



*The Grouped Parishes of
Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion*

St Philip & St James' Church & St Thomas' Church



AUTUMN 2022 NEWSLETTER



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Planning Ahead... Building Community

For the first September since 2019, we are able to plan ahead with some degree of confidence. We are trying to get things up-and-running again to build community and to enable and encourage people to reconnect. Some things may happen easily, others might not work at all, and we will have to find new ways of doing some of the things that we did easily before the pandemic, but which now are not possible or, are no appealing to people. Our ways of keeping in contact and being able to see people have been limited and some people have been anxious about seeing people so we are looking forward to reconnecting, now that we can do so safely. COVID has not gone away and we are conscious of people suffering from long COVID but thanks to the advances with vaccines, it is becoming possible to live with COVID.

Autumn Fair

As you may see on page 4, we have installed a new heating system in St Philip and St James' Church and carried out alterations to make it more user-friendly for those who have mobility challenges. We have been fundraising for those for a number of years but obviously, we didn't have any Autumn Fairs in 2020 and 2021, or any other fundraising events, so this year's Autumn Fair is important for this project, but also, and perhaps, more importantly, it will be about community as it will be the first gathering of people in such large numbers, so we want to celebrate being able to come together, to work together and to be involved in a common project, as we met up, reconnect and spend time together.

Sunday Clubs

As you will see on page 5, we are working to re-open both of our Sunday Clubs. Sunday Club and the nurture of children in the Christian faith, whilst having fun, is a key part of parish life. We have missed not being able to have Sunday Club in our churches and look forward to having them back in action.

The Sausage Service

The Sausage Service will resume on Sunday 9th October 2022 at 6.30pm in St Philip and St James' Church and will be followed by sausages and potato wedges in the Parish Centre. Whilst these services are particularly geared towards our children and young people who play sport or do other activities on a Sunday morning, all are welcome!

Remembering

November is the month of remembering. For the last two years ago, on the Sunday nearest All Saints' Day (1st November), we have remembered loved ones who have died. If you would like someone who has died to be remembered at the services on **Sunday 6th November 2022**, please send me a note, a text or an email with their name.

Wellbeing

In addition to worship and the various activities in the parishes, I am planning a number of events to help people reconnect, and that, I, also, hope will help people's wellbeing. The Church of Ireland has launched a mental wellbeing initiative called *Mind Matters*. This initiative recognises the need for people to be whole physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, and the initiative seeks to support people. I will let you know more about the various events as the arrangements and details are confirmed.

Stay well and stay safe,

Gillian





REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Nicholas Barrie Vaughan, the younger son of Jill and Marcus Vaughan, and brother of Rory, was baptised in St Philip and St James' Church on Sunday 8th May 2022 at the Sausage Service. As Nicholas is a teenager, he answered the questions for himself, and was supported at his baptism by his family, and those who were classmates at the Confirmation Classes. His uncle, Geoff Lyons, did the reading.

Matthew Cris Coady and **Lucy Eloise Mary Coady**, the son and younger daughter of Carol Bedell-Coady and Dáire Coady, and younger siblings of Isobel, were baptised in St Philip and St James' Church on Sunday 15th May 2022. The readings were read by their aunts, Suzanne Bedell and Laoise Coady. Isobel and their cousins helped pour the water into the font. Matthew's godparents are Sharon Bedell, Caroline Deegan and Rory Kennedy, and Lucy's godparents are Andrew Sutton, Alannah Goggins and Nessa Coady.



Lily Maye Priestman Cummins and **Charlie Priestman Cummins**, the children of Emma Priestman and Paul Cummins were baptised in St Thomas' Church on Sunday 7th August 2022. Although, Emma, Paul, Lily and Charlie live in Australia, they very much wanted Lily and Charlie to be baptised in St Thomas' Church where the Priestman family has a long connection, and where Emma and Paul were married in 2018. Lily's godparents are Louise Priestman and Stephen Moloney and Charlie's godparents are Ali Cummins and Eadaoin Cummins. We wish them every blessing on their journey of faith.

Kaia Molly Canning and **Tarlie Isabelle Canning**, the twin daughters of Sarah Canning were baptised in St Thomas' Church on Sunday 21st August 2022. It had been intended to hold the baptism in St Philip and St James' Church but the font was in a protective wooden box in the middle of building works so it took place in St Thomas' Church. Kaia's and Tarlie's godparents are Leanne King, Claire O'Keeffe and Niall Walsh. We wish Tarlie and Kaia every blessing on their journey of faith.



Confirmation

The confirmation for our parishes was held in Christ Church Taney on Sunday 15th May 2022. **Patrick Burns, Ralph Cogan, Sam Cole, Sam Dane, Chloe Hiles, Katie Hiles, Joshua Killeen, Abigail Lyons, Theo Phelan, Alice Postma, Piers Postman, Alice Robinson, Iarla Rynhart, Hugo Sellers, Joshua Sherlock-Robertson, Ben Smyth, Anna Tuite, Rory Vaughan, Nicholas Vaughan, Scott Walker** were baptised by the Archbishop of Dublin. We wish them every blessing on this significant step on their journey of faith.



Holy Matrimony

Stephen Michael Lee and **Emma Louise Rogers** were married in St Ann's Church, Dawson Street, on Friday 25th June 2022. Stephen's paternal grandparents were married there so they decided to honour them and get married there. Unfortunately, Gillian wasn't able to officiate as she tested positive for COVID a few days beforehand. Thank you to Archdeacon Ruth Elmes who stepped into the breach and officiated. We wish Stephen and Emma-Louise and their daughter Isabella every happiness.

In Memoriam

Suzanne Mary Kilroy née Webb died in St Vincent's University Hospital on 18th April 2022, after a 6½ battle with cancer. Suzanne was an enthusiastic parishioner who was always ready to help out and get stuck in. Suzanne's funeral took place in St Philip and St James' Church on Saturday 23rd April 2022 followed by cremation. We extend our sympathy to her husband Karl, their daughters Kate, Isabelle and Anna, her mother Jackie and her siblings Carolyn, Andrea and Rowan and all the extended Kilroy and Webb families.

REGISTERS *continued*



Michael Russell McWilliam died at home, on Thursday 2nd June 2022, after a short illness. Mike was a larger-than-life character, who joie de vivre and positivity enriched and brightened many lives. He was a giver. In our parishes, he served as Churchwarden, Honorary Secretary to Mount Merrion Select Vestry, Member of the Select Vestry and Diocesan Synodsperson. He was also part of a small committee responsible for the Wayside Pulpit Signs outside St Thomas' Church. He also served with the Amputee Disability Federation Ireland, Citizens' Information, Probus, Rotary and the Freemasons. Michael's funeral was held in St Philip and St James' Church on Tuesday 7th June 2022 as the numbers would have been too big for St Thomas' Church and his ashes were interred in St Thomas' Garden of Remembrance on Saturday 11th June 2022. Please continue to keep Michael's wife, Myrtle, their children Bryan and Tara and their families, Michael's siblings Heather, Ron and Nigel and their families in your prayers.

Neil David (Dave) Johnston died in St Vincent's University Hospital on Tuesday 2nd August 2022. His private funeral service took place in The Garden Chapel at Mount Jerome on Monday 8th August 2022. We extend our sympathy to his wife Stephaney, his stepson Derek and his family and friends.

Geoffrey (Geoff) Maurice McGrath Johnston died in St Vincent's University Hospital on Thursday 4th August 2022. His funeral service took place in The Victorian Chapel of Mount Jerome on Monday 8th August 2022. We extend our sympathy to his wife Brenda, their sons, Stephen, Mark and Peter, and their families, and to Geoff's friends.

Patricia A. J. Byrne née Dunn died on Sunday 4th September 2022. In accordance with her wishes, her private funeral service took place in The Victorian Chapel of Mount Jerome. Thank you to the Rev. Canon Roy Byrne who officiated at the funeral service as the Rector was away. We extend our sympathy to her children Fionnuala, Caitriona, Sinead, Angela, and Hugh and their families.

Interment of Ashes

The ashes of **William Henry (Harry) Thompson**, who died on 5th January 2022, were interred in St Philip and St James' Garden of Remembrance on Holy Saturday, 16th April 2022.

The ashes of **Margaret (Peggy) Louise Hodgins née Power**, who died on 15th March 2022, were interred in St Philip and St James' Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 24th April 2022.

The ashes of **Dorothy Knight née Dyer**, who died on 28th October 2021, were interred in St Philip and St James' Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 1st May 2022.

The ashes of **Emma Jane McManus née Ledbetter**, who died on 30th December 2020, were interred in St Philip and St James' Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 28th August 2022.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

Meriel and her family on the death of her sister Joy;
 Pam McGurdy and her family, on the death of her sister Carol;
 Brian Flynn and his family on the death of his father Paul;
 Viola Brady and her family, on the death of her aunt, Lily Greer;
 June Burgess and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Peter Southern;



THE REV. SUZANNE HARRIS

Congratulations to our former curate, the **Rev. Suzanne Harris** on her appointment as Rector of Castlemacadam, Ballinatone and Aughtrim. Suzanne had been serving there as Priest-in-Charge for almost eighteen months. Suzanne was instituted as Rector on Friday 17th June 2022 in Castlemacadam Church in Avoca, County Wicklow. We wish her every blessing and happiness in this new sphere of ministry for her. *Photo of Suzanne with her husband Richard Meates and their son Andrew and daughter Jessica.*

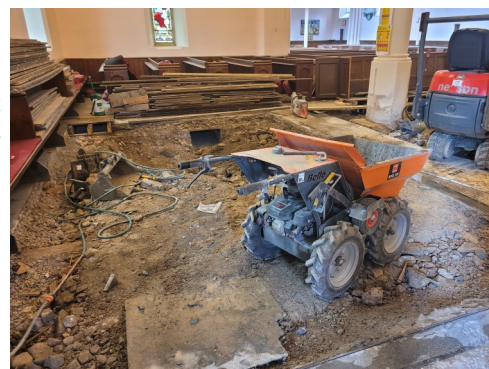
HEATING and ALTERATIONS in ST PHILIP and ST JAMES' CHURCH



For many years, the Select Vestry of St Philip and St James' Church has been nurdling along the heating system. Corroding pipes, leaking radiators, a boiler house that flooded, a boiler that was ancient and was prone to not working, inadequate heating... it was quite a list! Thank you to Gordon Richards and Mike Hayes whom, time after time, went down into the bowels of the underground boiler house to evacuate rain water and to persuade the boiler to work.

The Select Vestry gave careful consideration, and took advice from experts, as to what might be the best way, economically and environmen-

tally to heat the church. We have installed a gas central heating system with radiators, with the proviso to instal an air-to-water heat exchanger once they are sufficiently developed for a building the size of St Philip and St James' Church. We installed destratifiers on the ceiling a number of years ago and these push the warm air back down. We discovered that the temperature was approximately 10 degrees higher at ceiling level than it was a mere mortal level!



As we were digging up floors, etc. we also removed some pews and dropped the floor levels to make the church more accessible for those with mobility challenges. The pews will be replaced by chairs which will give us a flexibility of seating arrangements in those areas and where people who use wheelchairs can sit with their family or friends, rather than sitting in the aisle.



The pipe in situ for the drain from the font!

We have installed running water in the church—previously the only running water was courtesy of the leaking roof before it was replaced! The next phase will be to instal kitchen facilities under the balcony on the southside so that we can have hospitality in the church, and under the balcony on the northside, we will have archival and record storage. Both of these areas under the balcony will be contained in a 'glorified cupboard' which will be aesthetically pleasing and which will screen their contents so that one will not feel that they are in a kitchen or an office during a wedding, funeral or church service.

Other phases include refurbishing the remaining pews, some work on the organ, and repainting the church. Thank you to Gordon Richards who is overseeing this work on behalf of the Select Vestry and to Justin O'Callaghan who is the architect on the project.

The photos show you something of the scale of the work that was undertaken. Thank you to those who put up with a very dusty and messy church in July, August and part of September. Come and see the finished state for yourself!!!

HEATING and SOUND SYSTEM in ST THOMAS' CHURCH

St Thomas' Church has had electric heating for years in two formats: four storage heaters and then lots of oil-filled radiators down both sides of the church. Two of storage heaters have completely stopped working and the remaining two are, at best, limping along. Due to the lovely wooden ceiling in St Thomas' Church, there is absolutely no insulation in the roof and we cannot put in any. So, we are installing two small destratifiers to push the warm air back down to human being level and we are also replacing the four storage heaters with the modern equivalent. Again, we took expert advice and this was deemed to be the most economical and best way of doing it. We hope to get started on that work shortly. It will be a simple and quick task, nothing like what had to happen in St Philip and St James' Church, and we are replacing like-with-like so no planning permission is required. The hope—depending on electricity costs—is to be toasty for the winter!

The sound system in St Thomas' Church has been struggling for a number of years; there are problems with the wiring and the amp. Thank you to Dylan Rynhart who is helping us to tease out what the exact problems are and what needs to be done to remedy them so that we do not end up spending money on things that we do not need!

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

The Easter General Vestry for Mount Merrion Parish was held on Monday 25th April 2022 via Zoom, and the following were elected or appointed:

Rector's Churchwarden – Karunadhas Nesan

People's Churchwarden – Judith Donlon

People's Glebwarden – Denis Beare

The following were also elected to serve on the Select Vestry:

Patricia Bedlow, Sheila Chamberlain, Aileen Hartney (*Honorary Secretary*), Cedric Heather, John Hudson, Michael McWilliam, Myrtle McWilliam, Ian Mullen (*Honorary Treasurer*), William Robertson, Hilary Turner.

The following were elected in 2020 to serve 2020-2023:

Parochial Nominators – Denis Beare and Sheila Chamberlain

Supplemental Parochial Nominators – Ian Mullen and Joan Sherlock-Robertson.

Diocesan Synodsperson – Clair Wallace (now William Robertson)

Supplemental Diocesan Synodsperson – TBC

The Easter General Vestry for Booterstown and Carysfort Parish was held on Thursday 28th April. 2022 in St Philip and St James' Church, and the following were elected or appointed:

Rector's Churchwarden – Cecilia Faulim Quadros

People's Churchwarden – Jill Lacey

Rector's Glebwarden – Gordon Richards

People's Glebwarden – Mike Hayes

The following were also elected to serve on the Select Vestry:

Viola Brady, June Burgess, Marcus Daly, Natalie Driver-Keeley, Deirdre Kennedy, Tom Morgan, Stephanie Morris, Barbara Plant, David Reid (*Honorary Secretary*), Denise Richards, Quentin Teggin (*Honorary Treasurer*).

The following were elected in 2020 to serve 2020-2023:

Parochial Nominators – Quentin Teggin and June Burgess;

Supplemental Parochial Nominators – Michael Hayes and Barbara Plant.

Diocesan Synodspersons – Stephanie Morris and Marcus Daly;

Supplemental Diocesan Synodspersons – David Reid and Deirdre Kennedy.

DIOCESAN SYNOD



The Diocesan Synods of Dublin and Glendalough will take place on Tuesday 4th October 2022, in Taney Parish Centre.

Our Diocesan Synodspersons are Wil Robertson, Stephanie Morris and Marcus Daly. Quentin Teggin has now been elected by the Diocesan Councils to the Diocesan Synods..

SUNDAY CLUBS



We are very much looking forward to our Sunday Clubs re-opening in October.

We have some new leaders in both Sunday Clubs and they are currently undergoing Garda Vetting, Safeguarding Trust training, etc. We are planning to have Sunday Club once a month in each church and to build from there. We will be in touch with the parents/guardians about Sunday Club, but please do not worry if you are not contacted, our records might not be perfect and your child(ren) will be very welcome in either of our Sunday Clubs. Children who are toilet-trained and who are in pre-school, montessori school or primary school will be very welcome.

It would be great if families could make a commitment of being at Sunday Club once a month, as it makes for a healthy and strong group dynamic and helps the children to build friendships and relationships with each other.

We would also love more leaders, and as we are ideally required to have male and female leaders, we would love to hear from men who would join our Sunday Club leadership teams. Please contact the Rector.

BANK DETAILS

Both select vestries wish to record their thanks to those who, in difficult times, have been very generous in their giving to the parishes and have adapted their method of giving due to COVID-19—all very much appreciated. A number of people have requested the bank details of the respective parishes in order to set up their parish giving via online banking. The information is below:

St Philip and St James' Church

Honorary Treasurer: Quentin Tegg (qteggin@gmail.com)
 IBAN: IE51 BOFI 9010 2887 8916 34 BIC: BOFIE2D
 ACCOUNT NAME: PARISH OF ST PHILIP & ST JAMES

St Thomas' Church

Honorary Treasurer: Ian Mullen (ianwmullen23@gmail.com)
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 ACCOUNT NAME: ST THOMAS' CHURCH



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Parish 5-a-side Indoor Soccer

Monday and Wednesday nights in St Philip and St James' Parish Hall

8.30-9.30pm All welcome

Contact Dylan Rynhart at
 dylanrynhart@gmail.com or join the What'sApp Group
 at



EVENING BADMINTON IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' HALL

Now that we are allowed back to indoor sports, it is time to dust off your racquet and get back into badminton. You can enjoy yourself, meet new people and get fit all at the same time!

BADMINTON!!

You don't have to be a pro... just a racquet and runners and off you go to St Philip and St James' Badminton Club, Cross Avenue, on Thursday evenings. Make new friends and have fun along with a good workout, what could be easier.

For further information
 contact Maureen at
 01-2809826 or 086-3203849



MORNING BADMINTON IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' HALL

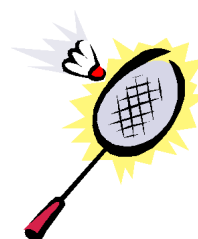
Do you like to get your exercise done early in the day?

Then Thursday morning badminton might be just the thing for you!

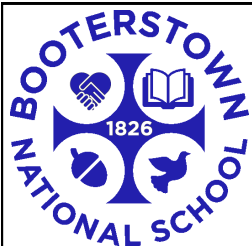
A bright and early start on
 Thursday mornings *from 8.45am*

For further information, please
 contact:

Gill Davis at 087-7857711



BOOTERSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL



We are delighted to be back in school and especially when we can plan ahead with confidence for the year. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to welcome back all those who were part of our school community last year and to welcome all those who have joined us in Boosterstown National School this year.

We have an exciting term ahead with Maths week coming up in October and Science week in November. A huge thank you to our PTA who have funded yoga classes this term. A huge thank you to Blackrock Library for hosting 3rd and 4th Classes in the third week in September for an environment workshop this week. Dun Laoighaire Library will be hosting 5th and 6th Classes for a special author talk in October.

Over the summer, the school was re-roofed and we are delighted to have this work completed. We will really notice the difference when the weather gets colder. Thank you to Board of Management Member Gordon Richards who oversaw the work on behalf of the School. Also, over the summer, our website was revamped and updated; you are welcome to visit us on our website at any time

www.booterstownnationalschool.ie

We have some changes to our staffing this year as Ms Deirdre Langrell is on a Career Break, and so our staffing for this year is as follows:

Junior and Senior Infants / Deputy Principal: Ms Shameela Lyons
 3rd and 4th Classes: Ms Rebecca Prenter
 5th and 6th Classes: Ms Elaine Keane
 Learning Support Teacher / Principal: Ms Emma Uí Shúilleabháin
 Part-time Support Teacher: Ms Bernadette Mc Nicholas
 Special Needs Assistants: Ms Carol Thornton
 Ms Kerry Grantham
 School Secretary: Ms Debra Merriman

The Parent-Teacher Association held a wonderful School Fair at the end of May, and we are looking forward to the Sponsored Walk and School Picnic on Sunday 25th September 2022. The PTA will hold their AGM on Tuesday 27th September 2022 via Zoom. Thank you to all who support our school community in so many ways.

Emma Uí Shúilleabháin
Principal

GDPR—PARISHES' PRIVACY POLICY

Thank you to all those who have completed and returned their GDPR Forms. There are still some forms outstanding. If you have not done so, and you wish the parishes to be able to keep in contact with you, please complete and return a GDPR Form now. Forms are available from the Rector.



For further information on our GDPR policies please see www.booterstownchurch.ie or www.mountmerriionchurch.ie. Click *About Us* and then on *Parish Privacy Policy*.

If you do not return the completed form we will be unable to continue to keep your contact information on computer and hard files and we will be required to cease communication with you. Personal information held as part of the public records of the parishes (e.g. parish registers) will continue to be permanently held.

The Parishes' GDPR Sub-Group

UNITED HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Our United Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in St Thomas' Church on Sunday 23rd October 2022 at 10.30, and we also gave thanks for the Harvest at the 8.30 Holy Communion Service in St Philip and St James' Church.

We are delighted that
The Rev. John Marchant
 has agreed to be our special preacher.



We are asking the children of the parishes to bring non-perishable food items to the service which we will pass onto *The Capuchin Day Centre* which is based on Bow Street in Dublin City Centre. and to the Alice Leahy TRUST with whom we have an ongoing relationship, helping the homeless in Dublin. The monetary collection will be in aid of the Bishops' Appeal (a fund administered by the bishops of the Church of Ireland to assist with relief and development projects throughout the world).

Please note that there will not be any services at 10.00 or 11.30 that day.

Thank you to Graham Hayes and Mike Hayes who are 'cobbling together' a live-stream for St Thomas' Church for that morning so that the Harvest Thanksgiving can be live-streamed. The link will be advised nearer the time.

St Thomas' Church will be decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd October 2022, and help to decorate the church would be much appreciated.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION



The parishes' Christian Meditation Group takes place on a Tuesday afternoon at 3.30pm in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

Men and women from all walks of life come together to express a desire for deeper meaning to their lives through meditating together.

The World Community for Christian Meditation follows the teachings of John Main OSB and over 2000 meditation groups meet in 115 countries around the world each week.

Contact: Irene 087-2755423

Discover more: www.christianmeditation.ie www.wccm.org

THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST



TRUST, now known as **THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST** continues to do extraordinary work in difficult circumstances.

In our two parishes, we have an ongoing working relationship with **THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST**. **TRUST** was founded in 1975 as a private charitable trust (Charity No. CHY7014), and since then has been working with people who are homeless in Dublin. It is a non-political, non-denominational voluntary body which provides medical and related services for people who are homeless, operating out of a premises provided at a nominal rent by the Iveagh Trust. Up to 50 men (mostly men) and women call each morning, the majority of whom are sleeping out (aged 18 to 85 years). They need the following items:

MEN'S CLOTHING

Hoodies; jeans; track-suit bottoms; jumpers; water-proof jackets; long-johns (underwear—must be new); strong, sturdy shoes (preferably runners)

THEY ALSO NEED

pot noodles (preferably chicken); pot curries (preferably chicken); cup-a-soups; mini-bars (chocolate, etc.); toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, female hygiene products)

The items can be left at the back of either of the churches and they will then be taken into **THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST**.

Parishioners have been very generous over the years to **THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST** and it is very much appreciated. But we would ask you to think carefully about the items that you donate; these items must be appropriate and suitable for people who are living on the streets. High-heel shoes, cocktail dresses, bikinis, etc. are all items that have been left at the back of our churches and these are **NOT** suitable.

Thank you to Sheila Chamberlain from St Thomas' and Viola Brady and Denise Richards from St Philip and St James' who sort the items and to Viola Brady who liaises with **THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST** and takes the items into them.

Please continue to help—your generosity is much appreciated—but please ensure that you give suitable and appropriate items, as listed above.

Thank you!

LENTEN 2022 CHALLENGE



Thank you to all who took part in the Lenten Challenge. As life began to open up, people were busier in Lent 2022 than they were in Lent 2021, so the number able to take up the Challenge this Lent was smaller than last year. But, thank you to those who endured some discomfort and pain at times as a few blisters made their presence known! The Rector's Challenge was to walk 6km a day for each of the 46 days of Lent, including Sundays. Thank you to those who were so encouraging, and to those who joined in on a walk on Saturday 2nd April 2022 as we walked in solidarity with Charlie Bird on his campaign *Climb with Charlie*.



Thank you to all who have donated so generously – it really was extraordinary. The primary aim of the Challenge was to encourage people to get back out as some were finding it hard to do so after being restricted for two years. Again, we wanted people to focus on their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health, and if whilst doing that, we could help others as well, that would be great. We raised a total of €6,900 which is fantastic—thank you! We were delighted to be able to give €2,300 each to The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association, the Blackrock Hospice, and Ukrainian Relief via the Bishops' Appeal.

Well done and thank you!



DUBLIN STAGE SCHOOL

(FORMERLY STAGECOACH)

We at Dublin Stage School are delighted to be part of this community, our Part Time Theatre schools run weekly in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.



We are back indoors running operating safely and are now taking bookings for our Spring Term 2023.

Our classes for 4 to 18 year-olds include lessons in Dance, Drama and Singing on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

Our Summer Camps were sold out last year and you can book online for July and August 2023 soon.



www.dublinstageschool.ie to book or enquire.

Any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us

Best Wishes,

Evan & Emma



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HEALER PRAYER GROUP

The Healer Prayer Group Gathering is a time of prayer for those who have asked for prayer, or for whom prayer has been requested. The next Healer Prayer Gathering is on Monday 10th October 2022 via Zoom.

Details announced in the weekly newssheet. It lasts 40 minutes: the people on the Healer Prayer List are prayed for, and the list is updated and fresh lists are placed in each church the following Sunday, for people to take away and to use. Those who take the list, are asked to pray for everyone on the list each day. In addition, in each church, there are sheets, where the names of anyone whom you would like to be prayed for, may be added.

We would particularly ask those who put names on the Prayer Request Lists to come along to the Healer Prayer Group Gathering.

Each person's name will remain on the list for 3 months and will then be taken off unless there is a new request for prayers to continue.



St Philip and St James' Whist

Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Canon Osborne Barr Room—All very welcome!

Contact Delrdre Kennedy 087-6283534

25TH DUBLIN (MOUNT MERRION) SCOUT GROUP



As we come to the beginning of the new season, we can look back on a year full of adventure in all sections of our Scout Group.

The Beavers cycled, made bird feeders and went climbing mountains; the Cubs earned Air Activities, Emergencies and Pioneering badges; and the Scouts bivouacked and learnt about navigation. They also learnt the hard way about best practice camping!

We are now looking for several adults to join the adventure of Scouting for the coming two years in our younger age groups, Beavers (6-8 years) and Cubs (9-11 year). In our experience the leaders get as much fun out of Scouting as the youth members. You don't need to have any previous Scouting experience, just a willingness to undergo some basic training and then go exploring the world with young eyes leading the way!



Please contact Lesley at 085-7411200 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions about what is involved in joining our team.

Lesley Rankin
(Group Leader)



***Leaders required for Beavers
(6-8 years) and Cubs (9-11
years).***

***Please contact Group
Leader Lesley Rankin at
085-7411200 or
lesleyhrankin@gmail.com***



LETTERS of REFERENCE and WITNESSING of SIGNATURES

Clergy are frequently asked to write letters of reference; to complete forms of reference; or to witness signatures. Some forms (including school application forms and SEC grant forms) are quite specific in what they ask, such as...

is the person/child is personally known to the rector;
does the person/child attend the church;
or clergy are asked to confirm that the person/child is a member of the parish, etc.

As I am sure you can appreciate, it is important that the information given is accurate and true.

St Philip & St James' Church

Cross Avenue, Booterstown



AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday, 8 October 2022

12.00 to 15.00

Toys ♦ Cakes ♦ Lunches ♦ Plants
Bags ♦ Jewellery & Accessories
Gifts ♦ Bric-a-brac ♦ Books ♦ Games
Jams & Marmalades ♦ Smoothies
BBQ ♦ Ice-Cream ♦ Bottle Stall
And much more.....



Admission €2
Free entry for children

