



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

29<sup>TH</sup> January 2017  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### — 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.

**Lumen Dominican Centre** (Sion Hill Adult Education) – Spring term brochures available in the church porch. Classes commence in the week beginning 31<sup>ST</sup> January 2017.

**Booterstown Community Centre**, Grotto Avenue – **Pilates Class for Mums on “the Run”** from 1.15 to 2.15 on Wednesdays. Highly experienced teacher. Visit [www.privatepilates.eu](http://www.privatepilates.eu).

**Family Mass at 10.30am** 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](mailto: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](mailto:sosdublin@gmail.com)



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

*Matthew 5:1-12*

*The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading, some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly.*

*Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when*

*you were poor – you knew your need of God*

*you mourned – could feel for others*

*you were meek – self-controlled, neither overly aggressive nor a doormat.*

*you hungered and thirsted for some cause*

*you were merciful rather than vengeful*

*you were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond*

*you were a peacemaker*

*you were persecuted because you stood for something.*



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### LITURGY NOTES:

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on Tuesdays for the period 11.30 until 12 noon. Please contact Catherine on 086-3205 910. 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 to assist the Adoration Team to ensure that there are sufficient numbers for the safety of all and especially of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Catholic Schools Week begins today.** This week provides an opportunity to strengthen the links between the school and the parish and enables the schools to contribute to the life of the parish. During the coming week we look forward to welcoming pupils from the parish schools to join with us at 10am Mass on some weekdays. This year’s theme, ‘learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home’ is very much rooted in the papacy of Pope Francis, especially in relation to **Laudato Si** – A separate theme has been assigned to each day: Monday: Seeing the beauty of our common home; Tuesday: Caring for our common home; Wednesday: Grandparents: Watching over our common home and Friday: Sharing our common home.

## SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation. Co-ordinators of parish groups plus a further representative are invited to attend a meeting with regard to the above on **Thursday 9<sup>TH</sup> February at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.**

Anniversary Masses during the coming week: Thursday 2<sup>ND</sup> February at 7.30 am Tom Colgan and of Eithne Palmer at 10.00 am. Saturday 4<sup>TH</sup> February Vigil: 1.) Marie Johnston, 2.) Billy Doyle, 3.) Vera Hughes; Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> February at 12 noon Edie Goff.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation is a website aimed at introducing parishioners to the great wealth of Christian resources on the internet. Please note the correct website address is [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie) The website this week is Christian Meditation Ireland (CMI).

**Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated on Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> February at the Family Mass. Members of the Religious orders in the parish have been invited to attend and to renew their commitment. Mass will be followed by hospitality for the congregation in the Parish Centre.

### Prayer to St. Brigid

*Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all that God has made. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into a greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.*



## 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<sup>TH</sup> 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
<b>Fr. Cormac McLraith, Parish Administrator</b> 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
<b>Mgr. Seamus Conway, Pastor Emeritus</b> 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
<a href="mailto:info@booterstownparish.ie">info@booterstownparish.ie</a> <a href="http://www.booterstownparish.ie">www.booterstownparish.ie</a>	Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
Mass Times	Marriages
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm <b>Sunday:</b> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon <b>Mon - Fri:</b> 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	