



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

5th February 2017

Fifth 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting the next meeting will take place on 7th February 2017.

Parish Baptism Team: will host the monthly meeting on Wednesday, 8th February at 8.00 pm for parents who have booked their baby for baptism in February.

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

Church Gate collection: The Parents’ Association of Our Lady of Mercy Convent School is taking up a church gate collection after Masses this weekend.

Free Aspergers Syndrome Youth Club and Support Group every Saturday from 11 am to 1.00 pm, Castleknock Community Centre, Laurel Lodge, Dublin 15. Tel. 086-8204 663.

www.aspergersanonymous.org



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

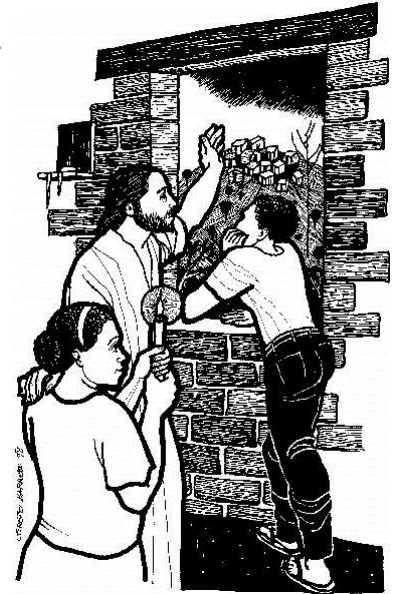
1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?

2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.

3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other

group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can their potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light? How can you make a contribution to this?

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LITURGY NOTES **Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. Additional Volunteers are requested 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 Many thanks to the Principals, Teachers, Classroom Assistants and pupils of our parish schools - Our Lady of Mercy Convent School and St. Mary’s Boys’ National School for joining our weekday Mass congregation during the past week and thank you also for uplifting us with your lovely singing.

Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Trafficked Persons is celebrated on 8th February. Resources available on www.icatholic.ie/praying-victims-slavey-trafficking-8th-feb

Service of Light for Confirmation Candidates (of our parish schools) will take place on Monday, 6th February at 7.30 pm. The pupils are preparing for their Confirmation in April will attend the Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm on Saturday next and will take an active part in the Liturgy

Anniversary Masses next week-end: Vigil: Michael Kelly (2nd A); 12 Noon: Sheelagh Lynch (4th A); Peg O'Hara (1st A), remembering her husband, John; Paddy Gildea. **Month's Mind** for Kathleen Woodbyrne – Saturday 11th, Vigil Mass.

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults in the Parish – Important Notice – Reminder to the co-ordinators of all parish ministries and groups to attend, (or to send a representative of your ministry/group, if you are unable to attend) an important meeting which will take place in **The Parish Centre, Room 2 on Thursday 9th February at 7.30 pm**. Fr. Cormac and members of the parish Child and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Team will be in attendance and will advise you of the legal requirement and paperwork involved for Garda Vetting for all volunteers and staff involved in the parish

Dalkey Players - Dalkey Town Hall – Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th February at 8.00 pm will stage the play **Dead Man's Cell Phone** by Sarah Ruhl, directed by Emma Jane Nulty. Telephone Bookings 087 / 9919261. Tickets also available at Dalkey Town Hall.

Our Planet's Environment: Lord, protect the environment of our beautiful planet. In a short time we have, through greed and lack of forethought, laid waste the precious resources of our world which took millions of years for you to create. We have destroyed the forests, poisoned our rivers and lakes, polluted our air, killed the whales, butchered elephants, destroyed the roaming herds of bison, upset the balance of nature. What, Lord have we created in their place? This world is not ours to ruin for gain and greed. We hold it in trust for future generations. It is you and you alone who are the universal creator.
John Rayne - Davis



Sunday 12th February at 10.30 am – the Mass will follow the **Do This in Memory** First Communion Programme and children preparing to receive their First Communion will participate in the Liturgy. The congregation is invited to the Parish for tea/coffee after Mass.

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

World Day of the Sick in conjunction with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February and the Dublin Diocesan celebration of the 25th World Day of the Sick, Anointing of the Sick will take place in this parish at 12 noon Mass on Sunday 12th February. If you are aware of a parishioner who is frail or unwell, please let them know about this Mass and Anointing. Also on Sunday 12th February, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be the Principal Celebrant at a Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick in St. Gabriel's Church, Dollymount, Dublin 3. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes give us a very special opportunity to remember in prayer all those who are sick and those who support and care for them at this time.

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 The promotion this week is for Irish Jesuit Communications who have just launched a free on-line course called "Making Good Decisions", based on the process of discernment, the Ignation way of reflecting on daily decisions. The eight-step video guide is delivered to one's Email inbox over 30 days. Access this, and many other rich resources via www.pilgrimpath.ie

Athlone Choral Society will perform An Afternoon Choral Recital with guests at the Maritime Museum, Dunlaoghaire on Saturday, 11th February at 3.00 pm. Musical Director Andrius Kozlovskis. Entry €10. Booking: administration@marinere.ie or 01 214 3964. Visit www.marinere.ie

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		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		Marriages
Mass Times		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
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
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223