



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

26th February 2017

Eighth Sunday of the year

In Brief:

SVP Annual Clothing Appeal: distribution bags are being handed out after Masses this weekend. Clothing will be collected on Sunday morning **5th March**. **Important Notice:** You are kindly requested not to leave bags of clothes in the church porch prior to 4th March. The appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bed-clothes, curtains, shoes etc.

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.

Accord would like to thank most sincerely the parishioners and friends of Booterstown parish for their generosity in responding to the Annual Diocesan Collection for Accord last weekend at which a total of €3,885 was realised. A cheque has been issued to Accord.

Pro-Life Campaign will hold:
● an Information Meeting on Monday 27 February at 8.00 pm in Baker's, Baker's Corner, Kill of the Grange. ● an Interactive Pro Life Talk and Training with Family and Life will take place on Thursday, 2nd March at 7.30 pm in the Presentation Brothers Hall, Glathule Road, Dunlaoghaire.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 6:24-34

1. This passage has many beautiful images and encouraging words. Read it slowly and let the words and images speak to you.
2. We all worry, and possibly spend a lot of energy on needless worry. Often the things we worry about never happen. Behind much worry lies a lack of trust in ourselves, in others, and in God. What has helped you to develop the kind of trust that helps you to avoid excessive worrying?
3. One of the situations that can cause anxiety is when we have divided loyalties. 'No one can be the slave of two masters'. A clear set of priorities can help us avoid this dilemma. What has helped you be clear in your own mind on where your priorities lie?
4. 'Set your hearts on God's kingdom first'. Has your faith in God helped you in times of anxiety? Your faith will not take away the problems, but knowing that God is with you, no matter what, can make a difference. What is your experience of this?

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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 seeking more volunteer Ministers of Holy Communion to share this role, at a maximum of once per monthly, 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.

Lent: The Lenten season will begin on **Ash Wednesday, 1st March**. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30 am; 10.00 am and 7.30 pm and Ash will be distributed at all Masses. Trócaire boxes (enveloped) will be available in the church porch.

Anniversary Masses next week: Wed. 1st March 7.30 pm: Dennis Whelan; Sat. 4th 10.00 am: Jim & May McKimm and their children, Christine and John; Sunday 5th March at 9 am: Carmel Creed (9th A); 12 Noon: Carmel & Patrick Canny; Joseph and Doris Bruton and Charlie Nicholson. **Month's Mind:** Sat 4th March at 6 pm: Marcella Lalor.

Children's Liturgy/Choir: 49 children and 5 supervising adults had a lovely mid-term outing to the cinema during the week when they enjoyed *The Lego Batman movie*, a film with a clever message about "family and working together". Thank you Fr. Cormac for the treat.

Introductory workshop into the method of Centering 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.

Caring Group the next meeting will take place on **Monday, 27th February** in the Parish Centre at 8.00 pm. Members visit parishioners who are in Nursing Homes or in their own homes and would like a visit. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along or let us know if there is someone who would like us to visit them. Contact Sr. Colette on 087 – 6309 166.

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 are taking up a church gate collection this weekend to fundraise for dormitory accommodation for the Kenyan schoolboys, many of whom are obliged to travel long distances to attend school.

Teresian School, Donnybrook – church gate collection next weekend: in aid of the Teresian Association’s annual trip to Villa El Salvador in Peru during which the pupils assist with development and educational projects in areas where young people have little space for educational opportunities and personal development. The pupils travelling will pay all their own flight, accommodation and food costs and expenses. All monies raised from the collection will go towards the Peru project.

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

Are you in your 40’s? The Dublin 40somethings organise spiritual and social events (meals, concerts, cinema outings) for people in their 40s in and around Dublin who have a Catholic ethos. We invite you to come along and get involved. Our next monthly gathering is at the Trinity City Hotel, Pearse Street, Dublin 2 at 8.30 pm on Friday 3rd March. There will be an evening Lenten Retreat at the Sacred Hearts, 66 Inchicore Road, Dublin 8 at 5 pm on Saturday 11th March. Come along or contact us on dublin40somethings@gmail.com or 087 760 8268 for these and other events.

Women’s World Day of Prayer is an annual ecumenical event at which we will join with the Christian Communities of Blackrock, Newtownpark and Monkstown to celebrate the service, prepared this year by the women of the Philippines, for world-wide celebration. A representative of our parish group for Ecumenism is actively involved in the preparations. The Service will take place on **Friday 3rd March at 3.00 pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Blackrock.** The theme of the service is “Am I Being Unfair to You?”.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation is a website aimed at introducing parishioners to the great wealth of Christian resources on the internet. **Living Lent Daily** is a daily email series from which you will receive readings along with thought-provoking reflections on these by well known spiritual writers from Loyola Press, delivering fresh reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent. Each day’s message includes a quotation from the day’s Scripture Readings and a brief reflection to inspire meditation, prayer and self-examination. Suggestions are also included for further exploration of Lenten themes through additional online articles and prayer. Please visit www.newpilgrimpath.com

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
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 Boosterstown Ave. Tel. 01 288 2889		Other times by arrangement with parish clergy Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		<i>Marriages</i>
<i>Mass Times</i>		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
<i>Rosary</i>		(Mon - Fri: 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Mon – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223