



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

4th December 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

In Brief

The Parish Pastoral Council will have their next meeting on Tuesday, 6th December.

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

Parish Cake Sale members of the parish Social Group wish to thank all those who baked and/or donated raffle prizes and who bought cakes and raffle tickets in support of their Cake Sale last Sunday. The array of cakes and raffle prizes was superb! An amount of €1,250 was realised and this will go towards parish projects.

The Finance Committee members extend their thanks to parishioners and friends of the parish who received them with courtesy as they distributed copies of the Annual Finance Report after Masses last weekend. Additional copies are available from the church porch for those who may not yet have received the report.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Members of the society will speak at Masses next weekend and will take up their annual indoor collection. This will replace the usual Share (second) collection. Sunday morning hospitality following 9 am and 10.30 am Masses will **not** take place next weekend.



Rest in Peace

We pray for those died during the past week and especially Joe (Joseph) O'Grady, St. Helen's Road.

THE DEEP END

This second Sunday of Advent we are called to make straight paths for the coming of our Lord. How we prepare is important. We are waiting, and yes waiting can be frustrating. But waiting can also be a time of growth, of inspiration, of dreaming big dreams and imagining the endless possibilities that might come. We should try not to let go of that hope and inspiration.

John appeals to the community who have gathered to open their eyes, to take the opportunity that is at hand and deal with the spiritual crisis which surrounds them. John is calling for a radical change of heart. The decisive moment is coming where people must take a new path. What can we do to help build communities where leaders produce good fruit? What can we do to respectfully challenge those who do not? Today we pray that God's Spirit enlivens our heart, our work and our world.

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LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration: takes place every Tuesday from 10.30am until 10pm. 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.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Thursday, 8th December** and Masses times will be at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30 pm.

Ministers of Holy Communion ...please collect your December roster from the Sacristy.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful and rosters for Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion are now available on the parish website. Click on Parish Groups, then click on Liturgy and click on the appropriate link.

Advent Wreath: the Liturgical season of Advent continues today. The second candle of the Advent wreath (purple), which symbolizes LOVE, will be lit at all Masses. The **Jesse Tree symbols** which will be added today during the Family Mass are: Abraham (bell symbol), Issac (boy symbol) and Jacob (ladder) symbol.

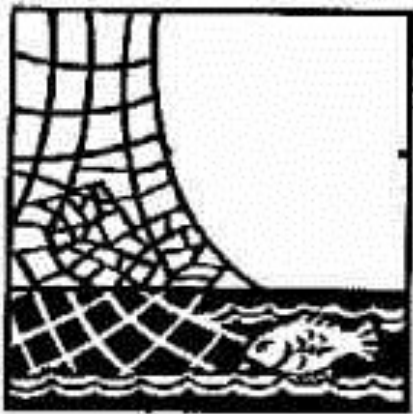
Anniversary Masses during the coming week: **Remembrance Mass** Wednesday 7th December at 10.00 am for Kathleen McKenna, recently deceased. **Saturday 10th December Vigil:** Ted Johnston (2nd A) remembering his wife, Mona, recently deceased; Terry Lyons (12th A); **Sunday 11th December 9 am** Jack and Florrie O'Hanrahan; **10.30 am** Denis Cahalane, remembering his deceased daughter, Anne Cahalane. **12 Noon:** Kathleen Griffin (1st A); Margaret McKeon (1st A) and Aidan Austin

Book Launch

Our versatile Sacristan, **Paul Lyng**, cordially invites you to join him to celebrate the launch of his new book **'From the Sea to the Mountains'**. The launch will take place on **Monday, 5th December 2016 at 7.30pm in Gleeson's**. Everyone is welcome!

Annual Christmas Fair

The Annual Christmas Fair in aid of St. Mary's Boys' National School – is taking place today (Sunday, 4th December), from 11am until 2pm. All proceeds to St. Mary's Boys' School. Note: venue is Our Lady of Mercy School Hall just across the carpark.



Annual December Party

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 12.30pm**. Lunch, spot prizes and fun. Please join in.



God's Mercy in Art

The **Parish Faith Formation and Spirituality Group** has arranged a very interesting talk for Tuesday, 6th December (8pm) where, to mark the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Dr. Eileen Kane will give a presentation on *God's Mercy in Art*. 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.

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. Parishioner are requested to bring these items to the church this weekend (or ~~even next weekend~~). ~~Volunteer drivers to delivers items to Crosscare~~, Dunlaoghaire will be greatly appreciated.

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas

On Tuesday, 13th December at 8pm in the Parish Centre the Faith Formation and Spirituality Group will host an evening to help us to spiritually prepare for the Christmas Season.

Packing and Labelling of Christmas Cards

The packing and labelling of Christmas cards will take place in the Parish Centre during the coming week after 10 am Mass. Please come to the Parish Centre if you can spare a couple of hours. Tea/Coffee will be served. **Delivery of Parish Christmas Cards** will commence the following week. Please leave your name and contact no. on the list in the Sacristy if you can assist ~~with delivery in your area~~. Thank you very much in advance for any help you can offer.

The Christmas Crib

The tradition of the crib began with St. Francis in 1223. It was celebrated in the woods of Greccio near Assisi in Italy on Christmas Eve. The tradition has remained in Christian homes and families for centuries and it a beautiful reminder of the real meaning of Christmas. Creative Christmas Cribbs offers you a selection of primarily Italian designed cribs visit: www.facebook.com/creativechristmascribs or creativechristmascribs@gmail.com

<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 Boosterstown 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