



***Welcome and thank you to the  
Rev. Canon Aisling Shine who is  
looking after the services in our  
parishes this morning. Thank  
you, Aisling!***

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### **The Gathering of God's People**

The Lord be with you  
***and also with you.***

### **Opening Hymn No. 6 (St. Deniol)**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessèd, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name  
we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as  
light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest  
in might;  
thy justice, like mountains high  
soaring above

thy clouds, which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great  
and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of  
all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on  
the tree,  
and wither and perish; but nought  
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of  
light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling  
their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to  
see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth  
thee.

### **The Preface**

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to  
Almighty God our worship and praise  
and thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins and to receive  
God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs and the  
needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his  
Spirit we may serve him and know the  
greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our  
Father.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and  
against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done and by what  
we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of  
all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life to the glory of your  
name. Amen.**

Merciful Lord,  
grant to your faithful people pardon  
and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our  
sins,  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

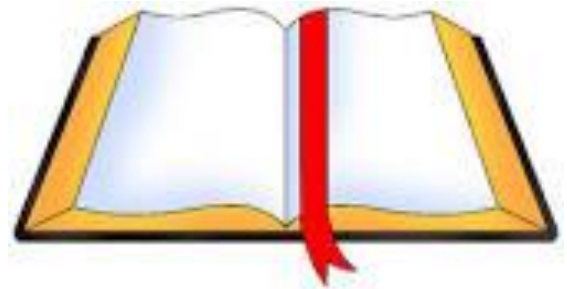
*[Please stand, if you are able]*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**



*[Please sit]*

**The First Reading - Proverbs 22: 1-  
2, 8-9, 22-23**

*The first reading is from the Book of Proverbs,  
chapter 22, beginning at verse 1.*

22A good name is to be chosen rather  
than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver  
or gold.

<sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor have this in  
common:

the Lord is the maker of them all.

<sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice will reap  
calamity,

and the rod of anger will fail.

<sup>9</sup> Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the  
poor.

<sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor because they  
are poor,

or crush the afflicted at the gate;

<sup>23</sup> for the Lord pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who  
despoil them.

Here ends the First Reading.

**Psalm - Hymn No. 494 (Beauty for  
brokenness)**

*[Verses 1-2]*

Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suff'ring world  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
your kingdom increase.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

*[Please sit]*

**The Second Reading - Mark 7: 24-  
37**

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 7, beginning at verse 24.*

<sup>24</sup> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up

to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'<sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.<sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Here ends the Second Reading.

**Canticle - Hymn No. 494 (Beauty for brokenness)** *[Verses 3-5]*

Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctu'ry,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.  
*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned -  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,

carelessness, greed,  
make us content with  
the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame,  
until your justice burns  
brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**The Apostles' Creed**

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father, and he will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,***

*the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### The Prayers

The Lord be with you  
*and also with you.*

*[Please sit or kneel]*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Versicles and Responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
*and grant us your salvation.*

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
*and grant our government wisdom.*

Let your ministers be clothed with  
righteousness  
*and let your servants shout for joy.*

O Lord, save your people  
*and bless those whom you have  
chosen.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
*and let your glory be over all the  
earth.*

O God, make clean our hearts within  
us  
*and renew us by your Holy Spirit.*

### The Collect of the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God,  
who in generous mercy sent the Holy  
Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire  
of your love:  
Grant that your people may be  
fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel;  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith  
and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Collect for use at Morning Prayer

**Heavenly Father,**  
*in whom we live and move and have  
our being:*  
*we humbly pray that your Holy  
Spirit may so guide and govern us  
that in all the cares and occupations  
of our daily life,  
we may never forget your presence  
but may remember that we are  
always walking in your sight,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People



### Hymn No. 576 (Kingsfold)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast'.

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live'.  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
from that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright'.  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

## The Sermon

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

### Hymn No. 454 (Duke Street)

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true  
King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us  
kings;  
kingship with him his servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share  
Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us  
forth  
this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:  
he claims our minds, to search his  
ways,  
he claims our lips, to speak his truth,  
he claims our hearts, to sing his  
praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one:  
here is one hearth for all to find,  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

## The Blessing

*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 after the 9.30 Service in the Monk Gibbon Hall and after the 11.00 Service in the South Transept of St Philip and St James' Church.*

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## Pastoral Care of the Parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne is looking after the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice, whilst the Rector is away.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne  
01-2806596 or 086-3467920

*Parishioners who are in hospitals or in residential care will be looked after by the chaplains of those establishments.*

# FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### 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.**

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## 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)

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**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.*

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## MOUNT MERRION

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING  
THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024  
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'  
CHURCH**

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## BOOTERSTOWN AND

## CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY  
THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2024  
19.30 HOURS  
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
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

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# Autumn Fair

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



## Autumn Fair Meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
7.30pm in St Philip and St James'  
Church

**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.*

## Thank you

to Catherine Thanaseelan and  
Adam McMurray who  
organised a most enjoyable  
Parish Potluck Picnic at  
Powerscourt Waterfall.

## Colouring Section

Jesus Heals a Man who is Deaf

