



Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is no longer mandated by the government but we understand that some people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Social Distancing

Social- distancing is no longer required, and we have removed our seating plans in both churches. However, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space, so please respect others' need for space.

Heating Installation and Interior Works to St Philip and St James' Church

We have completed the first phase of the works. The new heating system has been installed and the accessibility works have been done. We still have more work to do but we have more funds to raise first!

[Please stand]

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. 75 Thanks and Praise

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
O wonderful love!

So high you can't get over it,
so low you can't get under it,
so wide you can't get round it,
O wonderful love!

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
O wonderful love!

[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, 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 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 Word of God

[Please sit]

The Old Testament Reading - Psalm 5: 1-3, 7-8, 11 (adapted)

Adapted from The Message version of the Bible

The Old Testament reading is from Psalm 5.

¹⁻³ Listen, GOD! Please, pay attention!
Can you make sense of these
ramblings,
my groans and cries?

King-God, I need your help.

Every morning

you'll hear me at it again.

Every morning

I lay out the pieces of my life
on your altar
and watch for fire to descend.

⁷⁻⁸ And here I am, your invited
guest—

it's incredible!

¹¹ You welcome us with open arms
when we run for cover to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand]

Hymn - God's Love is the Best Love

[Tune: Meet the Flintstones]

God's love is the best love
that the world has ever, ever known.
Deeper than the deep sea;
it's a love that only God has shown.
Higher than the rockets out in space,
wider than the total human race.
God's love is the best love
that the world has ever, ever
could ever, ever,
will ever, ever know.

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The New Testament Reading -

Matthew 7: 1-12 (adapted)

Adapted from The Message version of the Bible

The New Testament reading is from the Gospel of St Matthew.

7 ¹⁻⁵ "Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbour's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say,

'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by jealousy? It's this whole traveling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbour.

⁶ "Don't be flippant with the sacred. Stupidity and arrogance give no honour to God. ⁷⁻¹¹ "Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This isn't a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in.

¹² "Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behaviour: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for *them*. That's what you get when you add together God's Law and his messages that the Prophets told us.

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

[Please stand]

Hymn - A Smile is Something!

A smile is something when you give it away,
give it away, give it away.
A smile is something when you give it away,
it comes right back to you.
It's like a shiny penny.
Hold on tight and you won't get many.
Lend it. Spend it.
Give it away.

It comes right back to you.

Friendship is something when you give it away...

Love is something when you give it away...

[Please sit]

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.

Kum Ba Yah (Tune Hymn No. 682 CH)

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
O Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
O Lord, kum ba yah.

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
O Lord, kum ba yah.

[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 for all the things that we look forward to in the year ahead.

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 Good Relationships

Dear God, we healthy and positive relationships in our school, and we pray for respectful and peaceful relationships between nations and peoples, right across the world. We pray for an end to war and to conflict, and particularly, at this time, we pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. We pray for all those who have been affected by war, conflict and violence. This we ask, in Jesus' name. **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.**

[Please stand]

[During the singing of this hymn, the offering will be received]

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:

[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 those from these parishes who go to other places of learning.

We thank you for the beginning of this new school year:
for new books and new ideas;
for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons,
and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled.

Bless the pupil's schoolbags, as they carry them to and from school each day; may their schoolbags be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year.

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

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

As well as studying all the subjects in the classroom, may they also learn to be kind, caring, honest and fair; to be the best kind of people that you want them to be. We pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Father of us all,
bless all the staff of Booterstown National School, and of all schools and colleges.

Guide them in their work. Inspire their creativity. Constantly renew their enthusiasm, and fill them with concern for every aspect of the life of the pupils, as they help them to grow in wisdom, age and grace. We pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Father of us all,
bless all parents and guardians; those in Booterstown National School, and beyond.

Give them strength and patience. May their homes be places of love, security and truth and let their children come to know of your love through their love for them. 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.

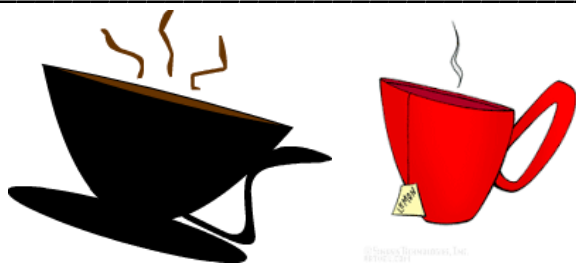
The Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn - Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!
Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord!
Alleluia!
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Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!

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 and scones in

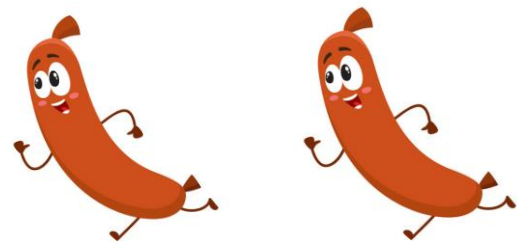
the Parish Centre after this Service.

Sunday 2nd October 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
10.00 Holy Communion and Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 9th October 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
10.00 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church
18.30 The Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.



Sunday 16th October 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 23rd October 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Harvest Thanksgiving in
St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th October 2022 – NB
Changes due to the Dublin City
Marathon

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday Clubs

We are working towards re-opening the Sunday Clubs this autumn. We are looking for people to join the team of leaders so that the responsibility can be shared and is, therefore, not too onerous on any individual. We are particularly looking for male leaders in order to have a gender balance amongst the leaders. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far and who will be undergoing Garda vetting, Safeguarding Trust training. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.

Autumn Fair Meeting

There will be a meeting on

Thursday 29th September
2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

St Philip and St
James' Autumn Fair
Saturday 8th October 2022
12.00-15.00



We need everyone to help!

We need lots of items for the various stalls: Cakes, Biscuits, Tray Bakes, Scones, Bread, etc., Bags, Belts, Jewellery, Books, Plants, Jams, Marmalades, Unwanted Gifts, Bottles, Toys, Bric-a-Brac etc.

Non-perishable items may be left at St Philip and St James' Church at the following times:

Monday 3 October 2022
8.00-8.45 and 19.00-21.00

Tuesday 4 October 2022
8.00-8.45 and 19.00-21.00

Wednesday 5 October 2022
8.00-8.45 and 19.00-21.00

Please note that NO non-perishable items will be accepted after 21.00 hours on Wednesday 5 October 2022.

Again, we plead for good quality items ... please, please, please, no junk, and no electrical items. It is a major hassle and expense to get rid of junk that is not sellable.

We very much appreciate people's generosity which is always overwhelming but do please help us in this matter.

We need people to come and help sort the items on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October 19.00-21.00 and to put tents up on Saturday at 8.00 and take them down on Saturday at 15.00.

For the Cakes/Deli and Household Stalls, we would appreciate if each family could cook, or donate, two items.

But don't limit your cooking skills... these stalls always sell out fast!

As usual, we are having a raffle, and every household has been sent two books of raffle

tickets and it would really help if you could sell them and return them to the The Rectory as soon as possible.

The Great PJ's Jam-Jar and Hat Competitions!

Competitions for primary school pupils

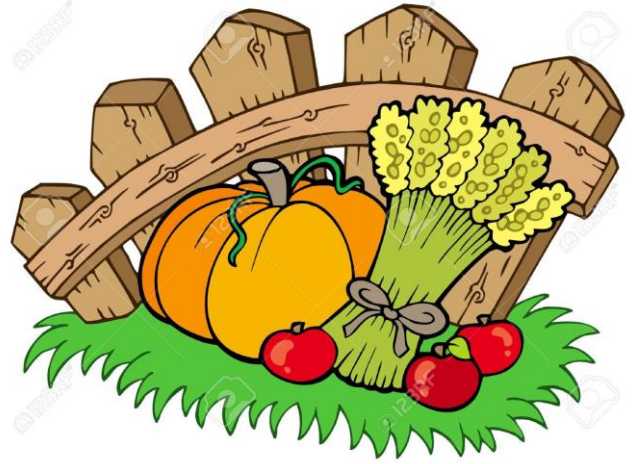
- 1. Fill a jam-jar with sweets and decorate the jar. The best-decorated jar wins a prize.**

The jam-jars of sweets then go on the Hoopla Stall and people can pay to throw a hoop to 'catch' a jar of sweets!

- 2. Make a Hallowe'en Hat!**

Bring jam-jars of sweets and Hallowe'en Hats to St Philip and St James' Church on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th October 2022, Friday 7th October 2022, 08.00-08.45 or on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th October 2022, 19.00-21.00.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.



Sunday 23rd October 2022
8.30 Holy Communion –
St Philip and St James' Church
 10.30 United Service for
 Harvest Thanksgiving –
 St Thomas' Church

Special Preacher – The Rev. John Marchant, recently retired Rector of Donnybrook and Irishtown.

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.

**Decorating the Church for
Harvest Thanksgiving**

Saturday 22nd October 2022

10.30

St Thomas' Church

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



Mount Merrion

**Select Vestry Strategy Evening
Wednesday 28th September 2022
19.00 hours
in St Thomas' Church**

Healer Prayer Group

**Monday 10th October 2022
19.00 hours via Zoom**

MOUNT MERRION

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2022
20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2022
19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is compiling a history of our parishes for our forthcoming

celebrations in 2024:

2021 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown
2024 - 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church

2026 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National School

Mike has interviewed some of the parishioners of both churches, about their memories, stories and experience but he really would like more stories and photographs if you have them. *"Do not think that your story is not interesting enough, all will help make up the wonderful different strands that will enrich the colourful weave of the story of these historic churches."*

Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com
