



[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. 647 (Cwm Rhondda)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

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]

O God,
we thank you for the gift of these
precious children Juliet and Samuel;
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 9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
 who sent your Holy Spirit
 to be the life and light of your
 Church:
 open our hearts to the riches of his
 grace,
 that we may bring forth the fruit of
 the Spirit
 in love and joy and peace;
 through Jesus Christ 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever
 does not receive the kingdom of God
 as a little child will never enter
 it.' ¹⁶And 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.



[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 91 Thanks and Praise

Lord, I lift your name on high;
 Lord, I love to sing your praises;
 I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us.
 You came from heaven to earth
 to show the way,
 from the earth to the cross,
 my debt to pay,
 from the cross to the grave,
 from the grave to the sky,
 Lord, I lift your name on high.

[Please remain standing, if you are able]

The Second Reading – The Gospel – Matthew 14: 13-21

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to
 Matthew, chapter 14, beginning at verse 13.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.'

¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.

Conor and Tom:

We present Juliet Molly Stafford-Rogers and Samuel Patrick Stafford-Rogers to be baptized.

Tom and Conor, as Samuel's and Juliet's parents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Juliet Molly and Samuel Patrick 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 respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers:

We will support them.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn - Father God, I wonder

Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist

without the knowledge of your parenthood

and your loving care.

But now I am your child

I am adopted in your family

and I can never be alone,

'cause Father God you're there beside me.

I will sing your praises,

I will sing your praises,

I will sing your praises for evermore.

I will sing your praises,

I will sing your praises,

I will sing your praises for evermore.

The Baptism

The priest, Juliet and Samuel and their family 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 Tom and Conor:

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Samuel and Juliet 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 Juliet Molly, saying:

Juliet Molly, 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 Juliet Molly, saying:

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

The priest baptizes by pouring water over Samuel Patrick, saying:

Samuel Patrick, 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 Samuel Patrick, 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.

Presentation of Bible and Candle

Samuel and Juliet 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 Juliet and Samuel, 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.]



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

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 421 **(St Botolph)**

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and, as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Christ, our passover has been
sacrificed for us,
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving
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.

We give you thanks, our God and Father, for you have created us and you sustain us.

Through your only Son Jesus Christ you have revealed your love and your care for all your people; you are ready to forgive and to save in time of need; so we proclaim your glory, saying
***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

*we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and
ascension,
and we look for the coming of his
kingdom.*

Accept through him our great high
priest this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving;

and, as we eat and drink these holy
gifts, grant by the power of the life-
giving Spirit, that we may be made
one in your holy Church and partakers
of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our
Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in
whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
*all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

[Please kneel or sit]

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.*



Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing
in the body of Christ.

*We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.*

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

***Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Prayers for Juliet and Samuel and their family

Father, we thank you that Samuel and Juliet 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 Juliet and Samuel.

Bless their dads Tom and Conor, their siblings Matthew and Kate, their grandparents, and 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 Juliet and Samuel are...
and we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Samuel's and Juliet's lives...
We ask God's blessing on all who are a part of the Stafford and Roger families,
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.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 377 (You shall go out with joy)

[Sing twice!]

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills

shall break forth before you.
 There'll be shouts of joy
 and the trees of the field
 shall clap, shall clap their hands,
 and the trees of the field
 shall clap their hands,
 and the trees of the field
 shall clap their hands,
 and the trees of the field
 shall clap their hands,
 and you'll go out with joy.

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.

Juliet and Samuel, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your lives.

Shine as lights 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.

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.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

You are warmly invited to tea/coffee/juice in the Monk Gibbon Hall after this Service.



Flower Fund

Both churches have a flower fund which is used to pay for the flowers throughout the year. Donations to the respective flower funds would be very much appreciated. Sometimes, people may donate the flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 9th August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th August 2026

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 2nd September 2026**Sunday 6th September 2026**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 9th September 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 13th September 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer with the Blessing of the School Bags in Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 16th September 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 20th September 2026 – NB Times and Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Harvest Thanksgiving in St Thomas' Church

Preacher: The Rev. Scott Evans

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 27th September 2026 – NB Times and Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 30th September 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church



Healer Prayer Group
Tuesday 8th September 2026
7.30pm via Zoom

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

19.30 HOURS

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MONK GIBBON HALL



Autumn Fair - Saturday
10th October 2026