



*[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 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God: Increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.*

<sup>26</sup>When 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, <sup>2</sup>you 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. <sup>3</sup>You 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.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you 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. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The 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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So 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. <sup>11</sup>Then 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.

<sup>12</sup> When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year (which is the year of the tithe), giving it to the Levites, the aliens, the orphans, and the widows, so that they may eat their fill within your towns, <sup>13</sup>then you shall say before the Lord your God: 'I have removed the sacred portion from the house, and I have given it to the Levites, the resident aliens, the orphans, and the widows, in accordance with your entire commandment that you commanded me; I have neither transgressed nor forgotten any of your commandments:

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 - All Things Bright and Beautiful** by John Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings:

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning

that brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them everyone:

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*[Please sit]*

**The Second Reading - Matthew 13:  
1-9, 31-32**

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.*

<sup>13</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a

hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

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 **The Very Rev. Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast**, as our special preacher this morning. Stephen was the first rector of the Grouped Parishes of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion, 1995-1999.*

### 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.

We thank you for those who work on land and sea, conscious of the risk these occupations carry. We thank you for those who work in city and in industry that we may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation.

We give thanks for scientists and inventors who through their work and human ingenuity we may seek to develop your world for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In giving thanks for the harvest, we pray recognise that life is very different for many others, and so we pray for all who through no fault of their own are deprived of their

harvest and the necessities of life which we so often take for granted. We give thanks for the work of agencies that work to alleviate hunger, poverty and homelessness; especially the Alice Leahy Trust, the Capuchin Day Centre and the Bishops' Appeal. Help us to respond with love and compassion offering whatever help we can. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who make decisions about the resources of the earth. We pray for all world leaders that they may not use the basic necessities for living as bargaining chips to further their political agendas, and we pray that they would set aside political partisanship and work in harmony for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We come too, with deeply troubled and worried as the war in Ukraine continues with a horrific human cost, and so we pray for end to that war, and to all oppression and conflict; that your peace, which is so much more than the absence of violence, may permeate our planet home. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray too as the effects of coronavirus are still being felt around the world. We pray for all who are ill from COVID-19 and from other illnesses; for those whose mental and emotional wellbeing, as well as their physical wellbeing, is impacted.

We pray that they may know your healing balm of your presence.

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

We pray for all whose life's work is in the service of others... for doctors, nurses and all medical and health care workers who continue to work in stressful conditions; for the fire and ambulance services, an Garda Síochána, the Coast Guard, the RNLI, the Civil Defence, and Mountain Rescue Teams, whose lives are often at risk on a daily basis.

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 the Monk Gibbon  
Hall (St Thomas' Church  
Hall) in the grounds of  
the church, after this  
service.***

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service  
in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service  
in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St  
James' Church

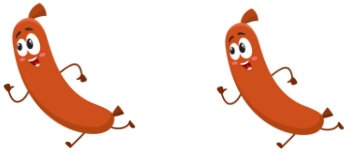
9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church  
 11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

***Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024***

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church***

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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 followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.



***Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024***

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church***

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 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

**Healer Prayer Group**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
 19.30 hours *via Zoom*

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

on Tuesdays

3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

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**BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**  
**SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2024**  
**19.30 HOURS**  
**IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2024**  
**19.30 HOURS IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MONK GIBBON HALL**

**Autumn Fair**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**12pm-3pm**



***Non-perishable items may be delivered to St Philip and St James' Church, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 7pm-9pm.***

***Perishable items (foods) may be delivered on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 7pm-9pm or before 11.00 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024.***



***For the Cake Stall, we would appreciate if each family could cook, or donate, two items. But don't limit your cooking skills—this stall sells out quickly!***

## **The Great PJ's Art Competition!**

**Competition for primary school pupils – create a 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary card for St Philip and St James' Church.**

**BRING YOUR CARD TO ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH BY 8PM ON FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024. LATE ARRIVALS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS THE JUDGING IS AT 8PM**

**OR YOU CAN GIVE IT TO GILLIAN (THE RECTOR) BEFORE THAT TIME.**

**ENTRY FEE €2**

**ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

***ENTRY FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO THE RECTORY (A94 W7R6) BY WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024.***



## **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 on the following Sundays:  
**13<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**St Philip and St James' Sunday Club** will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:  
**6<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

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