

**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 stand, if you are able]*

**Welcome and Introduction**

Good morning and welcome to this United Family Service. In September, the Family Service is a special service as we mark the start of the school year, and ask God's blessing on our work and our play in Booterstown National School, and in all the other schools which people from our parishes go to.

**Hymn No. 52 Thanks and Praise**

*[Verse 1]*

He's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

**The Penitence - Saying Sorry**

God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to show us how to live, how to love and how to care for others. There have been many times when we have not bothered about what we do, or how we do it, or what we say.

For the times we have been rude or horrible to others, including our mums and dads, our teachers and our friends.

***We are sorry Lord.***

For the times, we have been unkind, or not allowed others to join in our games or our play.

***We are sorry Lord.***

For the times we have not shared our things, and have been selfish.

***We are sorry Lord.***

For the times, when a little bit of kindness from us would have made a difference, and we didn't bother to make an effort, and have not cared.

***We are sorry Lord.***

God the Father understands that we are human and we get things wrong, and so, when we are really sorry, and want to change from getting it wrong to getting it right, God forgives us and helps to make a fresh start. Thanks be to God. ***Amen.***

*[Please remain seated]*

### **The Collect of the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
teach us to offer ourselves to your service,  
that here we may have your peace,  
and in the world to come may see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen***

### **Hymn No. 52 Thanks and Praise**

*[Verse 2]*

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,

he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,  
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands.

## **The Word of God**

*[Please sit]*

### **The Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23: 1-6 (adapted)**

GOD is my shepherd. I don't need anything.  
He has laid me down in lush fields, and leads me to quiet pools of water.  
He refreshes and strengthens me and leads me in the right direction.  
Even when the going is tough, I am not afraid because God is with me and his trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.  
God provides me with what I need, even when I am surrounded by those who don't like me.  
He blesses me generously.  
God's goodness and compassion are with me every day and I will at home in the house of GOD at the end of my life.

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

### **Hymn No. 52 Thanks and Praise**

*[Verse 3]*

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,

he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,  
 he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,  
 he's got the whole world in his hands.

**The New Testament Reading - Luke 13: 18-20 (adapted)**

Then he said, "How can I picture God's kingdom for you? What kind of story can I use to help you understand what it is like? It's like a mustard seed that someone plants in their garden, and although it is a tiny, tiny seed, it grows into a tree, big enough that birds can build their nests in it, or like an acorn that grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches."

Jesus tried to explain it another way. "How can I picture God's kingdom? It's like yeast that a baker works into enough dough for three loaves of bread. The yeast is small but it makes the dough rise and the dough doubles in size."

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

**Hymn No. 52 Thanks and Praise**

[Verse 4]

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,  
 he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,

he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,  
 he's got the whole world in his hands.

**The Sermon**

[Please stand]

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

***We believe in God the Father, who gives life and love to his children.***

***We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.***

***We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.***

***We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.***

**Hymn No. 52 Thanks and Praise**

[Verse 5]

He's got everybody here in his hands,  
 he's got everybody here in his hands,  
 he's got everybody here in his hands,  
 he's got the whole world in his hands.

[Please kneel or sit]



## The Prayers

### For a new school year and new people in school

Dear God, thank you for another new year in school, and we pray that we may be able to be in school for the whole year. We pray too for all those who have been affected by the coronavirus.

Thank you for all the new people who have started in school. We pray that they will be very happy in Booterstown National School and make lots of friends. **Amen.**

### To treat people well

Dear God, help us always to treat everyone with kindness and respect. Help us to think before we speak or act, so that we do not hurt others, and treat them in the way that we would like to be treated. **Amen.**

### For willingness to learn

Dear God, there is so much that we don't know, and we realise that we will never know everything, but help us to be eager to learn; help us to do our best and to be enthusiastic. This we ask, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### For all the parts of our school

Dear God, we thank you for everyone who is a part of our school: the pupils, the staff, the parents, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Board of Management. We thank you for those who give of their time, voluntarily, to

the school and to school activities. Everyone is an important part of the school. **Amen.**

### For the new facilities

Dear God, we thank you for all the facilities that we have in school, and we particularly thank you for the new and improved things over the last while, such as the new roof, the Trim-Trail, the i-pads and the Forest School! We thank you for all those who worked so hard to make these things happen. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

## 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.***

*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. 117 Thanks and Praise**

*Our God is a great big God,  
our God is great big God,  
our God is a great big God and he  
holds us in his hands.*

*Our God is a great big God,  
our God is great big God,  
our God is a great big God and he  
holds us in his hands.*

*He's high than a skyscraper  
and he's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.  
And he's known me and he's loved me  
since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan.*

*Our God is a great big God,  
our God is great big God,  
our God is a great big God and he  
holds us in his hands.*

*[Please kneel or sit.]*

**Blessing of Booterstown National  
School, the children's schoolbags,  
and the school year ahead**

Father of us all,  
bless all the pupils of Booterstown  
National School, and all other places  
of learning.

May they be enthusiastic about  
learning, exploring and discovering all  
sorts of things.

Give them a sense of wonder and may  
they use all every opportunity to  
develop all their talents.

Bless all the staff of Booterstown  
National School, and of all schools and  
colleges.

Guide them in their work and inspire  
their creativity.

Bless all parents and guardians; those  
in Booterstown National School, and  
beyond. May their homes be places of  
love, security and truth and may their  
children come to know of your love  
through their love for them.

Bless those who serve on the Board of  
Management in Booterstown National  
School, and other schools and  
colleges. Give them wisdom in their  
decision-making.

Bless the schoolbags, that are carried  
to and from school or college each  
day; with all the things necessary for  
the day of learning.

Bless all who are a part of the school,  
may we all strive to be kind, caring,  
honest and fair; to be the best kind  
of people that you want us to be. We  
pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you.

The Lord makes his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;

And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

## Hymn No. 658 - (Southcote)

One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go;  
from the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old that I travel to the new;*

*keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;

all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough;

leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the child in me;  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:

*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.*



You are all warmly invited to  
tea/coffee/juice in St Philip and  
St James' Parish Centre after this  
Service.

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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## **Services next Sunday**

**8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church**

**10.30 United Service of Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church**  
(live-streamed)

### **Decorating the Church for Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**10.30**

**St Philip and St James' Church**

**All help and donations of flowers, fruit and vegetables welcome!**



### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**8.30 Holy Communion - St Thomas' Church**

**10.30 United Service for Harvest Thanksgiving - St Philip and St James' Church**

We are asking the children of the parishes and the school 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 TRUST with whom we have an ongoing relationship, helping the homeless in Dublin.



### **No PJ's Autumn Fair this year**

The Select Vestry of Booterstown and Carysfort Parish has decided to cancel the Autumn Fair, which had been scheduled for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 due to the ongoing restrictions and the high numbers of COVID-19 cases.

***It is planned to have a smaller, alternative event before Christmas, restrictions-permitting.***