



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

20th November 2016

Feast of Christ the King

In Brief: Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available in the church porch. Envelopes may be returned to the Presbytery, the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Booterstown Parish Website has been upgraded and is regularly updated. Please visit www.booterstownparish.ie and don't forget the **webcam** option which broadcasts live all the ceremonies from our church. Please tell your friends and relatives abroad.

Cake Sale and Raffle will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 27th November after Mass. Members of the Social Group request that parishioners will bake their speciality and bring it along to the Cake Sale, the proceeds of which will go towards parish projects.

Members of the Finance Committee will speak at Masses next weekend and distribute copies of the Annual Report.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society the next meeting will take place on **Thursday 24th November** at 10.30 am in the Parish Centre, Room 3.

Booterstown Community Centre, Grotto Ave invite parishioners and friends to an **Autumn Gathering** – an early evening of song, music, drama and dance – on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November from 6.00 to 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

A Talk on Christian Persecution in Iraq and Jordan will be given by Canon Andrew White in Johnstown Parish Centre on Sunday 20th November at 7.00 pm. Canon White is an Anglican Minister from the UK who has ministered in Baghdad.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 23:35-43

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus as a person who never used power for his own selfish advantage. Who have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?

2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?

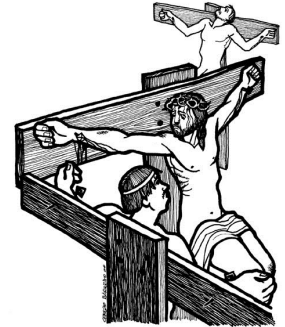
3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. In human terms, he was powerless. It was his trust in the love of God with him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?

4. We may also identify with the good thief, reaching out in support of the innocent Jesus. Who has reached out to you when you experienced unfair treatment? To whom have you reached out in that way?

5. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

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LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration: the committee has reviewed the roster, following the recent promotion of Eucharistic Adoration. There are some periods in the roster for which Adorers are requested: 11.30 am to 12 noon (30 minute period) and 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. 2 volunteers required for each period if possible.

Birth Blessing for expectant parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles will take place on Sunday 4th December at 10.30 am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Christian Meditation: St. John the Evangelist Church, Ballinteer Avenue has invited Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB to speak in the church on **Friday 25th November 2016 at 7.30 pm**. Fr. Freeman will speak about Meditation and how it leads us into the life-transforming mystery in the small as well as the great events of life. Fr. Freeman is recognised internationally as an author, speaker, retreat leader and meditation

Blackrock Gardaí invite retired senior citizens/parishioners and Friends of Booterstown Parish to their Annual December Party in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan (Stillorgan Park Hotel) on **Tuesday, 6th December at 12.30 pm**. Lunch, spot prizes and fun. Please join in.

Super Senior Classes in the Parish Centre, Booterstown This class takes place in the Parish Centre on **Mondays at 10.30 am**. It is suitable for older members (male and female, who are young at heart!), and entails gentle, light-paced body exercise in a safe environment. The exercises are tailored towards your body's needs and your individual fitness level. The aim is to improve mobility, balance and posture, flexibility, muscular strength, overall fitness and mental wellbeing. The classes are given by a qualified fitness instructor and take place in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Please contact Johnny at 085 – 2717 479.

DARA - Donnybrook Active Retired Association Art Group will hold an Art Exhibition in Donnybrook Community Centre (behind the church), on Saturday 26th November from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm and Sunday 27th from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Camphill Communities of Ireland: A Christmas Concert will take place in the National Concert Hall on Monday 28th November at 7.30 pm. This Star of Bethlehem Concert will lift your spirits with a beautiful programme including **Saturn Return Suite** composed by our parishioner and former director of the Children's Choir, Lynn Hilary. Presenter Ms. Eileen Dunne. Please see the poster in the church porch.

Volunteers Needed for Booterstown Parish Youth Club – Are you interested in helping out in a vibrant and active youth club? If you are, we would love to hear from you. Booterstown Parish Youth Club provides after-school activities for primary school children from the Booterstown area. Please send us an email for further information to booterstownparishyouthclub@gmail.com or visit www.booterstownparishyouthclub.ie

The **Parish Faith Formation and Spirituality Group** has arranged the following talks:

● **God's Mercy in Art:** On Tuesday, 6th December at 8.00 pm, Dr. Eileen Kane will give a presentation on **God's Mercy in Art** to mark the conclusion of the Year of Mercy. Dr. Kane, a former UCD Lecturer in the History of Art, has already given excellent presentations in this parish. The talk will take place in the Parish Centre, Room 2.

● **Spiritual Preparation for Christmas:** On Tuesday, 13th December at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre the Faith Formation and Spirituality Group will host an evening to help us to spiritually prepare for the Christmas Season.

Church of the Guardian Angels – Newtownpark, Murray Centre - the series of November Talks will conclude on Thursday, 24th November at 8.00 pm when Bishop Brendan Comiskey will speak about "The Good News of Jesus Christ – Ireland's Best Kept Secret". Cost: Donation.

A Gala Christmas Concert will take place in Church of the Guardian Angels on Friday 25th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets are €20. More details on the poster in the church porch.

Rest in Peace: We pray for those whose funerals have taken place during the past week and especially David (Dave) Menton, Hampton Park and Kathleen Egan, Seafield Crescent.

Bethany Residential Weekend – led by Fr. Myles O'Reilly, S.J. and Bethany Bereavement Support, the weekend will explore the loss of your loved one and the meaning of death from a Christian perspective through prayer, meditation, discussion, videos and sharing. The weekend will begin on Friday 25th November in the Dominican Priory Centre, Tallaght Village and conclude on Sunday 27th November at 4.30 pm. Cost €190. A deposit of €50 is required. Tel. 087-2050514, Anne or visit www.bethanysupport@eircom.net

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Cormac McIlraith, 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Administrator Tel: 01 288 2162	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Booterstown Ave.	Pastor Emeritus Tel. 01 288 2889	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		Marriages
Mass Times		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
Saturday: 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
Mon - Fri: 7.30 & 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
Rosary		(Mon - Fri: 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Mon – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
Eucharistic Adoration		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223