



St. Philip & St. James and St. James'

NEWSLETTER

Rector writes...



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Now that the 'back-to-school' glorious sunshine, has been replaced by an autumn chill, the 'winter routine' is beginning to kick in!

PJT Fashion Show

On Friday 23rd September, the much-talked-about Fashion Show took place in the Stillorgan Park Hotel (by kind permission). The excitement was huge, with a number of the models approaching me that morning in school, wondering if they would need lip-liner with their lipstick?!!! And this was asked to someone who once got a present of lip-liner and used it to write the shopping list!!! The guys, overhearing, the query, had a panic that they would have to wear make-up too...! Calm was finally restored and lip-liner deemed unnecessary! Everyone played their part from the elegant models, to our sound

and lighting techies, to our logo techie, to our dressers, raffle organisers, door stewards, etc. It was a lot of fun and there was a great sense of community, with people from all age ranges from both parishes, as well as the Youth Clubs, being involved.

Our thanks to the Stillorgan Park Hotel, who generously gave us the use of the Shelbourne Suite and to their staff, who gave us every possible assistance in addition to setting up the room for us.

Particular thanks to the committee who assisted in the organising. I know they will not mind me singling out Nicola Halford for special mention. The Fashion Show was Nicola's idea, and the amount of work that she put into organising it was ENORMOUS! Her organisational skills and attention to detail

are amazing. It is often said that a particular event could not have happened but for the contribution of a person or persons, and sometimes, this is possibly an exaggeration. In this case, it is not. Nicola, many, many thanks!

As well as the evening being a success in term's of fun and involvement, it was also a financial success with over €4,000 being realised. Once expenses, etc. are deducted we will have a more accurate figure, but it will not be below €4,000. Well done!

Youth Club Weekend Away

While some of us are still recovering from the Fashion Show, Nicola Halford is already on to the next project!... the Youth Clubs weekend away in Ovoca Manor in Avoca, County Wicklow, Friday 7th

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October to Sunday 9th October 2005. Some of us are getting too old for sleep deprivation! Please remember in your prayers our young people and our youth club leaders.

Parish Auction

In just over two weeks, on Friday 21st October, the Parish Auction is being held in the Monk Gibbon Hall at Saint Thomas'. It is a first in that it is the first event being run jointly by the social and fundraising committees from both parishes and promises to be an excellent night. All sorts of favours and items are going to be sold, but in order for them to be sold, we need you to donate them! We require good quality items (not junk!), and favours. Time is running out so please get your promises/items to Vi Hoffman or Vera Pepper NOW! And get your friends organised to come to the auction where Denis Beare will assist you to buy all sorts of goodies!

New Wayside Pulpit at Saint Thomas'

A new 'ditty' on the wayside pulpit will be coming shortly to Saint Thomas' - watch out for it!

Start of the Year School Service

The 'Start of the School Year' service was held on 25th

September in Saint Philip and Saint James'. Thank you to the children and to Mrs. Conran for helping to lead this service and especially to those children who taught us the 'round'. We plan to use that again!

Harvest Thanksgivings and Organisations' Service

As you receive this newsletter, we are in the middle of harvesting! Bit late, the farmers have finished the harvest long ago! Thank you in anticipation to those who decorated both churches, and to our visiting preachers, the Rev. Jim Flack and the Rev. Norma MacMaster. The ecumenical harvest thanksgiving is on in Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Mount Merrion Avenue on Sunday 9th October 2005 at 11.00. Please note there will be NO 11.30 service in Saint Philip and Saint James' that morning.

Saint Thomas' Gift Day

Saint Thomas' Gift Day is Sunday 2nd October 2005. The Parish Treasurer Mrs. Meriel Armstrong will be delighted to receive your gifts to the church during the month of October. The Gift Days play an important part of our income.

Rectory

Yippee! We are in! The move happened on 7th July 2005, and it is such a pleasure to be installed! There are still lots

of boxes to unpack and bits and pieces to sort but we will get there! It is a lovely home to live in and we are enjoying living here very much. Again, huge thanks to Mike Hayes and Clive Beatty who have done so much in overseeing the work!

Garden of Remembrance

Yes, there is chaos in the grounds of Saint Thomas' at the moment, but please bear with us - it will be worth it. Part of the rectory garden is being renovated into a Garden of Remembrance for in interment of ashes. The plans promise a place of restfulness and tranquillity. Thank you to the committee of Jeanette Hunt, Vera Pepper and Arthur White and our architect/consultant/overseer Ken Hunt. There is also a ramp being installed to facilitate easy access to the church.

and most importantly...

All of the aforementioned are important in themselves but they are really only tools to support our parish communities in the work of building up the people of God. Our focus is people. You are what we are about. Each of us has a part to play... in making people feel welcome, in making people feel that they are valued and are a valued part of our parishes...

Best wishes,

Gillian

+ SERVICES—OCTOBER '05 +

Services for October 2005

Sunday 2nd October 2005

8.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'
 10.00 Saint Thomas'
 11.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'

Sunday 9th October 2005

8.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'
 10.00 Saint Thomas'
 11.00 Ecumenical Harvest Thanksgiving in Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church.
 No 11.30 service in Saint Philip and Saint James'

Sunday 16th October 2005

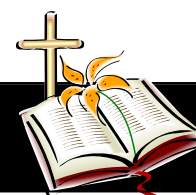
8.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'
 10.00 Saint Thomas'
 11.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'

Sunday 23rd October 2005

8.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'
 10.00 United Family Service at Saint Thomas'

Sunday 30th October 2005

8.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'
 10.00 Saint Thomas'
 11.30 Saint Philip and Saint James'



PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERAL SERVICES

St. Philip & St. James'

31st December 2004
 Elizabeth (Betty) Irene Reeves
 Nee Wall

18th April 2005 (*Memorial Service*)
 Doreen Lillian Waller/Rose nee
 Williams

29th April 2005
 Norma Maud Ward nee Rankin

1st July 2005
 Cecil Ernest Prentice

St. Thomas'

4th May 2005
 Florence Bertha Hill nee Gerrard

4th June 2005
 Hilary Norma Verso nee Orr

Carnegie's Funeral Home

5th July 2005
 Elizabeth (Elsie) Kingston

BAPTISMS

St. Philip & St. James'

19th December 2004
 Lucy Amanda Ruth Turner

23rd January 2005
 Jo- Ellen Margaret O'Dwyer

1st May 2005
 Benjamin Philip Harry Davis

16th July 2005
 Elizabeth Hannah Killeen

St. Thomas'

13th March 2005
 Matthew Michael Sherlock-
 Rogertson

21st August 2005
 Katherine (Katie) Anne
 Heather

4th September 2005
 Caoimhe Courtney Crozier

MARRIAGES

19th June 2005
 Jeffrey Andrew Pomeroy Colley and
 Lauren Anne Kapusta—**St. Philip &
 St. James'**

22nd September 2005
 Alan Colin Tilson and Lisa
 Majella Macken in **Star of Sea,
 Riverchapel, Co. Wexford.**

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

St. Thomas'

16th July 2005
 Carlos Casado and Katherine (Kate)
 Joan Edel Prendergast

Parish Women's Fellowship

We begin 2005/6 with a great start. On Tuesday October 11th at 8 pm we are delighted to welcome Ms. Alice Leahy—director of 'Trust' to speak to us. Because of the interest in Alice's work with the homeless this is an Open Meeting and we hope for a good turn-out on the night.

We will be displaying our diary of meetings and events on the notice-boards in both churches emphasising that this is a Joint Parish Social Activity.

The Committee hope you will support J.P.W.F. with your presence.

Christine Beare

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING

The Bereavement Counselling Service presently offers one to one support and counselling on Tuesdays in St. Thomas', Foster Avenue. If you have been recently bereaved or know someone who would benefit from contacting us, or if you require further information about the service, we can be contacted at the **Bereavement Counselling Administration Office**, Dublin Street, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. **Tel: 8391766** or email bereavement@eircom.net or check the web www.bereavementireland.org

St. Thomas' Indoor Bowling Club

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our members that the Club is up and running again for this Season and we meet every Thursday and Saturday nights at 7.15 pm

As always new Members are most welcome!



FRIENDSHIP 'T' CLUB

Our new 'Club' meets up on the first Monday each month from 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm in the Monk Gibbon Hall at St. Thomas' Church. Please note that October's meeting will be the second Monday, the 9th, due to holidays. We have introduced a few new innovations to compliment our cups of tea and chat! On September 5th we unveiled our 'Dart Board'! (with many thanks to Ken Hunt) and we also had a great game of scrabble. We need to learn the rules of Dominoes though!! There are other ideas to follow!

All you have to do is turn up and have a cuppa and a Chat and if you are feeling energetic you may also take part in one of the aforementioned activities!! We offer a big welcome to the **MEN** and women of both churches—why not bring a friend along, the more the merrier. Lifts can be arranged.

Contact: Christine Beare—2889896

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to **Monickam Thanaseelan**, People's Churchwarden in St. Thomas' on being awarded **Master of Science in Nursing** at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

St. Thomas & St. Philip & St. James



JOINT FUN AUCTION

All Kinds of Everything

Friday 21st October

in

MONK GIBBON HALL, FOSTER AVENUE

Viewing 7 pm

AUCTION 8 PM

Wine & Savouries

Entry €5 (incl. Glass of Wine)

Come along and Bring a Friend



BOOTERSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

School has begun back with earnest and a busy term lies ahead. We would like to welcome our new teacher, Ms. Rebecca Sterne who will teach 3rd and 4th class, we hope she will be very happy with us. We would also like to welcome all our new families to the school and hope that the children will settle in quickly and make many new friends. We are delighted to welcome back Sophie Coyle from her travels, her gardening expertise has been missed.

Extra Curricular classes have begun once again and varying choices of Playball, Multisports and Drama are on offer. Assemblies are back up and running on Friday mornings at 8.50 am, please feel free to come along and join us. We will be having a visit from the Leprosy Mission on Friday 21st October.

Seven children with staff will represent the school at the Annual Doicesan Board of Education Service for Schools and Pupils on Tuesday 27th September.

There will be a beginning of School Year service on Sunday 25th September, we do hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Patricia Conran, Principal

ALICE LEAHY 'TRUST'

YOU CAN HELP - PLEASE DO.....

At the meeting of both Select Vestries, last May, one of the suggestions was that we, as a group of parishes, could do more to help those in need of support and practical help. A number of parishioners were already familiar with, and supporting the work of Alice Leahy in Trust, and it was felt that we could channel our efforts into this project.

Trust is a non-political, non denominational voluntary body which provides medical and related services for people who are homeless.

Every Sunday, at the back of St. Philip & Saint James' Church, there will be a blanket box and at the back of St. Thomas' Church, there will be a bag, and we are asking parishioners to place items in these containers that can be passed on to Trust, to help with the work they do. Please note that the items must be in good condition. Below is the Trust Wish-List. We know you can help, and it would be great if you would.

We have agreed to co-ordinate the parishes' support for the work of Trust, and to liaise with Trust, on behalf of the parishes. If you have any questions please contact:

Vi Hoffman 2888655
Vi Wilson 2888782
Faith Frankland 2885565
June Sherlock 2694042

TRUST WISH-LIST

- Jeans-Men's: Waist 30, 32, 34
Ladies: All Sizes
- T-Shirts
- Jumpers
- Fleeces
- Shoes/Runners: Men's: 7,8,9,10
Ladies: All Sizes
- Sleeping Bags
- Shirts
- Tracksuits
- Anoracks: Ladies/Men's
- Socks
- Underwear: New/unused
- Towels
- Toiletries: Hair Brushes &
Combs, Soap,
Shampoo, Deodorant,
Perfume, Aftershave,
Shaving-Cream/Gel
- Mugs
- Cutlery
- Tea/Coffee
- Biscuits/Cakes
- Sugar
- Hats, Caps, Gloves, Scarves
- Magazines (only recent)
Paperbacks

EVENING BADMINTON AT ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES'

The Autumn Badminton season has commenced in St. Philip & St. James Parish Centre. The club does not enter league teams, but plays friendly matches with local Badminton clubs. All new members are most welcome. Play is from 8—10 pm approx. every Thursday evening. We look forward to seeing you there !

All enquiries to Maureen Millington, Secretary—Ph: 2809826





in
The Parish Centre
at
ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES'

WHAT

WHEN

CONTACT

Sunday Club

Sunday

Barbara Plant
2880202

Montessori School

Monday-Friday
8.30-1.00pm

Marion Gartland
0404 29961

Power Yoga

Monday
7.00-8.15

Anne Murphy
087 2200407

Whist

Monday
8.00-9.30pm

Yvonne Laycock
2885660

Bridge (Merrion)

Tuesday
7.30-10.00pm

Anne Murphy
087 2200407

League of Health

Tuesday
7.45-8.45pm

Yvonne McGuinness
2896162

Parish Women's Fellowship

Tuesday (2nd of month)
8.00-10.00pm

June Burgess
2888887

Kick Boxing

Wednesday
6.00-7.00

Glenn Heenan
086 3993095

Playball

Wednesday
12.40-1.40

Julie-Anne Hudson
2880688

Badminton

Thursday morning
10.15am-12.30pm

Ros Phillips
2884049

Badminton

Thursday evening
7.30pm-10.30pm

Maureen Millington
2809826

Bridge

Friday
7.30pm-10.30pm

Patricia Byrne
2880619

Youth Club

Friday

Nicola Halford
087 1233338

Stagecoach Theatre Arts
School

Saturday
10.00am-1.00pm
2.00pm-5.00pm

Helen Roche
2803336

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in
The Monk Gibbon Hall
at
ST. THOMAS'

WHAT

WHEN

CONTACT

Sunday Club

Sunday
10.15-10.45am

Jeanette Hunt
2880777

Mother & Toddler

Mon/Thur/Fri
10.30am-12.00am

Shona Ashmore
2945824

Cubs

Monday
7.00-8.30pm

Natalie Scharwatt
086369324

Scouts

Friday
7.00-9.00pm

Pat Treacy
086 8578331

Venture Scouts

Sunday
8.00-10.00pm

Gina Luizzi
086 8413871

Dance Class

Wednesday
2.30-4.00
6.30-10.00pm

Flora Millar
2888455

Yoga Class

Tuesday
6.30-9.30pm
Saturday
12.00-1.00pm

Emma Stafford
087 9606908

League of Health

Tuesday
11.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday
10.00am-12.15pm

Alison Galbraith
2888761

Indoor Bowls

Thursday & Saturday
7.30-10.30pm

Vera Pepper
2882741

Bereavement Counselling

By Appointment

Mairead McGuinness
2884263

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