



**It is such a delight to be able to gather and worship together on this special occasion as we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the Parish of Booterstown. The deeds constituting the Parish of Booterstown, out of the Parish of Donnybrook, were registered on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1821.**

**Today, almost 200 years later, to the day, we give thanks for all those who have been part of the community of this parish over those years; for those who through their involvement in the parish, were and are the hands, feet and mouth of God, as part of the Body of Christ, in this place.**

**Today, we are delighted that people can join together with us via our webcam – not something that could ever have been envisaged 200 years ago.**

**Together, whether physically here or online, we are united in love and connected in spirit.**

### **Face Masks**

*As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.*

### **Contact Tracing**

*We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.*

### **Hymn Singing**

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to sing in church this morning. Charles Pearson, our organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.*

***Please note that Michael Lee is filming during this service – if you do not wish to appear, even accidentally, please speak to Michael.***

The Greeting

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

Opening Acclamation

For 200 years, God has used  
 ordinary people in extraordinary  
 ways  
 and used this ordinary parish in  
 extraordinary ways to be a  
 community of his presence;  
 to be a community of love,  
 compassion and spirit.  
 May we bring that legacy with us in  
 our time and place,  
**we are being nudged by God.**

As we see holiness in ordinary  
 places where people in all their  
 depth and mystery  
 work and play, laugh and cry;  
 where life is cherished, sustained  
 and handed on,  
**we are being nudged by God.**

As we oppose all that denies life in  
 its fullness and variety, in our lives,  
 our communities, our world,  
**we are being nudged by God.**

As we weep over injustice, rejoice  
 in goodness, and love outrageously,  
**we are being nudged by God.**

As we affirm our hope in tomorrow  
 and our faith in the indefinable,  
**we are being nudged by God.**

Hymn No. 81 (Lord of the years)

[Verses 1-3]

Lord, for the years your love has  
 kept and guided,  
 urged and inspired us, cheered us  
 on our way,  
 sought us and saved us, pardoned  
 and provided,  
 Lord of the years, we bring our  
 thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of  
 life which fires us,  
 speaks to our hearts and sets our  
 souls ablaze,  
 teaches and trains, rebukes us and  
 inspires us,  
 Lord of the word, receive your  
 people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our  
 generation,  
 spirits oppressed by pleasure,  
 wealth and care;  
 for young and old, for this and  
 every nation,  
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear  
 our prayer.

[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

O God of life,  
 grant us your forgiveness:  
**for our careless thoughts,**  
**for our thoughtless deeds,**

*for our empty speech,  
and the words with which we have  
wounded.*

*[Silence]*

O God of life,  
grant us your forgiveness:  
*for our false desires,  
for our hateful actions,  
for our wastefulness,  
and for all we left untended.*

*[Silence]*

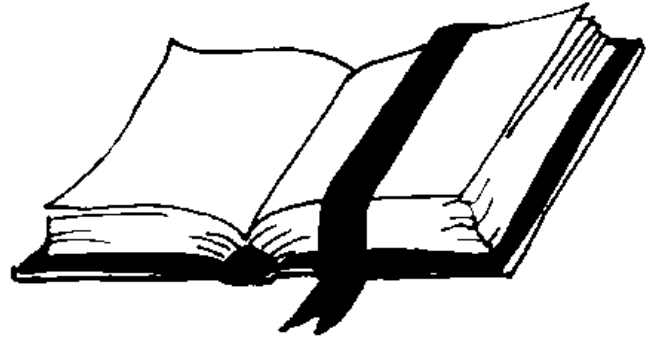
O loving Christ,  
scatter the sin from our souls;  
begin what we do,  
inform what we say,  
redeem who we are.

*In you we place our hope,  
our great hope, our living hope,  
this day and evermore. Amen.*

### The Collect of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who  
trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your  
mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things  
temporal  
that we finally lose not the things  
eternal:

grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord.  
**Amen.**



### The Old Testament Reading - Psalms 134

*The Old Testament Reading is from the Book of  
Psalms, chapter 134.*

<sup>1</sup> Come, bless the LORD, all you  
servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house  
of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands to the holy  
place,  
and bless the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD, maker of heaven  
and earth,  
bless you from Zion.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm - Hymn No. 81 (Lord of the years) *[Verse 4]*

Lord, for our world, when we disown  
and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and  
comfortless in pain;

hungry and helpless, lost indeed  
without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that  
Christ may reign.

## **The New Testament Reading - 2** **Corinthians 8: 7-15**

*The New Testament Reading is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 8, verses 7-15.*

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and

pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

This is the Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## **Canticle - Hymn No. 81 (Lord of the years)** *[Verse 5]*

Lord, for ourselves; in living power  
remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon  
the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future  
take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ  
alone.

## **The Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We say together in faith:

***We believe in God,  
the maker and shaper of our  
pathways,***

*and who is the beginning and the end of our travelling.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ  
the sharer of our humanity,  
and who walks beside us on the  
road of life.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the stirrer of our souls  
and the nurturer of our potential.*

*We believe in God, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit,  
the shaper, sharer and stirrer of  
all who we are and all whom we  
will be,  
and we recommit ourselves to  
following in his way. Amen.*

### **Boooterstown Parish**

Loving God,  
we thank you that 200 years ago,  
you have called people together in  
your name to form Boooterstown  
Parish. We think particularly of the  
vision of George Augustus, Eleventh  
Earl of Pembroke and James Digges  
La Touche,  
Today, we give you thanks for all  
who have been a part of this parish  
community, for those who are a  
part of it now, and for those who  
will be part of this parish in the  
future.

We give thanks too for the other  
parish communities that have joined  
with Boooterstown Parish over the  
years.

We think of the individuals and the  
families who are part of this parish,  
past, present and future.

May Boooterstown Parish as part of  
Boooterstown and Carysfort with  
Mount Merrion continue to be a  
hands, feet and mouth of God and  
the Body of Christ; a community of  
shared love, spirit, welcome,  
compassion and inclusion;  
in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **Hymn No. 303 (Londonderry Air)**

Lord of the Church, we pray for our  
renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.

Fire of the Spirit, burn for our  
ending,

wind of the Spirit, fan the living  
flame!

We turn to Christ amid our fear and  
failing,

the will that lacks the courage to be  
free,

the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church  
should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a  
Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith  
restored,

a swift obedience and a new  
possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the  
Lord!

We turn to Christ from all our  
restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single  
prayer:  
the living water for our soul's  
reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve  
and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our  
uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision  
stirred;

one cross proclaiming and one creed  
reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his  
word!

So lead us on; till toil and trouble  
ended,  
one Church triumphant one new song  
shall sing,  
to praise his glory, risen and  
ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King!  
O still small voice of calm.



[Please kneel or sit]

## The Prayers

Let us pray.

*Prayers for, and of, the People  
and the Community*

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



## The Lord's Prayer

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will  
be having a retiring collection; there are  
baskets at the doors of the church in  
which you may place your collection or  
envelope. You may wish to donate to the  
church online or electronically and the  
treasurers would be happy to give you  
the required details.*

## Hymn No. 352 (GTWAGH)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong'.  
 Let the poor say 'I am rich',  
 because of what the Lord has done for us.  
 And now let the weak say 'I am strong'.  
 Let the poor say 'I am rich',  
 because of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
 give thanks to the Holy One;  
 give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
 give thanks to the Holy One;  
 give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong'.  
 Let the poor say 'I am rich',  
 because of what the Lord has done for us.  
 And now let the weak say 'I am strong'.  
 Let the poor say 'I am rich',  
 because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks.

[Please kneel or sit]

### The Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.  
 May the wind be always at your back.  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
 And the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
 And until we meet again,  
 May God hold you in the palm of his hand,  
 And the Blessing of God almighty,  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you,  
 this day and for ever more.  
**Amen.**



## Refreshments

*You are warmly invited to light refreshments outside after this service, in accordance with social distancing and current restrictions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you very much to Denise and Viola and their team of helpers for organising and providing this.*



*Thank you to those who prepared the church and the grounds for today's special occasion. Whilst the church and the grounds are always carefully and lovingly looked after – there was that little bit extra done for today!  
Thank you!*



## **Special Midweek Musical Treat**

*Mike Lee and Charles Pearson have recorded a Special Midweek Musical Treat – our 77<sup>th</sup> one! – in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown Parish. It will go*

*online on our parishes' website, our parishes' youtube page, on our parishes' Facebook pages and on the Rector's Facebook page, on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the registration of the deeds constituting our parish.*

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## **SERVICES NEXT** **SUNDAY**

**8.30 HOLY COMMUNION  
IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

**10.30 HOLY COMMUNION  
IN ST PHILIP AND ST  
JAMES' CHURCH  
(LIVE-STREAMED)**



**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**St Thomas' Church at 10.30**

***Midweek Holy Communion Service***

*Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!*

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon; 3.30pm—4.10pm

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## MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

20.00 HOURS

*VIA ZOOM*

## BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2021

20.00 HOURS

*VIA ZOOM*

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## MindMattersCOI

**The MindMatters COI Mental Health Awareness Survey is an opportunity for members and clergy of the Church to be part of the project by helping us understand how the Church of Ireland can promote positive mental health.**

**The Church of Ireland began a three-year mental health promotion initiative in October 2020. This initiative aims to raise awareness of, and respond to the mental health needs of communities across the island of Ireland.**

**As part of this initiative, laity and clergy are being asked to take part in a mental health survey before Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – your participation would be very much appreciated.**

**<https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org>**

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