



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

8<sup>TH</sup> January 2017  
The Baptism of the Lord

### — IN BRIEF —

**Weekday Mass:** the 7.30 am weekday Mass will resume on Monday 9<sup>TH</sup> January.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul , Booterstown** – Members of the society extend their sincere thanks to all of those who contributed to their indoor church collection in December. The Society requests that the following message be conveyed to parishioners and friends of the parish: "Once again the generosity of the people has proved extraordinary. We ask you to pass on our appreciation to your generous parishioners and friends of the parish". The Conference will not take up its church ground collection this month.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** If you are experiencing difficulties with your living expenses, food and energy costs or medical expenses, especially at this time of you year, you can make a fully confidential approach to the Society at their Head Office 01 – 855 0022 and a member will respond to you.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality** will take place in the Parish Centre as this is the **Second Sunday** of the month.

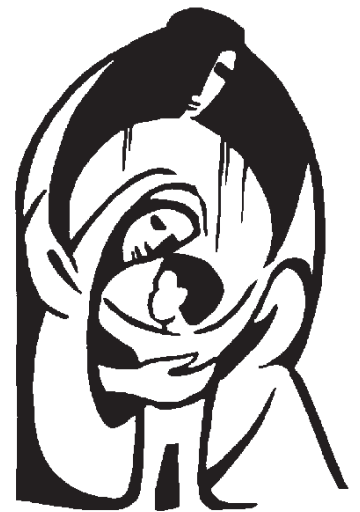
**Important notice:** A decision has been taken not to continue with the hospitality after 9.00 am Mass as the numbers attending have been consistently low over the past few months. Hospitality after 10.30 am Mass will continue as the attendance is vibrant!



### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

*Matthew 3:13-17*

- 1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.*
- 2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?*
- 3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, and one on whom rests the grace of God?*
- 4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?*



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#### LITURGY NOTES:

**Eucharistic Adoration important note:** Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Tuesday 10<sup>TH</sup> January 2017. The Saturday evening Adoration resumes this weekend, 7<sup>TH</sup> January. Many thanks to all those who have committed to a regular period of Eucharistic Adoration and to those who visit also. Please continue to sign the register.

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

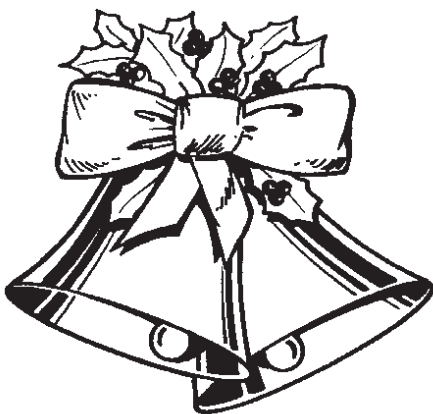
**Family Mass** will resume next Sunday, 15<sup>TH</sup> January. The Family Mass group appeals for new members to join their team as they are short of committee members to assist them in the very valuable ministry they carry out. Please consider joining this vibrant group! The commitment is during term-time only and the committee draws up a roster so the requirement is to assist on occasional Sundays, not every Sunday. This is a very rewarding ministry to be involved in, especially if you have a child/children attending primary school. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the Family Mass team if you would like more information.

**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.

**Rest in Peace:** We pray for those who have died in the past few weeks and whose funerals have taken place in this parish: Gráinne McGovern, Booterstown Avenue; Elizabeth (Betty) Watson, late of Mt. Merrion Avenue; and Nuala Colgan, Southwood Park.

**Anniversary Masses** during the coming week: Mon. 9 Jan. 10.00 am – Sheila Kelly (1<sup>ST</sup> A); Saturday 14<sup>TH</sup> January Vigil: 1.) Elsa and Gerard Bergin; 2.) Mary Sheehan; Sunday 15<sup>TH</sup> January 9.00 am - Richard Drew (1<sup>ST</sup> A); 10.30 am – Tess and Jim Dowling; 12 noon 1.) Ken and Olive Reynolds, remembering their grandson, Kenneth Reynolds. 2.) Martin and Nora Ryan; 3.) Miriam Brassill (1<sup>ST</sup> A).

**Faith for Life:** Course will take place in Benildus Pastoral Centre, Kilmacud Road Upper over 4 weekends (Saturdays 9.30 am – 5.00 pm and Sundays 9.30 am – 1.30 pm) on 28<sup>TH</sup> /29<sup>TH</sup> January, 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> March, 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> April and 27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> May. Cost is €200. The course is arranged by the Diocesan Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism. Application Forms are available from the church porch.



## Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults in the Parish – Important Notice

New Vetting Legislation The National Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 to 2016 came into effect at the end of April, 2015. The former Garda Central Vetting Unit has become the National Vetting Bureau (NVB). The NVB, however, remains an office of An Garda Síochána.

### THE ACT:

1. Provides a legislative basis for mandatory vetting of persons who undertake work or activities relating to children or vulnerable adults,
2. Provides for disclosure of certain types of information not previously disclosed through vetting process,
3. Changes the way that people apply for vetting.

The new Act requires vetting of any person who is carrying out 'relevant work or activity'. This is defined as work or activity, a necessary and regular part of which consists mainly of persons having access to, or contact with, children or vulnerable adults. A relevant organisation, one which carries out relevant work or activity, is not permitted to allow any person to undertake work or activity on its behalf unless the person has been vetted.

The Act came into effect on 29 April. It is now an offence to permit anyone to engage in relevant work until they have been vetted. Those already engaged, who have not been vetted, have until the end of this year to complete the vetting process.

There is a new application form. The person applying must produce proof of identity. A single form of identification will not be sufficient. A passport plus a recent item of correspondence, for example, will suffice but not the passport alone.

The applicant will be required to complete a very basic 'Invitation Form': name, date of birth, current address, email address, contact number and the role for which they are applying. They will hand this into the parish for signing by the Parish Priest who will be required to verify their identity and will forward the form to the diocesan administrator. The applicant will then receive an email allowing them to complete the vetting form online. This will be sent to NVB and the outcome will be returned to the diocesan vetting administrator. It will then be shared with the Parish Priest and the applicant.

The administration of the new system will be addressed at a local level with Fr. Cormac being in attendance for a period of time at least once a month. This will be communicated to all the various voluntary groups that are affiliated to the parish so that potential volunteers can embark on the process. Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

<b>Priests of the Parish</b>		<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Parish Administrator</b>		After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
52 Booterstown Ave.	Tel: 01 288 2162	After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
<b>Mgr. Seamus Conway, Pastor Emeritus</b>		Other times by arrangement with parish clergy
Booterstown Ave.	Tel. 01 288 2889	Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<b>Email &amp; Website</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		<b>Marriages</b>
<b>Mass Times</b>		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<b>Sunday:</b> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon		
<b>Mon - Fri:</b> 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
<b>Rosary</b>		(Mon - Fri: 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Mon – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10:30 am Mass until 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223