



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!



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[Please stand, if you are able]

The Greeting

As the wheel of the year turns, and the clocks 'fall back' one hour, we move towards winter with the nights get longer and the days shorter.

The endless summer evenings are far behind us now, and darkness has come in their place.

Winds howl, temperatures drop and leaves fall.

But even with all that change, you are the same Lord,

and your warm and open welcome is unaffected by seasons or

temperature, so Lord, we come

with open ears to hear your word,

with open mouths to sing your praise,

with open minds to learn of you.

Almighty God,

your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence.

Give us open hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn No. 81 (Lord of the years)

[Verses 1-3]

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
 teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
 Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
 spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
 for young and old, for this and every nation,
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

[Please sit or kneel]

The Penitence

Father, you are the source of all time; yet it neither contains nor constrains you.

We who are time-bound confess that often we do not take the time, or make the time to enter into your stillness and gaze on you.

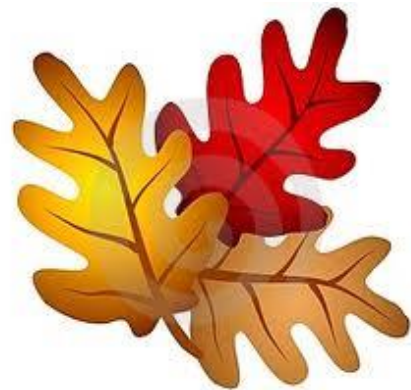
[Silence]

Forgive us for all those times when the restless pursuit of the next thing has distracted and deflected us from spending time with you.

[Silence]

Help us to escape the bondage of busyness and find those moments of intersection with eternity, when your time and our time come together and we can grow in our awareness of you and of your purposes.

We ask this in the name of Christ - the one who came into the world to make visible the Time of God.
Amen.



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Acclamations

Creator God, we praise you for bright
crisp mornings,
for leaves crackling underfoot
and wisps of cloud in a pale sky.

*We praise you for the night-time
rain,
for the wind buffeting the city
and streetlamps reflected in wet
pavements.*

We praise you for the season's
labours,
for the smell of new-turned earth
and smoking bonfires.

*We praise you for the season's
gifts,
for fruitfulness beyond measure
and time to reflect and remember.
Creator God, we praise you.*

The Collect of the 4th Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in
the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power
of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example
and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

[Please sit]

The Old Testament Reading - Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

*The Old Testament Reading is from the book of
Habakkuk, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.*

1 The oracle that the prophet
Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry
for help,

and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'

and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see
wrongdoing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are
before me;

strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth
perverted.

2 I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will
say to me,

and what he will answer concerning
my complaint.

² Then the Lord answered me
and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the
appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not
lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by
their faith.

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



Hymn No. 81 (Lord of the years)

[Verses 4-5]

Lord, for our world, when we disown
and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless
in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that
Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power
remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the
throne;
past put behind us, for the future
take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.

[Please sit]

**The New Testament Reading - Luke
19: 1-10**

The New Testament Reading is from the gospel according to Luke, chapter 19, beginning at verse 1.

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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

Hymn No. 154 Thanks and Praise
(My Desire)

To be in your presence,
 to sit at your feet,
 where you love surrounds me,
 and makes me complete.

*This is my desire, O Lord,
 this is my desire.*

*This is my desire, O Lord,
 this is my desire.*

To rest in your presence,
 not rushing away,
 to cherish each moment,
 here I would stay.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

***We believe in God the Father
 who loves each of us,
 and wants the best for us.***

***We believe in God the Son,
 who, in loving us,
 showed us how to live our lives
 and how to love others.***

***We believe in God the Spirit,
 who is God in us,
 loving us and helping us to love.***

***We believe in God, Father, Son and
 Holy Spirit, bound together by
 love.***

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[Please sit or kneel]

The Prayers

God, hear our prayer;
and give us strength and courage.

We gather all our prayers together
 as we say 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.*

Hymn No. 581 (Here I am, Lord)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Through the turning of the seasons,
ble~~s~~s us with wildness and wonder.

Through our nights and days,
**ble~~s~~s us with adventure and
courage.**

Through the journeys of our lives,
ble~~s~~s us with healing and hope.

And through your blessings may we
know your joy within us:

Star-maker,
Light of the world,
Fire of holiness,
Love without end. 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.



Everyone is warmly invited to tea, coffee and juice in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre, after this service.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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Wednesday 2nd November 2022

10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



At our services on Sunday, 6th November 2022, we will be remembering those who have died and whose loved ones have asked us to remember. If you would like someone to be remembered at the services today, please email or text the Rector with their name.

Sunday 6th November 2022 – Remembering our Loved Ones

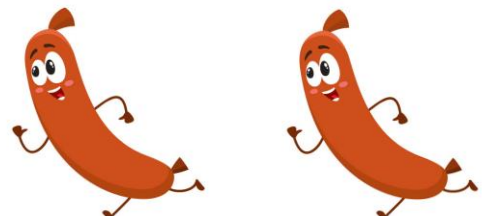
8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
 10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
 11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 9th November 2022

10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 13th November 2022 –

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 The Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.



Wednesday 16th November 2022

10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 20th November 2022

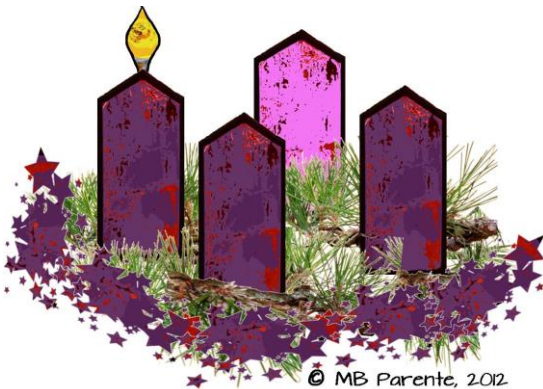
8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 27th November 2022 –Advent Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by tea/coffee in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 30th November 2022

10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday Clubs

We are working towards re-opening the Sunday Clubs this autumn. We are looking for people to join the team of leaders so that the responsibility can be shared and is, therefore, not too onerous on any individual. We are particularly looking for male leaders in order to have a gender balance amongst the leaders. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far and who will be undergoing Garda vetting, Safeguarding Trust training. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.

Healer Prayer Group

Monday 14th November 2022
19.00 hours *via Zoom*

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2022
19.30 HOURS
*IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH*

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
2022

20.00 HOURS *VIA ZOOM*

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

