



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

27th November 2016

First Sunday of Advent.

In brief:

Christmas Crib: the tradition of the Christmas crib began with St. Francis in 1223. The tradition has remained in Christian homes and families for centuries and it is a beautiful reminder of the real meaning of Christmas.

Creative Christmas Cribs offers you a selection of primarily Italian designed cribs and nativity sets in a range of sizes from pocket size to larger artistic cribs priced from €2 to €250. Visit us at www.facebook.com/creativechristmascribs or Email us creativechristmascribs@gmail.com

Parish Cake Sale TODAY the biannual Cake Sale and Raffle, organised by the parish Social Group, takes place after Mass. Lots of lovely confections on offer – and you might win something in the raffle! Please call into the Parish Centre on Sunday morning!

Members of the Finance Committee are speaking at Masses today and distributing copies of the Annual Report as you leave the church.

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 come along and join in.

DARA - Donnybrook Active Retired Association Art Group are holding an Art Exhibition in Donnybrook Community Centre (behind the church), this weekend: Saturday 26th November from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm and Sunday 27th from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 24:37-44

1. The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.)

2. One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

3. You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

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LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration: takes place every Tuesday from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. You are most welcome to call in to the church at anytime during the day and join with those who have committed to the Eucharistic Adoration Roster. Please sign in as a visitor if not on the roster.

Birth Blessing for expectant parents: Sunday 4th December at 10.30 am Mass. Prospective grandparents and other family members are welcome to attend and to pray for a safe delivery of the new family member – even if the expectant family is living in another parish or abroad. Baby socks and prayer booklets will be distributed. Mass will be followed by hospitality in the Parish Centre (replacing next Sunday's hospitality).

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful is now available on the parish website. Click on Parish Groups followed by clicking on Liturgy and click on the link.

Advent Wreath: the Liturgical season of Advent commences today and we enter into the start of a new Church Year. The cycle is Year A of a three-year cycle. You will notice that the colour of the celebrant's vestments, the Lectionary cover and the banners is purple. The first candle of the Advent wreath, which symbolizes HOPE, will be lit at all Masses. The Jesse Tree symbols of the Sun and Moon, symbols of Creation, and Noah's Ark will be hung on the Jesse Tree within the Family Mass.

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.

Crosscare Food Appeal – Archbishop Martin seeks your support for a Parish Food Appeal throughout the Diocese to support the Crosscare Foodbanks as Christmas approaches. Suggested items for donation are: pasta/rice, fruit juice, tea/coffee, soup, sugar, biscuits, tinned vegetables/fruit, powdered milk, hygiene products. Parishioners are requested to bring these items to the church on 3rd and 4th December. Volunteer drivers to deliver items to Crosscare, Dunlaoghaire will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Parish Office 281 1593.

Laura Lynn – Ireland's Children's Hospice – Cake Sale and Christmas Fair in Foxrock Golf Club (off Torquay Road) on Wednesday 30th November from 10.00 am to 12 noon. All proceeds go directly to Laura Lynn Children's Hospice.

Annual Christmas Fair in aid of St. Mary's Boys' National School – will take place next Sunday, 4th December, from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm. Wonderful stalls selling toys, fancy goods, homemade cakes, silent auction raffle and Santa's Grotto. All proceeds to St. Mary's Boys' School. Please note the venue is Our Lady of Mercy School Hall – the entrance is across the church park.

Anniversary Masses during the coming week: Richard and Mary Hourigan 28th Nov at 7.30 am; Marie McGlynn – 29th Nov. at 7.30 am; Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary Wednesday 30th November at 10.00 am. Friday 2nd December at 7.30 am and 10 am: Altar List of the Dead. **Saturday 3rd December** 10 am – Pauline McMahon. **Vigil:** William & Carmel Reid; Stephen McNulty, remembering his grandmother Leila McNulty; **Sunday 4th December** 10.30 am Emily O'Connor, Therese Heneghan. **12 Noon:** Joe Lee, Bernard Browne and Nancy Minogue, Julia Quinn. **Month's Mind:** Vera Joyce at Noon.

Rest in Peace: We pray for those whose funerals have taken place during the past week and especially Mona Johnston, Trimleston Road; Frank Johnson, Dornden Park and Patrick McCartan, late of St. Helen's Road.

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 is a former UCD Lecturer in the History of Art and 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.

Caring Group – meeting will take place on Monday, 28th November at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Members of this group visit parishioners who are in nursing homes or in their own homes and would like a visit. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along to the meeting or please let us know if there is someone who would like a visit. Contact Sr. Colette at 087 – 6309 166. **New Altar Servers** are currently being recruited and Training will be provided.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Parish Administrator 52 Booterstown Ave. 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, Pastor Emeritus Booterstown Ave. Tel. 01 288 2889		Other times by arrangement with parish clergy Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		<i>Marriages</i>
<i>Mass Times</i>		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
<i>Rosary</i>		(Mon - Fri: 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Mon – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223