



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

19th February 2017

Seventh Sunday of the year

In brief

SVP Annual Clothing Appeal:

distribution bags will be handed out after Masses next weekend. Clothing will be collected on Sunday morning 5th March. **Important Notice:** Bags of clothing must not be left in the church porch prior to Saturday 5th March

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society next meeting will take place on Thursday, 23rd February at 10.30 am in the Parish Centre, Room 3. New members will be most welcome.

Friday 3rd March 2017 will be World Day of Prayer. Details in next week's newsletter.

Parish Safeguarding Team Notice If your child wishes to attend the bathroom in the Parish Centre, while attending Mass, you must accompany him/her to the toilet. The front door of the Parish Centre, leading directly on to Booterstown Avenue, is open on Sunday mornings and the building is unsupervised.

Our Lady of Mercy Convent School would like to thank most sincerely the parents and parishioners of Booterstown parish for their generosity at the recent church gate collection, organised by the Parents' Association. The amount raised was €700 and it really is most appreciated.

Legion of Mary Frank Duff Prayer Group next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21st February at 2.45 pm in the Parish Centre, Room 3. Everyone is welcome

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:38-48

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them, both at the time, and in the long-term?
3. From other passages in the Gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices, and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?



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LITURGY NOTES **Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. Every Saturday, at 5.00 pm one of our three volunteer Ministers of Holy Communion, places the Monstrance on the Altar for Adoration. We are looking for more volunteer Ministers of Holy Communion to share this role, at a maximum of once per month, less often if we get a number of volunteers. It may suit some Ministers who attend the Vigil Mass. Please contact the Sacristy or the Parish Office if you can help out.

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 sosdulin@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 next week: Tuesday 21st 10.00 am: Brian and Richard Darcy Patterson; Thursday 23rd at 7.30 am: Gus Small; 10.00 am: Brigid Duff (1st A); Saturday 25th Vigil: Dorothy O'Colmáin; 8th A); 10.30 am: Patrick and Maureen Breslin and Jack Costello; 12 Noon: 1.) Pat (Patrick) Stephenson (1st A); 2.) Kevin O'Doherty.

Accord Dublin – The Annual Collection of Accord, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, is being taken up at Masses this weekend and replaces the usual Share (2nd) collection. We welcome Mr. Jim Lamplugh, a voluntary counsellor at Accord since 2007. He will speak at Masses about the work of Accord throughout the diocese which includes: Marriage Preparation Courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in schools.

Introductory workshop into the method of Centreing Prayer – a way of Contemplative Prayer as taught by Fr. Thomas Keating. If you are interested in learning more about this gentle and receptive way of prayer, you are very welcome to join us on Monday 27th February 2017 from 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm at the Murray Centre, Guardian Angels Church, Newtownpark Avenue. Contact Laura 087 – 277 6932 or Eileen 087 6011 7709.

The Memory Harbour: A Service for People concerned about their memory, those diagnosed with dementia, their families and carers. The Memory Harbour will strive to help you to navigate the challenges of living with declining memory and dementia. It offers a free and confidential service, by appointment only, for those who need Information, Service Access Guidance, Advice for people living at home regarding environmental changes, Memory group work, Education and training and Activities. Please contact Joan Fitzpatrick, Senior Occupational Therapist, Dementia Specialist Development Officer, The Memory Harbour, Clonskeagh Hospital Grounds, Clonskeagh, Dublin 6. Tel. 01 268 0392 or Email joan.fitzpatrick@hse.ie

Blackrock College Outreach Programme: Some 6th year pupils will assist with the building of a secondary school for boys in Machakos, Kenya in Summer 2017. The boys will pay all their own travel, food and accommodation expenses however they will take up a church gate collection next weekend to fundraise for dormitory accommodation for the Kenyan schoolboys, many of whom are obliged to travel long distances to attend school. The boys will give a short talk next weekend about the building project.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation is a website aimed at introducing parishioners to the great wealth of Christian resources on the internet. **The Sunday Website** is an initiative of St. Louis Jesuit University and has had 1.5 million page views in the last 16 months. It is an excellent resource for prayerful preparation for Sunday Mass, supplying the coming Sunday's readings along with thought provoking reflections on these by well known spiritual writers. Please visit www.newpilgrimpath.com

“Ruah” (hosted by members for Elation Ministries) will take place on Friday 24th February from 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm – at PDDM Chapel of Adoration, White's Cross, Newtownpark Avenue. The evening consists of a time of prayer through music, some quiet time, a reading from the Sacred Scriptures followed by a talk given by a guest speaker. It finishes with prayers of intercession and concludes with tea/coffee. All welcome. Young people, who would be willing to assist with reading, setting up the Sacred Space or hospitality, please come along for 7.15 pm.

Pro-Life Campaign will hold an Information Meeting on Monday 27 February at 8.00 pm in Baker's Corner, Kill of the Grange.

A Prayer for Hope

I hope that I will always be for each person what he or she needs me to be. I hope that each person's death will diminish me, but that fear of my own will never diminish my joy of life. I hope that my love for those whom I like will never lessen my love for those whom I do not. I hope that another person's love for me will never be a measure of my love for him or her. I hope that everybody will accept me as I am, but that I never will, that I will be open to change. I hope that I will always ask for forgiveness from others, but will never need to be asked for my own. I hope that I will always recognise my limitations, but that I will construct none. I hope that loving will always be my goal, but that love will never be my idol I hope that everyone will always have hope. *Henri Nouwen.*

| Priests of the Parish | | Confessions |
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| 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 |