



*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### Greeting

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

### Hymn No. 25 (All things bright)

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings:

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them everyone:

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well.

### The Introduction to Baptism

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven  
we must be born again of water and  
the Spirit,  
and he has given us baptism as the  
sign and seal of this new birth.  
Here we are washed by the Holy  
Spirit and made clean.  
Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen  
life.  
As children of God, we have a new  
dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

### The Penitence

O God,  
we thank you for the gift of these  
precious children Lily and Freddie;  
pure and innocent.  
We now think of the things that we  
have done, said or thought or not done  
that have tarnished our purity and  
shattered our innocence.

*[Silence as we bring to mind those things for  
which we desire God's forgiveness.]*

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created the world, and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Listen then to Jesus, feel his touch, know his love, for through him God says to us: 'Your sins are forgiven, you are loved, you are free.' **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we

desire, or deserve:

Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,

and giving us those good things

which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and

mediation

of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **The First Reading - Mark 10: 13-16**

*The first reading is from the gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 13.*

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



### **Hymn No. 665 (Ag Críost an síol)**

Ag Críost an síol;  
ag Críost an fómhar.  
In iothlainn Dé  
go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir;  
ag Críost an t-iasc.  
I líonta Dé  
go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás to haois,  
is ó aois go bás,  
do dhá láimh, a Chríost,  
anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch,  
ní críoch ach athfhás,  
i bParthas na nGrást  
go rabhaimid.

The seed is Christ's,  
and his the sheaf;  
within God's barn  
may we be stored.

The sea is Christ's;  
and his the fish;  
in the nets of God  
may we be caught.

From birth to youth,  
and from youth till death,  
your two hands, O Christ,  
stretch over us.

From death – the end?  
No end, but new life;  
in sweet Paradise  
may we be found.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### **The Second Reading - The Gospel - John 6: 51-58**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to  
St John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 51.*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who

eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## **The Sermon**

### **The Presentation**

We welcome these children who come to be baptized. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

*Parents and godparents:*

***We present Lily Prendergast Sykes and Frederick Prendergast Sykes to be baptized.***

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Lily Prendergast and Frederick Prendergast for baptism and answer on their behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage them in the life and faith of the Christian Community?  
***With the help of God, we will.***

In baptism these children begin their journey of faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

***With the help of God, we will.***

### **The Decision**

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

***I do.***

Do you then renounce the devil and all his works?

***I do, by God's help.***

Will you obey and serve Christ?

***I will, by God's help.***

*The priest says to the whole congregation:*  
 You have heard these our brothers  
 and sisters respond to Christ.  
 Will you support them in this calling?

*The congregation answers:*  
**We will support them.**

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### **Hymn No. 558 (Abba Father)**

Abba Father, let me be  
 yours, and yours alone.  
 May my will for ever be  
 evermore your own.

Never let my heart grow cold,  
 never let me go.

Abba Father, let me be  
 yours, and yours alone.

### **The Baptism**

*The priest, Lily and Freddie, their family and  
 godparents gather at the font and the priest  
 begins the thanksgiving prayer.*



Praise God who made heaven and  
 earth.

**Who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
 God.

**It is right to give our thanks and  
 praise.**

*[Shortened version of the Blessing of the  
 Water]*

We thank you, almighty God, for the  
 gift of water to sustain, refresh and  
 cleanse all life, and we thank you for  
 the water of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that, by the  
 power of your Holy Spirit, they may  
 be cleansed from sin and born again.  
 Renewed in your image, may they walk  
 by the light of faith and continue for  
 ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ  
 our Lord; to whom with you and the  
 Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,  
 now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest asks the parents and godparents:*  
 Do you believe and accept the  
 Christian faith into which Freddie and  
 Lily are to be baptized?  
**I do.**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation:*  
 Brothers and sisters, I ask you to  
 profess, together with these  
 candidates the faith of the Church.

*[Using a shortened version of the Apostle's  
 Creed in question-and-answer form.]*

Do you believe and trust in God the  
 Father?

**I believe in God, the Father  
 almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.***

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Amen.***

*The priest baptizes by pouring water over Lily, saying:*

Lily Prendergast, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Lily, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

*The priest baptizes by pouring water over Freddie, saying:*

Frederick Prendergast, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Freddie, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.



Live as disciples of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

***Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.***

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. ***Amen.***

*The priest continues:*

God has called you into his Church.

*The congregation joins the priest, saying:*

***We therefore receive and welcome you as members with us of the body of Christ, as children of the one heavenly Father, and as inheritors of the kingdom of God.***

*Freddie and Lily are presented with gifts from the Parish of Children's Bibles and lit candles. The Bible is to help them to learn more about God and his Son Jesus Christ and to grow in their faith, and the candle symbolises the light of Christ, which has been passed down through the centuries and which is today extended to Lily and Freddie, that they may shine forth the light of Christ throughout their lives.*



## The Peace

We are the body of Christ.  
By one spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life together.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*[Let us offer each other the sign of peace. Please check that the person you are sharing the peace with that they are happy to shake, etc. It may be more appropriate to exchange a smile or a wave!]*



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

## Offertory Hymn - 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 MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and Wine  
Christ, our Passover has been  
sacrificed for us.  
**therefore let us celebrate the  
feast.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3  
The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

***He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.***

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

***Lord Jesus we bless you: you are the bread of life.***

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
***Lord Jesus, we bless you:***

***you are the true vine.***

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
***dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.***

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!***

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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.*



### The Breaking of the Bread

*Jesus' disciples recognised him in the  
breaking of the bread:  
may we recognise him in our midst  
and in each other.*

### The Invitation

### **The Communion**

*It is the custom of the Church of Ireland to  
welcome to receive Holy Communion, all those  
who usually receive Holy Communion in their  
own tradition. If you wish to receive a blessing  
instead, please indicate this to the priest.  
Please feel free and welcome to do whichever is  
appropriate for you.*



### **The Great Silence**

*You are invited to take some time to reflect,  
having received Holy Communion.*

*[Please kneel or sit]*

### The Post Communion Prayer

*God of compassion,  
in this eucharist we know again your  
forgiveness  
and the healing power of your love.  
Grant that we who are made whole  
in Christ  
may bring that forgiveness and  
healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.*

### Prayers for Lily and Freddie and their family

*Father, we thank you that Freddie  
and Lily have now been born again of  
water and the Holy Spirit,  
and have become your own children by  
adoption,  
and members of your Church.  
Grant that they may grow in the faith  
in which they have been baptized;  
grant that they themselves may  
confess it when they come to be  
confirmed;  
grant that they may bear witness to it  
by lives of service to others;  
and that all things belonging to the  
Spirit may live and grow in them;*

through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, bless the home of these children Lily and Freddie. Bless their mum Lia, their dad Mark, and their godparents, Miriam, Michael, Maura and Tim. Give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of them, that by their word and good example they may teach them to know and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

As we come to the blessing, we have a time of quiet:  
we give thanks to God for the gifts that Lily and Freddie are...  
we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of their lives...

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Hymn No. 658 - (Southcote)**

One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go;

from the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old that I travel to the new;*  
*keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough;  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the child in me;  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:

### **The Closing Responses and Dismissal**

God has delivered us from the domination of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Freddie and Lily, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

*Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.*

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

*In the name of Christ. 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.*



## Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to tea/coffee/juice in the South Transept in St Philip and St James' Church after this Service.*

# FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**10.30 NB Time** Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**11.00 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church  
**11.00 NB Time** Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**11.00 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).  
18.00 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**10.30 NB Time** United Family Service to mark the Start of the School Year in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church **NB Venue**  
**10.30 NB Time** United Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed).

**Special Preacher – The Very Rev. Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast.** Stephen was the first rector of the Grouped Parishes of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion 1995-1999.

## 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

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## HERITAGE WEEK

Both churches will be open in Heritage Week. Volunteers to be present in the churches for the following times in Heritage Week would be appreciated. Please contact the Rector if you can help.

### St Philip and St James' Church

Today - Sunday 18 August 2024  
12pm-3pm.

Thursday 22 August 2024  
5pm-8pm

### St Thomas' Church

Friday 23 August 2024  
5pm-7pm

**Volunteers wanted to assist a service user in the Blackrock Barrett Cheshire Home to attend Sunday Services in St Philip and St James' Church.**

*Please contact the Rector if you would like to join a rota of helpers.*



## PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

## POWERSCOURT WATERFALL



**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
2024**

**13.00 – 16.00 HOURS**

Join us for an afternoon of **FUN, TREATS and WALKS!**

Please bring a small picnic or dish to add to the potluck if you are able.

*Parishioners, families, friends (and furry friends on leads) all welcome!*

### Entrance Fee:

Family (2 adults & 3 kids) €19

Adults €7.50 Seniors €6.50

Child €3.50 (Under 2s free)

***\*To be paid at the gate***

*If you are going, please email [booterstownandmountmerrion@gmail.com](mailto:booterstownandmountmerrion@gmail.com) before 5pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

**BOOTERSTOWN AND  
CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024

19.30 HOURS

*IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
CHURCH*

**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'  
CHURCH



**Ad Hoc Choir**

We will be singing John Rutter's  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
at the United Harvest  
Thanksgiving in St Thomas'  
Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
September 2024 at 10.30.

Choir practice is in St Thomas'  
Church at 7pm on:  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebrations  
Meeting**

open to all to discuss ideas and  
events

**St Thomas' Church**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
7.30pm

**Autumn Fair**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024**



**WANTED: 1 Bed Studio/Apartment** with parking from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. I am a professional woman currently employed (permanent/full time) in St Vincent's Hospital as a Healthcare Chaplain. I am a non-smoker and non-drinker. I am very neat and organized. I like watching and playing sports, especially rugby. Being active in my faith community is also important to me. Excellent references available on request.

*Please contact the Rector if you think that you can help.*

*If you know of any suitable accommodation, or know someone you may have suitable accommodation, be it a house-share or an apartment-share or a room in a house or apartment, please contact me asap. The woman and her son would be willing to share a room if necessary.*

*Please contact the Rector if you can help.*

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## **Helpers Wanted with the Tea/Coffee/Juice in St Philip and St James' Church on a Sunday morning.**

*Please chat to June Burgess or the churchwardens, Denise and Viola, after this morning's service.*

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## **Accommodation sought for a woman and her son.**

*A Ukrainian woman and her son, who are well-known to a parishioner are seeking accommodation urgently.*

*The woman is working in Dublin and her son is at school in Wesley College. The parishioner is very happy to provide a reference for them and states that they would be considerate and responsible housemates or tenants.*

*Ideally, they would like their own accommodation, but they are willing to share a house or apartment. They are able to pay for accommodation.*