



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.*

Hymn No. 6 (St. Deniol)

[Verses 1-2]

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

*in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as
light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might;
thy justice, like mountains high
soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of
goodness and love.*

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 - Romans 8: 18-25

The first reading is from the letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 8, beginning at verse 18.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Here ends the First Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Psalm - Hymn No. 708 (Laudate Dominum) *[Verses 1-2]*

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in
the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye
were made,
and worship before him, in brightness
arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon
earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new
birth;
praise him who hath brought you his
grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to
sing of his love.

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - Matthew 6: 25-34

*The second reading is from the gospel according to
St Matthew, chapter 6, beginning at verse 34.*

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry
about your life, what you will eat or
what you will drink, or about your
body, what you will wear. Is not life
more than food, and the body more
than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of
the air; they neither sow nor reap nor
gather into barns, and yet your
heavenly Father feeds them. Are you
not of more value than they? ²⁷And
can any of you by worrying add a
single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And
why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how

they grow; they neither toil nor
spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in
all his glory was not clothed like one
of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the
grass of the field, which is alive today
and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
will he not much more clothe you—you
of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not
worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or
"What will we drink?" or "What will we
wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who
strive for all these things; and indeed
your heavenly Father knows that you
need all these things. ³³But strive
first for the kingdom of God and
his righteousness, and all these things
will be given to you as well.

34 'So do not worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will bring worries of its
own. Today's trouble is enough for
today.

Here ends the Second Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Canticle - Hymn No. 708 (Laudate Dominum) *[Verses 3-4]*

O praise ye the Lord, all things that
give sound;
each jubilant chord, re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in
deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he
hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving
and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven
restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the
Lord.

[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 2nd Sunday
before Lent**

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the
earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all
your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things, 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.*



The Prayers

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

Hymn No. 6 (St. Deniol)

[Verses 3-4]

To all, life thou givest, to both great
and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of
all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on
the tree,
and wither and perish; but nought
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of
light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;

all laud we would render: O help us to
see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.

The Sermon

Hymn No. 117 Thanks and Praise

*Our God is a great big God,
our God is great big God,
our God is a great big God and he
holds us in his hands.
Our God is a great big God,
our God is great big God,
our God is a great big God and he
holds us in his hands.*

He's high than a skyscraper
and he's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
And he's known me and he's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan.

*Our God is a great big God,
our God is great big God,
our God is a great big God and he
holds us in his hands.*

The Blessing

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

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

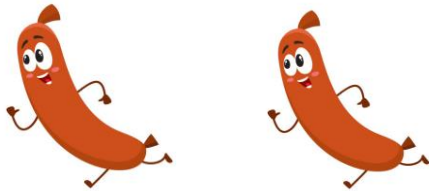
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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

TONIGHT!

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church



Wednesday 15th February 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 19th February 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 22nd February 2023 – Ash

Wednesday

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.00 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2023

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM



Sunday Clubs

Re-opening!

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

Sunday 12th February 2023

Sunday 5th March 2023

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023

Prize-giving – Sunday 28th May 2023

at the Blessing of the Animals in St Philip and St James' Church at 10.30.

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...

St Thomas' Sunday Club: Katy Ryan, Claire Flanagan, Catherine Thanaseelan and Adam McMurray;

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club: Joanne Sherry, Stefanie O'Brien-Feeney and Gillian Morrow.

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

**Sunday
Club**

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

Colouring Section

