



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Creator God, we come this day to praise you,
to give thanks for the world you have designed, and for all that grows around us,
all that provides our food and clothing.

We come with thanksgiving, joy and wonder:

gladly we rejoice.



During the first hymn, parishioners are invited to bring forward their items for The Alice Leahy Trust and the Capuchin Day Centre, and to place the items at the altar rails.

Hymn No. 37 (St. George)

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

Let us pray.

As we worship God, let us remember the times when we have not been good stewards of his gifts, when we have forgotten people in need, and have not proclaimed his gospel to others by the way we have lived.

[Silence]

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your
gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full
and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have relished buying a bargain,
with little thought that slave-labour
has produced it at such a price.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have been thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world
you have made.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May the God of love and power

forgive you and free you,
heal you and strengthen you,
and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the 15th 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***

The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your
goodness and give us the fruits of the
earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your
glory, for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 39 (Ar Hyd Y Nos - No. 67)

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God!
For his gifts to every nation,

thanks be to God!
 For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
 silent growth while we are sleeping;
 future needs in earth's safe keeping,
 thanks be to God!

In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done;
 in the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done:
 in our world-wide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing;
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God!
 For the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God!
 For the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us;
 most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God!

[Please sit]

The Word of God

The First Reading – Deuteronomy

26: 1-13

The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26, beginning at verse 1.

²⁶When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is

giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall

celebrate with all the bounty that
the Lord your God has given to you
and to your house.

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

*The Congregation may remain seated for
the singing of this hymn, but please do join
in with the Ad Hoc Choir in singing it!*

Hymn – Sing to the Lord *Lyrics by Nick
Fawcett. Music from Marche Militaire by Franz
Schubert*

Sing to the Lord,
sing aloud of his majesty,
lift up your hearts,
at his feet your praises bring.
Tell of his love and faithfulness,
graciousness, holiness,
let all the world his great name bless,
worship now the King!

Sing to the Lord of his glory,
lift up your souls,
let our sov'reign God be adored.
Tell of his pow'r and righteousness,
gentleness, steadfastness,
let ev'ryone his name confess,
worship now the Lord!

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worship now the Lord!

To the Lord sing praise!

[Please sit]

The Second Reading – John 6: 25-35

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to
John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 25.*

25 When they found him on the other
side of the lake, they said to him,
'Rabbi, when did you come
here?' 26 Jesus answered them, 'Very
truly, I tell you, you are looking for
me, not because you saw signs, but
because you ate your fill of the
loaves. 27 Do not work for the food
that perishes, but for the food that
endures for eternal life, which the
Son of Man will give you. For it is on
him that God the Father has set his
seal.' 28 Then they said to him, 'What
must we do to perform the works of
God?' 29 Jesus answered them, 'This is
the work of God, that you believe in
him whom he has sent.' 30 So they said
to him, 'What sign are you going to
give us then, so that we may see it
and believe you? What work are you
performing?' 31 Our ancestors ate the
manna in the wilderness; as it is
written, "He gave them bread from

heaven to eat." ' ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Hymn No. 36 (Tryol)

We thank you, God our Father,
for all your loving care;
We thank you that you made the
world

so very bright and fair.

We thank you for the sunshine,
and for the pleasant showers;
and we thank you, God our Father,
we thank you for the flowers.

Out in the sunny meadows,
and in the woodlands cool,
and under every hedgerow,
and by each reedy pool,
and on the lonely moorland,
and by the broad highway
with colours bright, so pure and fresh,
they spring up every day.

And in the dusty city,

where busy crowds pass by;
and where the tall dark houses
stand up and hide the sky,
and where through lanes and alleys
no pleasant breezes blow,
dear God our Father, even there
you make the flowers grow.

And whether in the city
or in the fields they dwell,
always the same sweet message
the sweet young flowers tell.
For they are all so wonderful,
they show your power abroad;
and they are all so beautiful,
they tell your love, O God.



[Please sit]

The Sermon

*We are delighted to welcome **Fr Antony Kurian OFM Cap**, as our special preacher this morning. Fr Antony is going to share with us, something of the work done by the Capuchin Day Centre on Bow Street in Dublin city centre.*

Hymn - O Lord of Every

Constellation *by Paul Leddington Wright*

O Lord of every shining constellation,

that wheels in splendour thro' the
midnight sky;
grant us your Spirit's true
illumination,
to read the secrets,
to read the secrets of your work on
high.

You, Lord, have made the atom's
hidden forces,
your laws its mighty energies fulfill;
teach us, to whom you give such rich
resources,
in all we use,
in all we use to serve your holy will.

O life, awaking life in cell and tissue,
from flow'r to bird, from beast to
brain of man;
help us to trace from birth to final
issue,
the sure unfolding,
the sure unfolding of your age-long
plan.

You, Lord, have stamped your image
on your creatures,
and tho' they mar that image, love
them still;
lift up your eyes to Christ that in his
features,
we may discern,
we may discern the beauty of your
will.

Great Lord of nature, shaping and
renewing,
you made us more than nature's sons
to be;

you help us tread, with grace our souls
enduing,
the road to life,
the road to life and immortality.

[Please stand, if you are able]

An Affirmation of Faith at Harvest Thanksgiving

We say together in faith

*We believe in God whose goodness
is more than enough for all:
filling the universe with gifts of love
and resounding through our lives in
praise.*

*We will receive all that God gives
with reverence and joy;
we will share the blessings we have
received
with those around us,
so that all may see and experience
God's love.*

*We believe in Jesus the Christ
God's greatest gift of all:
who takes the smallest of seeds,
a mere whisper of faith,
and brings forth a harvest of good
things.*

*We will take all that Christ has
given us;
our gifts, our talents, our very
selves,
so that through us others may come
to know Christ.*

We believe in God's Spirit of Truth,

bringing to fruition all that has
 been given:
 gentle as a breeze or shocking as a
 storm,
 we will allow God's gifts to be
 stirred to life in us;
 breathing, laughing, living in our
 world,
 so all may know of God's harvest of
 love.
 Alleluia! Amen.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us pray to God, God who hears our
 prayers and sees our tears.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

TIME OF PRIVATE PRAYER...

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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 the power
 and the glory for ever and ever.
 Amen.***

Hymn No.47 (Wir pflügen)

*During this hymn, the offering in aid of the
 Bishops' Appeal to support relief work and
 development work in many parts of the
 world, will be collected.*

We plough the fields, and scatter
 the good seed on the land,
 but it is fed and watered
 by God's almighty hand;
 he sends the snow in winter,
 the warmth to swell the grain,
 the breezes and the sunshine,
 and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
 are sent from heaven above;
 then thank the Lord, O thank the
 Lord,
 for all his love.*

He only is the maker
 of all things near and far;
 he paints the wayside flower,
 he lights the evening star;
 the winds and waves obey him,
 by him the birds are fed;

much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer,
for all your love imparts,
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

The Blessing for Harvest Thanksgiving

In our sowing and our harvesting,
in our cooking and our eating:

*let us
till the earth gently,
fish the seas wisely,
tend the animals lovingly,
share with the hungry generously,
pay the worker fairly,
enjoy the food thankfully,
praise the Giver abundantly.*

So may God the Father who provides
for all creatures,
God the Son who encompasses all in
his mercy,
God the Holy Spirit who gives breath
to all living things,
bless our lives with goodness and
guide us in generous living. **Amen.**



*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.



***Everyone is warmly
invited to tea, coffee and
juice in St Philip and St
James' Parish Centre in
the grounds of the
church, after this
service.***

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 1st October 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 5th October 2025

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

Wednesday 8th October 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 12th October 2025

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 15th October 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

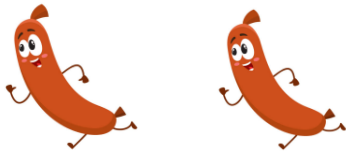
Sunday 19th October 2025

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

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26th October 2025 – – NB Times and Venues due to the Dublin City Marathon

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

Wednesday 29th October 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



Sorting and Distribution of Harvest Donations
St Philip and St James' Church
Monday 29th September 2025
10.30-11.30

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

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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.



Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 30th September 2025
19.30 hours via Zoom

Autumn Fair

Saturday 11th October 2025

12pm-3pm



*Non-perishable items may be delivered to
St Philip and St James' Church,
Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th October 2024,
7pm-9pm.*

*Perishable items (foods) may be delivered
on Friday 10th October 2025, 7pm-9pm or
before 11.00 on Saturday 11th October
2025.*



We need three times the supply of home-made goods (sweet and savoury) that we usually have as we sell out so quickly, so we need people to bake and make, please. This is your request to do so – please help! Ideally, we would love if EVERY household could cook, bake or make, or donate TWO items. But don't limit your skills... more would be great!



Return of the Sunday Clubs

Both of our Sunday Clubs resume in October. 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 but the dates have yet to be confirmed.

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:
5th October, 16th November and 7th December 2025.

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

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

**MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2025
19.30 HOURS
THE COMMITTEE ROOM**

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

**THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025
19.30 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**



Pickleball

Some parishioners have expressed interest in starting a Pickleball Club in St Philip and St James' Parish Hall. If you are interested in playing and in helping to start a club, please contact:

Quentin Teggin at 086-2463577, Mike Hayes at 087-6846511 or Gordon Richards at 083-1558682

However, if you find yourself free on the night and want to come, please do, even if you haven't let us know beforehand.

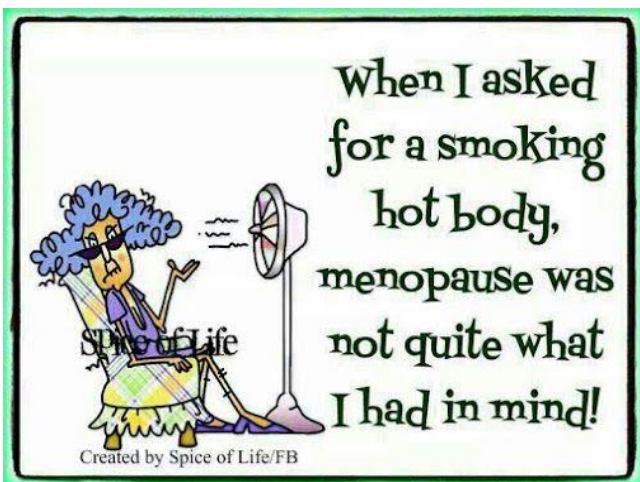
The speakers are Dr Nicola Cochrane (Doctor in the Complex Menopause Clinic in the National Maternity Hospital and Board Member of the Menopause Society of Ireland); Ms Eabhann O'Connor (Consultant Urologist in St Vincent's University Hospital); Helene Fitzpatrick (Pharmacist in Booterstown Pharmacy and Mount Merrion Pharmacy).

Thursday 16th October 2025

7.30pm

St Philip and St James' Church

Harvest Colouring Section



Am I losing my marbles or is it the menopause??

Building on the initiative of the Church of Ireland on mental health and wellbeing Mind

Matters, there is an open evening on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 7.30pm in St Philip and St James', to start a discussion on peri-menopause and menopause. This is for women and men (who need to understand what is going on for the women in their lives and work-place). Whilst this subject is now beginning to be talked about, some aspects of it, such as brain fog, emotional and mental well-being, mood swings, etc are still hidden and silent. All are welcome. It would be helpful to know for catering purposes, if you are coming, so do let us know on bootesrtownandmountmerrion@gmail.com.

