



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 and Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Responses

O God, who called all life into being,
the earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us;
every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.

**With you we yearn for justice to be done,
for creation to be free from threat,
for the hungry to be fed,
for captives to be released,
for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.**

Hymn No. 78 Thanks and Praise (Ebenezer (Ton-y-botel))

Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;

'turn these barren rocks to bread!
'Not alone by bread', he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'

Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!'

Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects,
preserves us,
We must never vainly test.'

Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain;

'Fall before me! Be my servant!
 Glory, fame you're sure to gain!
 Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
 turns his eyes another way:
 'God alone deserves our homage!
 God alone will I obey!'

When we face temptation's power,
 lonely, struggling, filling with dread,
 Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
 come and be our living bread.
 By your grace, protect, preserve us
 lest we fall, your trust betray.
 Yours, above all other voices,
 be the Word, we hear, obey.

The Penitence

O God, gladly we live and move and
 have our being in you.
 Yet always in the midst of creation's
 glory,
 we see sin's shadow and feel death's
 darkness.

It is around us in the earth, sea and
 sky, in the abuse of matter.
 It is beside us in the broken, the
 hungry and the poor,
 in the betrayal of one another;
 and often, deep within us,
 in a striving against your Spirit.

*O Trinity of Love,
 forgive us that we may forgive one
 another,
 heal us that we may become people
 of healing,
 and renew us that we may be
 makers of peace. Amen.*

The Collect of the 1st Sunday in Lent

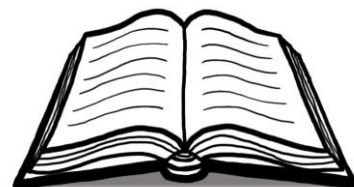
Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
 days in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are, yet
 without sin:

Give us grace to discipline ourselves
 in obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness,
 so may we know your power to save;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following collect may be said daily in 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.***



[Please sit]

The Old Testament Reading -
Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,* knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they

were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm 91 - Hymn No. 173 Thanks
and Praise (On Eagles' Wings)

[Verse 1 and Chorus]

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
 who abide in his shadow for life,
 say to the Lord, "My refuge,
 my rock in whom I trust."

*And he will raise you up on eagles'
 wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

[Please sit]

The New Testament Reading -
Matthew 4: 1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written,
 "One does not live by bread alone,

*We believe in the creator
who gave birth to the universe,
who set solar systems dancing in
space,
who shaped molecules and
mountains,
and who conceived beauty beyond
our imagining.*

*God's power topples tyrants,
and brings down walls of
separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness
of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of
us.*

*We believe in Jesus,
who was born in obscurity in an
occupied land;
a human being,
vulnerable to hunger, thirst,
persecution and grief.
He understood the power of love
and confronted the powers of evil,
he spoke the truth with courage
and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed
lives.
In his living, dying and rising again
he showed love strong enough to
save the world.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit
who sustains, comforts and
empowers us,
who opens the scriptures, opens
our minds,
and illuminates earth's darkness.
Amen.*

Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by Lloyd Webber)

Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free,
Setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing...

Faith is flowing...

Hope is flowing...

[Please sit or kneel]

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 595 (Creator God)

Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath his hand and power,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the
night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,

by darkness and by day.

His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and meet his love with mine.

The Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all
joy and peace in believing,
that we may abound in hope,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, bless us and keep us, this day
and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Closing Responses

***May the God of Peace inspire us,
may the God of Justice empower
us,
and may the God of Hope
encourage us, so that we go in the
power of the Spirit.***

Go, in the power of the Spirit.

*Go, and do not try to separate
politics and prayer.*

*Go, not to escape, but to engage with
God's world.*

*Go, to live hopefully, as people of the
resurrection.*

Amen.

***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.

Thank You!

Thank you to those who supported the Parish Coffee Morning in St Philip and St James' Church yesterday in aid of the earthquake victims, and in particular, thank you to those who put in a huge amount of work to make it happen. It was a fab morning where people could get together, chat, enjoy a tea, coffee, hot chocolate and scones, chocolate brownies and other goodies, and buy books, jams, marmalade, baked goods, etc. Just under €2,500 was raised which is fantastic! Thank you!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

There will be no Christian Meditation

on Tuesday 28th February and

Tuesday 7th March March 2023. 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

irene.reid1052@gmail.com

All meditators are invited to Church of

the Ascension in Balally Parish on

Saturday 4th March 2023 from 11.00 to

12.45

The speaker will be Caroline Stratton...

" Journey through the eye of the

needle, the Contemplative Path".

There will be tea and coffee on arrival

and there will be a discussion

afterwards.

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FORTHCOMING **SERVICES**

Wednesday 1st March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 5th 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 8th March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 12th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

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



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

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



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.



Sunday Clubs

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 dates are:

Sunday 5th March 2023

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

Healer Prayer Group

Monday 6th March 2023
via Zoom

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MEETING

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN

AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 23RD MARCH
2023

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM
