. They meet once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The remaining dates are:

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 10.00 and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre at 11.00. The children and leaders will join the rest of the congregation before the end of the service in the respective churches.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead our Sunday Clubs.

All children who are aged three and over, and who are toilet-trained are very welcome to join the Sunday Club.



History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is almost finished his research for a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024. If you have any stories about either parish or the school, please contact Mike **STRAIGHT AWAY**. He will finish the writing of the book within the next couple of weeks so needs to hear from you urgently if you have something to contribute.

Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 23RD MARCH
2023**

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

**MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

Both Easter General Vestries will be held in person.

**MOUNT MERRION
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023
20.00 HOURS
ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 27TH APRIL
2023
20.00 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

