



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

15TH January 2017
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

— IN BRIEF —

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.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society next meeting will take place on Thursday 26TH January at 10.30 am in Room 3. New members are always welcome.

St. Mary's Boys' School members of the Parents' Association will take up a church gate collection in aid of the school after Masses next weekend.

Family Mass at 10.30 am If your child would like to be a Reader or a Gift Bearer at the Family Mass, please speak to any of the coordinators at the Mass. Alternatively, contact Sheila Treacy at sosdublin@gmail.com. If you would like to become involved in the Family Mass Parents' Committee, please speak to any of the coordinators at the Mass. Alternatively, contact Sheila Treacy at sosdublin@gmail.com

Anniversary Masses during the coming week: Fri. 27TH Jan. 10.00am – Mary Fahey (5TH A); Saturday 21ST January Vigil: 1.) Robert and Patricia Stavely; 2.) Eileen O'Malley (8TH A); 3.) Denis O'Riordan (2ND A); Sunday 22ND January 12 noon 1.) John Murphy 2.) Phil O'Gorman, who was a collector at 9 am Mass for many years (1ST A); 3.) Michael Butler (5TH A) remembering his wife, Mary and their daughter Anne; 4.) Dermot O'Flynn (3RD A).



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 1:29-34

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?

2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?

3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?

4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you?



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LITURGY NOTES:

Eucharistic Adoration important note: Eucharistic Adoration continues on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. Saturday evening Adoration takes place prior to the Vigil Mass from 5.00pm until 5.45pm. 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 the Eucharist... please collect your February roster from the Sacristy or visit the parish website and click on Parish Groups/Ministers of the Eucharist.

Confirmation Preparation Mass – confirmation candidates will take an active part in the liturgy at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 21ST January. **The Family Mass** at 10.30 am on Sunday 22ND January will follow the Do This in Memory First Communion Programme. All welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18th – January 25th
 Inaugural Service: Church of Ireland, Taney Road Dundrum at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 18th January. Theme: Crossing Barriers: Reconciliation – the love of Christ compels us (2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 20)

Legion of Mary Frank Duff Prayer Group next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17th January** at 2.45 pm in the Parish Centre, Room 3. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Rest in Peace: We pray for those who have died recently Kathleen Woodbyrne, Grove Avenue and Siobhan Sugrue, Castledawson, (Funeral Monday 16th January at 10.00 am).

New Pilgrim Paths Digital Evangelisation is a website aimed at introducing parishioners to the great wealth of Christian resources on the internet. It was inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the internet as offering immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity and his exhortation to "boldly become citizens of the digital world". Each week a "website of the week" is featured. This week it is Monasteries of the World – a website created to address a growing demand for a spiritual programme that enables lay people to implement Benedictine values into their daily lives. The movement is open to anyone – regardless or even in the absence of a Faith tradition who desires to see God through a Benedictine way of life. Access this and many other rich online Christian websites via www.newpilgrimpaths.ie



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.

Priests of the Parish	Confessions
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
Email & Website	Baptisms
info@booterstownparish.ie www.booterstownparish.ie	Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
Mass Times	Marriages
Saturday: 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon Mon - Fri: 10 am	By arrangement, 3 months notice required Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue 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 Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223
Tuesday after 10:30 am Mass until 10 pm	