



*(Please stand if you are able)*

### The Greeting

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

## **Welcome!**

*to our Special Preacher at the 9.30  
and 11.00 Services – the Rev. Canon  
Arthur Barrett who was Rector of  
Boosterstown and Carysfort with  
Mount Merrion, 2000-2004. Arthur is  
currently the Rector of Arklow Group  
of Parishes and is about to move to  
Killane Union in the Diocese of  
Cashel, Ferns and Ossory.*

### Hymn No. 346 (Angel voices)

Angel voices, ever singing  
round thy throne of light;  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest nor day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee,  
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure

for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds, and hands and  
voices,  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
of the best that thou hast given,  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

*(Please stand if you are able)*

### Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are**  
**hidden;**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy**  
**Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy**  
**name; through Jesus Christ our**  
**Lord. Amen.**

### The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

***Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts.***

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*[Silence]*

***Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed,***

***and in what we have left undone.***

***We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

***For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,***

***have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.***

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,

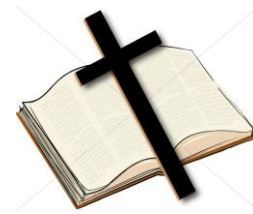
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

### **Gloria - Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)**

*(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo!*

*(3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**



*(Please remain standing if you are able)*

### **The Collect of the Second Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil

and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory,

we may be made like him

in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

**The Epistle - Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25**

*The first reading is from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.*

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet

together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 598**  
**(Take this moment)**

Take this moment, sign and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret;  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.

Take the little child in me,  
scared of growing old;  
help me here to find my worth  
made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be;  
let my life be yours, and yet  
let it still be me.

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**The Holy Gospel - Mark 13: 1-8**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.*

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

<sup>13</sup>As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

## **The Sermon**

*(Please stand if you are able)*

The Nicene Creed *(shortened version)*

***We believe in one God,***

***the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
Amen.***

*(Please kneel or sit)*

## **Intercessions**

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

***Merciful Father,  
accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

*Please feel free to share the sign of peace as you wish, be it a handshake, a smile or a wave!*

*(Please stand if you are able)*



## **The Peace**

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

*John 13: 34*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

*If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.*

**Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 424**  
**(Jesus, stand among us)**

Jesus, stand among us  
 at the meeting of our lives,  
 be our sweet agreement  
 at the meeting of our eyes;

*O Jesus, we love you,  
 so we gather here,  
 join our hearts in unity  
 and take away our fear.*

So to you we're gathering  
 out of each and every land,  
 Christ the love between us,  
 at the joining of our hands;

Jesus, stand among us  
 at the breaking of the bread,  
 join us as one body  
 as we worship you, our head.

**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:

(8.30 Service)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest!*

(9.30 Service)

Hymn No. 200 Thanks and Praise  
(Scarborough Fair)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of endless power and might,  
the earth, the heavens are full of*

*your love.*

*Sing hosanna! Glory to God!*

*Blest is he, the one who is sent  
in the name of God the Most High.  
O holy, holy, holy our Lord!  
Sing hosanna! Glory to God!*

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

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament you give  
substance to our hope.  
Bring us at the last to that pure  
life for which we long,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

### **Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my  
heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that  
thou art;  
thou my best thought in the day and  
the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my  
light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true  
word,

I ever with thee, and thou with me,  
Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true  
heir;  
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword  
for the fight;  
be thou my armour, and be thou my  
might;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my  
high tower,  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of  
my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty  
praise,  
thou mine inheritance through all my  
days;  
thou, and thou only, the first in my  
heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou  
art!

High King of heaven, when the battle  
is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright  
heaven's sun,  
Christ of my own heart, whatever  
befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

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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.*



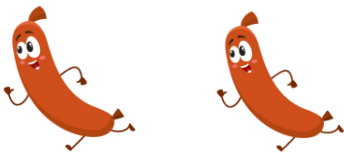
## Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to tea/coffee/juice in the Monk Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 Service in St Thomas' Church, and in the South Transept after the 11.00 Service in St Philip and St James' Church.*

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### TONIGHT!

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



*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024*  
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – NB

#### Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church  
10.30 United Service in St Thomas' Church

*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024*  
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

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

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**10.30 United Special Service to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church**

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

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

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

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

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

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church  
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**NB – No 11.00 service in St Philip and St James' Church... The televised service from both parishes will be on RTÉ at 11.15.**

**19.00 Carols by Candlelight in St Philip and St James' Church**  
*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*



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

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 A Quiet Christmas in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Christingle Service in St Philip and St James' Church

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Eve**

22.00 *The First Holy Communion of Christmas in St Thomas' Church*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Day**

**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**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

**No Midweek Service on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

**Thank you to all who took part in the Gardening Blitz in St Thomas' Church Grounds yesterday and to John Hudson who also cut the hedges earlier in the week.**



**Healer Prayer Group**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

20.00 hours *via Zoom*

**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](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)

**MOUNT MERRION****SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

19.30 HOURS

VIA ZOOM

**BOOTERSTOWN AND****CARYSFORT****SELECT VESTRY**

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2025

19.30 HOURS

*IN THE PARISH ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' PARISH CENTRE*



Any child (who has been toilet-trained) is very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

**St Thomas' Sunday Club** will

meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall on the following Sundays:

**17<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2024.**

**St Philip and St James'**

**Sunday Club** will meet at 11.00 in

St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

on the following Sundays:  
**17<sup>th</sup> November** and **8<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 2024.**

*The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on in the service.*

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## **Broadcast Service**

Our two parishes will be doing the televised service on RTÉ on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

It will be recorded in the RTÉ Studio on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 12.30 hours. It would be good to get more people to be a part of the *Ad Hoc Choir* as we have a number of special events coming up including the televised service.

We will also be singing at the special service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at 10.30 in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church, and at the Carols by Candlelight in St Philip and St James' Church at 19.00 on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.



**Full run-through on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**November 2024 at 19.00 hours**  
**in St Philip and St James'**  
**Church.**

***Ad Hoc Choir Rehearsals***  
***19.00 hours***

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – NB**  
**change of day**

culminating with the Carols by  
 Candlelight on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 December 2024 at 19.00 hours in St  
 Philip and St James' Church.

**We would like some more bass  
 and tenor voices please! Men of  
 the parishes, take note!!!**

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

*Please chat to Patricia Bedlow in St  
 Thomas' Church or June Burgess in St Philip  
 and St James' Church.*

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## **St Thomas' 150<sup>th</sup>** **Anniversary**

*The Special Service in celebration of  
 the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
 consecration of St Thomas' Church is  
 on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at  
 10.30.*

***Special preacher: The Rev. Ruth  
 Elmes***  
***President: The Right Rev. Michael  
 Burrows***

We still have some seats available but  
 we need to know ASAP if anyone else  
 wishes to attend.

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## ***PJ's Christmas Craic-er!***

***Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024***

***10.30-12.30***

***St Philip and St James' Church***

***A Christmas Get-Together for chat and craic! Tea/Coffee/Juice with Scones and Mince Pies, Ice Cream, Raffle, Bring-and-Buy Stall, Pin the Tail on the Reindeer and Christmas Lucky Dip... and... Santa Claus.***

***Carol Singing  
for  
Dublin SIMON***



***Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024***

***5pm—7pm***

***Blackrock Village Shopping Centre,  
(the one with SuperValu)***

***We are asking people to sign up to sing and/or collect for 30 minutes or 1 hour... or however long they can.***

***Please email Gillian to let her when and for how long you can be there!***



## **Help for Santa!**

Life can be very cruel and we could make a difference to some children this Christmas. This is why I am asking you if we could help Santa. I am asking if you could buy one or two small toys - they cannot be big toys as those families living in hotels or hostels, or in cars, do not have the room for anything big - and could you bring them to either of our churches at the times below... if you are not able to attend the service, please aim to arrive at the end of the service to drop off the items:

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to St Thomas' Church – service at 9.30-10.15 or to St Philip and St James' Church - services at 8.30-9.00, 11.00-11.45.**

***We have to deliver the items into the Capuchin Day Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024, so we have to have them before then.***

## **Santa needs long-johns, toiletries, etc too!**

**New** pairs of long-johns (underwear) are hugely appreciated by The Alice Leahy Trust for their service users. As you can imagine, it is bitterly cold, living on the streets, at this time of the year. We would be delighted to pass on new long-johns, new warm socks, new gloves and new hats. Warm jackets and hoodies in good condition would also be great.

***We can give a little love this Christmas, and that is exactly what Christmas is... God coming to earth in human form because he loves us, and to show us through Jesus Christ how to love and to care.***