



[Please stand if you are able]

The Gathering of God's People -
Welcome and Greeting

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Responses

The light is shining,
the door is open,
the meal is ready;
we are welcome here.

The invitation is for us and our
children;
this is the place where we belong.



Hymn No. 58 (Bunessan)

Morning has broken like the first
morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first
bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the
morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh
from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from
heaven,
like the first dew-fall on the first
grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet
garden,
sprung in completeness where his
feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the
morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every
morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

[Please kneel or sit]

Prayer of Approach

Astounding God,
very early on that first day
you caught chaos unawares:
planting grace in a garden,
setting love loose on creation,
flinging joy into the air.

Jesus, Sun of justice,
very early on that first day
you staggered sin,
throwing its weight off the world;
you confounded death,
leaving it alone in the grave;

you opened the gates of the
kingdom,
so all could follow you into life.

Scarred Spirit,
very early on the first day of the
week,
while we were washing sleep from
our eyes
and trying to make sense of our lives,
you sang glad songs to us,
rolling away fears from our hearts
so we can see the Risen Lord.

God in Community, Holy and One,
very early on the first day of the
week, we lift our prayers to you,
using the words that Jesus taught
us:

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father,
who art in heaven:
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Call to Reconciliation

Very early in the morning,
God created all that is good and
beautiful.
Very early in the morning,
a mother placed her newborn in a
manger.
Very early in the morning,
the good news that Jesus was risen
and alive in their midst
was shared with frightened friends.

Let us confess the fears we bring
this morning...

[Silence]

Prayer of Confession

*Emptier of tombs,
on this morning of hallelujahs,
we must confess how human we
are.
We haven't done any great evil,
but we have failed to do good when
we had the chance.
We easily accept the witness of
the angel in the tomb,
but find it difficult to share this
good news with our friends and
neighbours.*

*Dazzling God,
bring us to life.
Where we are tired and stressed,
give us the energy to serve your
creation;
transform our hardened hearts into
fountains of grace;*

*forgive us for all the damage we have done -
and fill us with the joy of the Spirit.*

Assurance of Pardon

God, our Creator, give us new life;
Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a table for us;

The Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service.

This is good news:

The tomb is empty, sin is powerless,
death is defeated for ever.

*On this day, and every day,
we walk as God's people -
forgiven and made whole.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.



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.*

The Word of God

[Please sit]

The First Reading - Acts 2: 42-47

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, beginning at verse 42.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

[Please stand if you are able]

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.

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - John 10: 1-10

The second reading is from the gospel according to John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 1.

10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who

enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

[Please stand if you are able]

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

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I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod
and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

[Please sit]

The Sermon

[Please stand if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

***Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;***

***he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third
day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his
followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.***

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers of the People

Open our eyes:
we long to see you.

*We recognise that many people give online
and via Standing Order, and do not put any
collection in the basket. If you wish to donate
to the church online or electronically, the
treasurers would be happy to give you the
required details.*

[Please stand if you are able]

Hymn No. 32 (O Lord my God)

O Lord my God! When I in awesome
wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath
made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty
thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe
displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou
art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou
art!*

When through the woods and forest
glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in
the trees;
when I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the
gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son
not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it
in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout
of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill
my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how
great thou art!

The Blessing for Easter-tide

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 of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

The Closing Responses and Dismissal

Coming and going,
resting and travelling,
through good and through evil;
God watches over us.

All the days of our lives;
God safeguards us with love.

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
Alleluia!



*May the glory of the
Resurrection
fill you with joy and hope this
Easter-time.*

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.



Flower Fund

Both churches have a flower fund which is used to pay for the flowers throughout the year. Donations to the respective flower funds would be very much appreciated.

Sometimes, people may donate the flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 29th April 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 3rd May 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 6th May 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 10th May 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 13th May 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 17th May 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

Wednesday 20th May 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 24th May 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service – Blessing of the Animals in St Philip and St James' Church.



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 afterwards

in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday 27th May 2026

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 31st May 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

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

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 7th June 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 10th June 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 14th June 2026 – NB Change of Times and Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service to celebrate 200 years of Booterstown National School in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 17th June 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 21st June 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 24th June 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 28th June 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

No Midweek Services in July and August unless announced

St Thomas' Spring Fling

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in the lead-up to the Spring Fling and yesterday and to all who supported it, and particularly to Joan who co-ordinated everyone and everything!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays 3.30pm—4.10pm
in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre
Contact Irene on 087-2755423

irene.reid1052@gmail.com



Healer Prayer Group

**Tuesday 28th April 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, for the last time before the summer break on **17th May 2026** at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall.

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet, for the final time before the summer break on **10th May 2026** at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on, during the service.



Lenten Challenge 2026

Done and Dusted!

Gillian walked/cross-training/rowed 5km every day of Lent, and was joined on all seven Saturdays of Lent by

parishioners for a 5km walk and coffee and chat!

46 days, Wednesday 18th February – Saturday 4th April 2026 inclusive!

This year, the Challenge was to encourage physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and any donations are being given to Pieta and Aware.



We provide professional counselling, support and education to those experiencing suicidal thoughts, self-harming behaviour and to those impacted by suicide and self-harm. <https://www.pieta.ie>

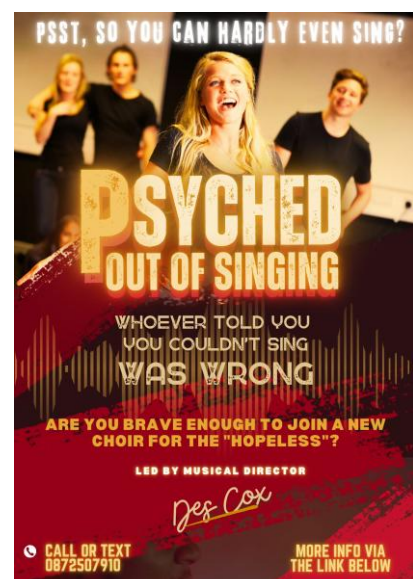


You can make a donation by online banking to
Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account

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or by cash/cheque in an envelope marked Lenten Challenge on the collection plate.



A choir, especially for those who were told that they couldn't sing!

Directed by Des Cox who sometimes deputises for our organist Charles Pearson when Charles is away.

Wednesdays, 7.30pm-9pm
St Philip and St James' Church

All welcome!

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2026

19.30 HOURS

**THE CANON OSBORNE BARR
ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST
JAMES' PARISH CENTRE**

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026

19.30 HOURS

**THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE
MONK GIBBON HALL**

MOUNT MERRION EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

*The following were appointed or elected on
Monday 13th April 2026.*

Rector's Churchwarden: Monickam
Thanaseelan

People's Churchwarden: Patricia Bedlow
People's Glebewarden: Denis Beare

Select Vestry: Judith Donlon, Kieron Knight, Rachel McConnell, Adam McMurray (*Hon. Secretary*), Linda Molloy, Ian Mullen (*Hon. Treasurer*), Wil Robertson, Joan Sherlock-Robertson, Matthew Sherlock-Robertson, Malliga Thanaseelan

The Parochial Nominators and Diocesans Synod Members serve for a three-year period.

Parochial Nominators: Ian Mullen and Sheila Chamberlain

Supplementalists: Wil Robrtson and Judith Donlon

Diocesan Synods Member: Sheila Chamberlain

Supplementalist: Patricia Bedlow

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT EASTER GENERAL VESTRY APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

*The following were appointed or elected on
Thursday 16th April 2026.*

Rector's Churchwarden: Alison Finch
People's Churchwarden: Isabella Wiessner
Rector's Glebewarden: Gordon Richards
People's Glebewarden: Mike Hayes

Select Vestry: Viola Brady, June Burgess, Adrienne Cole, Marcus Daly, Alexa Mitchell, Tom Morgan, Brigid Noble, David Reid (*Hon. Secretary*), Síle Reeves, Denise Richards, Quentin Teggin (*Hon. Treasurer*), Eric Wiessner.

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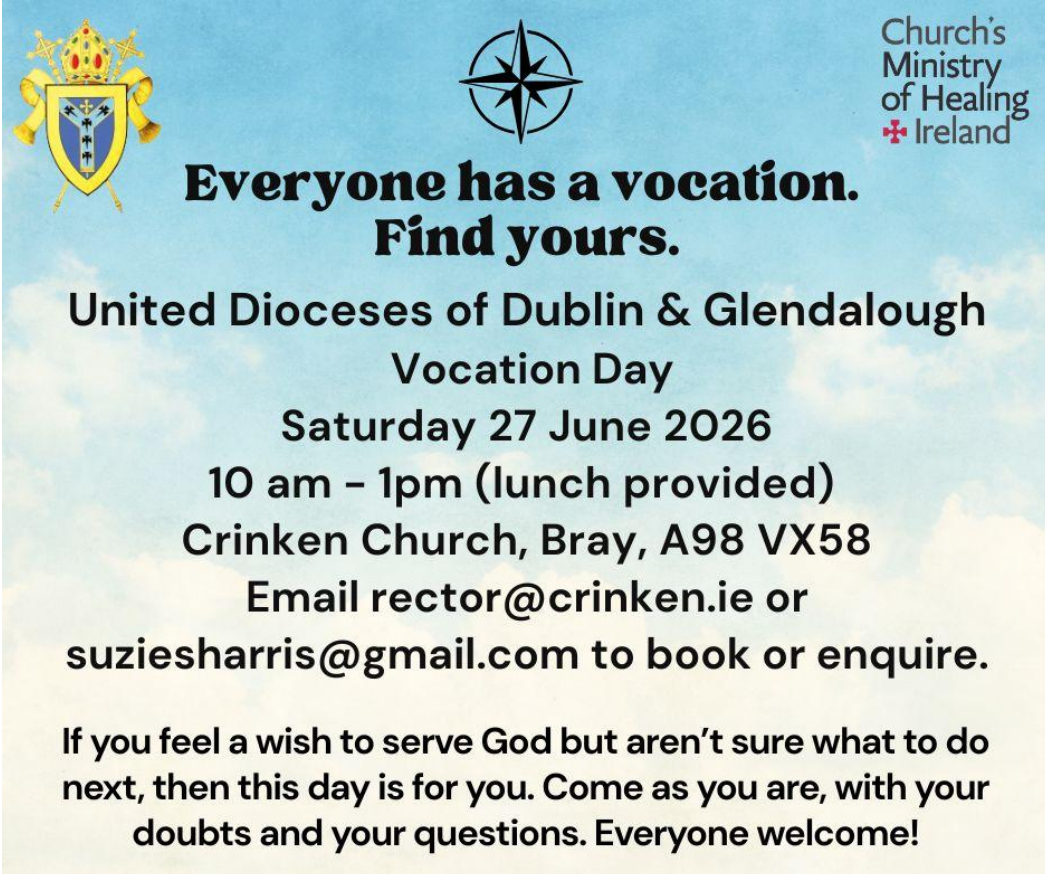
*The Parochial Nominators and Diocesans
Synod Members serve for a three-year period.*

Parochial Nominators: Stuart Trotter and
Stefanie O'Brien-Feeney

Supplementalists: Marcus Daly and Brigid

Diocesan Synods Members: Stephanie
Morris and Isabella Wiessner

Supplementalists: Marcus Daly and Tom
Morgan



**Everyone has a vocation.
Find yours.**

United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough
Vocation Day
Saturday 27 June 2026
10 am – 1pm (lunch provided)
Crinken Church, Bray, A98 VX58
Email rector@crinken.ie or
suziesharris@gmail.com to book or enquire.

**If you feel a wish to serve God but aren't sure what to do
next, then this day is for you. Come as you are, with your
doubts and your questions. Everyone welcome!**

Colouring Section

