

*There are pieces of paper available for you to write the name(s) of those for whom you are praying today, and to write the names of those whom you are remembering today. The pieces of paper will be collected later in the service and placed on the Communion Table as we bring those people to God.*



### Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

### Hymn No. 618 (Slane 2)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord, of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*[Please sit]*

### The Introduction

#### Opening Responses

***We come in this service to God,  
in our need, and bringing with us,  
the needs of the world.***

***We come to God, who has come to us  
in Jesus,  
and who walks with us the road of  
our world's suffering.***

***We come with our faith, and with our doubts;  
we come with our hopes and with  
our fears.***

We come with our requests, and with  
our thanksgivings,  
*we come with our memories, and  
with our hearts' deepest desires.*

We come as we are, because it is God  
who invites us to come,  
*and God has promised never to turn  
us away.*

*[Please kneel or sit]*

### The Penitence

O God,  
when we are battered and bruised...  
and weighed down by the guilt and the  
things that burden us and play on our  
minds,  
you can come close and repair us.

*[Silence]*

God,  
grant us your forgiveness  
*for our careless thoughts,  
for our thoughtless deeds,  
for our empty speech  
and the words with which we  
wounded;  
for our false desires,  
for our hateful actions,  
for our wastefulness  
and for all we left untended.*

*[Silence]*

Loving Christ,  
risen in the early morning,  
*bring new life*

*where we are worn and tired;  
new love  
where we have turned hard-  
hearted;  
forgiveness where we feel hurt and  
where we have wounded;  
and the joy and freedom of your  
Holy Spirit  
where we are the prisoners of  
ourselves.*

To all and to each  
where regret is real,  
where burden weighs heavy,  
God pronounces his pardon  
and grants us the right to begin again.  
**Amen.**

### The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of  
your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who  
suffered on the cross,  
we may triumph in the power of his  
victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*[Please sit]*

### **The First Reading - Lamentations 3: 19-24**

*The First Reading is from the book of Lamentations, chapter 3, beginning at verse 19.*

<sup>19</sup> The thought of my affliction and my homelessness

is wormwood and gall!

<sup>20</sup> My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

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

### **When I'm Confused**

*by Wendy Craig*

When I'm confused Lord,  
show me the way,  
show me, show me the way;  
baffled and bruised, Lord,  
show me the way,  
show me, show me the way.

Still my heart and clear my mind,

prepare my soul to hear  
your still, small voice, your word of truth:

peace be still! Your Lord is near;  
always so close  
to show you the way,  
show you, show you the way.

When I'm afraid, Lord,  
show me the way,  
show me, show me the way;  
weak and dismayed, Lord,  
show me the way,  
show me, show me the way.

Lift my spirit with your love,  
bring courage, calm and peace:  
you who bore all for my sake  
so I could walk from fear released  
with you beside me  
showing the way,  
showing, showing the way.

### **The Second Reading - Matthew 20: 17-28**

*The Second Reading is from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 20, beginning at verse 17.*

<sup>17</sup> While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, <sup>18</sup>'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; <sup>19</sup>then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to

be mocked and flogged and crucified;  
and on the third day he will be raised.'

20 Then the mother of the sons of  
Zebedee came to him with her sons,  
and kneeling before him, she asked a  
favour of him. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her,  
'What do you want?' She said to him,  
'Declare that these two sons of mine  
will sit, one at your right hand and one  
at your left, in your kingdom.' <sup>22</sup>But  
Jesus answered, 'You do not know  
what you are asking. Are you able to  
drink the cup that I am about to  
drink?'\* They said to him, 'We are  
able.' <sup>23</sup>He said to them, 'You will  
indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my  
right hand and at my left, this is not  
mine to grant, but it is for those for  
whom it has been prepared by my  
Father.'

24 When the ten heard it, they were  
angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But  
Jesus called them to him and said,  
'You know that the rulers of the  
Gentiles lord it over them, and their  
great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup>It  
will not be so among you; but whoever  
wishes to be great among you must be  
your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wishes to  
be first among you must be your  
slave; <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man came  
not to be served but to serve, and to  
give his life a ransom for many.'

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

## The Sermon

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

***We believe that God is love,  
and those who live in love,  
live in God, and God lives in them.  
God's love... a love that lifts the  
heart,  
and anchors the soul.***

***We believe that Jesus is love,  
and that he came to show us a  
challenging love...  
a love that breaches borders and  
battlelines;  
a love that cracks convention,  
and sows seeds of hope.***

***We believe that the Holy Spirit is  
love, a tender love...  
a love that stands with tear-soaked  
eyes and grief-gripped souls,  
and holds aloft for us a fragile  
flame of reassurance and  
understanding,  
of solidarity and strength.***

***We believe in God, Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit, three, bound together  
by love,  
whose presence in our lives,  
can bring hope and healing;  
who gives us the strength to face  
fear full- on.***

***We believe in God's love; a generous  
love that lifts the heart,  
and anchors the soul.***



*During the singing of this hymn, the baskets  
with the pieces of paper are collected and  
placed on the Communion Table as we bring  
those people to God.*

### **Hymn No. 517 (Servant Song)**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

*[Please sit or kneel]*

### **The Prayers**

Let us pray:

Lord, in your mercy.  
***Hear our prayer.***

*Concluding with:*

In silence, we pray as God puts his ear  
close to our hearts and hears our  
prayers:

*Silence, during which each person can bring  
their own particular prayers to God.*

Lord, in your mercy.  
***Hear our prayer.***

### **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, the power  
and the glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.*



*[During this hymn, the collection in aid of the Irish  
Cancer Society will be received.]*

### 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 Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your  
face;  
and the rains fall soft upon your  
fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his  
hand.

May he go before you to protect you,  
and stand behind you to give you  
strength; and the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit be with you, this day and for  
evermore. **Amen.**

*You are invited to reflect upon these words as the  
music plays.*

### A Gaelic Blessing

*[Music by John Rutter]*

Deep peace of the running wave to  
you.



Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
 Moon and stars pour healing light on you.  
 Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

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*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.*

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### **Cancer is so Limited**

*By Robert L. Lynn*

They've sentenced you with invisible cells  
 that embed themselves deep in body  
 recesses and multiply:  
 lymphatic assault on vital functions.

Can cancer conquer you?

I doubt it, for the strengths I see in you  
 have nothing to do with cells and blood and  
 muscle.

For cancer is so limited---

It cannot cripple love.  
 It cannot shatter hope.  
 It cannot corrode faith.  
 It cannot eat away peace.  
 It cannot destroy confidence.  
 It cannot kill friendship.  
 It cannot shut out memories.  
 It cannot silence courage.  
 It cannot invade the soul.  
 It cannot reduce eternal life.  
 It cannot quench the spirit.  
 It cannot cancel Resurrection.

Can cancer conquer you?

I doubt it, for the strengths I see in you  
 have nothing to do with cells and blood and  
 muscle.

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### **Life is a Journey**

*by Rabbi Alvin I. Fine*

Birth is a beginning  
 and death a destination,  
 and life is a journey:  
 from childhood to maturity  
 and youth to age;  
 from innocence to awareness  
 and ignorance to knowing;  
 from foolishness to desecration

### **Tea/Coffee and Bring-and-Buy**

**You are warmly invited to join us  
 for tea/coffee in the Parish  
 Centre after the service.**

**There will be a basket for  
 donations to the Irish Cancer  
 Society and there will be a  
 Bring-and-Buy Stall with a  
 variety of items for sale, and a  
 stall with merchandise from the  
 Irish Cancer Society.  
 All proceeds will go the Irish  
 Cancer Society.**

and then perhaps to wisdom.  
 From weakness to strength or  
 from strength to weakness  
 and often back again;  
 from health to sickness  
 and we pray to health again.  
 From offence to forgiveness  
 from loneliness to love  
 from joy to gratitude  
 from pain to compassion  
 from grief to understanding  
 from fear to faith.  
 From defeat to defeat to defeat  
 until looking backwards or ahead,  
 we see that victory lies not  
 at some high point along the way  
 but in having made the journey  
 step by step;  
 a sacred pilgrimage.  
 Birth is a beginning  
 and death a destination  
 and life is a journey;  
 a sacred journey to life everlasting.

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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 28<sup>th</sup>  
 March 2023, in the Canon Osborne Barr  
 Room of St Philip and St James' Parish  
 Centre.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423  
[irene.reid1052@gmail.com](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 20.00 in St Thomas' Church*

*Tuesday – 20.00 in St Philip and St James' Church*

*Wednesday - 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

*20.00 in St Thomas' Church*

*Maundy Thursday – 20.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church*

*Good Friday – 14.00 Prayer at the Cross in St Thomas' Church*

*19.30 - Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross in The Church of the Assumption*

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Easter Day

6.30 Sunrise on Sandymount Strand **TBC**

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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

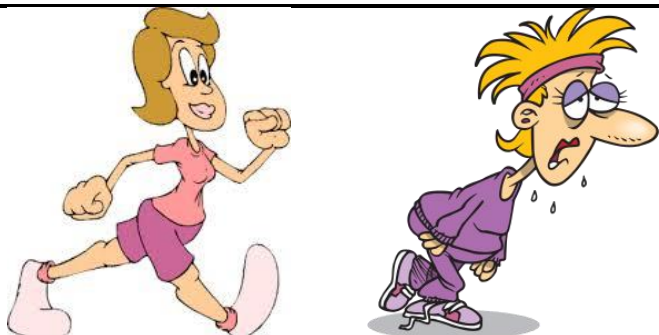
**10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 walking at least 6km every day of Lent 2023 – 32 days done so far!**

***Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**

**IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541**

**BIC: IPBSIE2D**

***Join Gillian for a 6km walk (or part of) on all or any of the following Saturdays at 2pm:***

***1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – meet at St Thomas' Church***

***8<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Starting point to be confirmed!***



Our Sunday Clubs meet once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The remaining dates are:

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*




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## 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](mailto:mikelee2653@gmail.com)*

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2021 – 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown  
 2024 – 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church

2026 – 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National School

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## **BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING  
THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH  
2023**

**19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

**MOUNT MERRION  
SELECT VESTRY MEETING  
TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023  
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

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## **EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES**

*Both Easter General Vestries will be held in person.*

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

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## **BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY  
THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
2023  
20.00 HOURS  
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
CHURCH**



## **Gardening Blitz**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

14.00-16.00 hours

St Thomas' Church Grounds

Bring gardening tools and gloves



## **MOUNT MERRION ECUMENICAL SOCIETY GOLF OUTING**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023. All members of our two parishes are welcome to play. The timesheet is currently available in John O'Reilly's Butchers (01-2889949) on Deerpark Road.

If you are not able to play golf that day, but would like to go to the dinner in the evening in Elm Park Golf Club, you are more than welcome to do that too. Again, please contact John O'Reilly.

## ***Sponsor a Chair for St Philip and St James' Church***

In removing the pews from the east end of the nave and from some of both transepts, our desire was not to remove seating but to have seating that was more flexible, which could be arranged in a variety of ways and which would also facilitate those who are wheelchair users to be able to sit with the family and friends in the midst of the congregation rather than sitting in the aisle. The Select Vestry has been in discussions with Irish Contract Seating who are based in Dromod in County Leitrim—they are the same company that made the new Communion Table or Altar and the 'wedding chairs' in St Thomas' Church. Out of three samples, the Select Vestry has chosen the one called the Christ Church Chair and it is photographed here. The plan (and indeed, the advice from Irish Contract Seating) is to have the wood of the chair the same colour as the pews and the upholstery the same colour as the pew runners. The logo that will be carved on the back-rest is our parish logo without the lettering. There will be a provision for a small brass plaque on the top of the back-rest, to facilitate an engraving if someone would like to donate a chair in memory of someone or as a gift to the church. The cost of a chair is **€275** (including the brass plaque and engraving). If you would like more information about donating or sponsoring a chair, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Quentin Teggan at [qteggan@gmail.com](mailto:qteggan@gmail.com) or the Rector. Irish Contract Seating are lending us forty chairs until we take delivery of the bespoke chairs in the middle of 2023.