



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

5th March 2017

First Sunday in Lent

In Brief

SVP Annual Clothing Appeal: distribution bags are being collected after Masses this weekend. **Important Notice:** You are kindly requested **not to** leave bags of clothes in the church porch following the clothes' collection on Sunday.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th March. Parish volunteers, who wish to have their Garda Vetting Invitation signed by Fr. McIlraith, may call to the Parish Office on Tuesday 7th March from 7.30 - 8pm.



Rest in Peace

We pray for those who have died during the past week, and especially Nancy Greally - Ashfield Park, Teresa Carrick -Mt. Merrion Ave, and Barbara Looney - Belfield Park.

Anniversary Masses next week

Tues. 7th at 10am, Kathleen Gleeson (1st Anniversary); Thurs. 9th, Peigi Cronin (4th A); Sat. 11 Vigil: Martin Byrne, Kathleen Nugent, Norah Donnelly and Kathleen Doyle; 10.30 am: Stephen and Betty Treacy; 12 Noon: Marie Kenny, Fionán & Maura Moriarty; Gerry Kenny and Priscilla Bautista-Wan.

'40 Days and 40 Nights'

This Sunday's Gospel tells us about the period of time Jesus spent in the desert. Jesus spent that time separating himself from all of the worldly goods and benefits. During this time Jesus fasted and spent much time praying. Jesus was tempted by Satan to give in and break his fast but he held strong and knew that God was with him on his journey to holiness. If we 'give up' something during Lent we too are on a journey of holiness. It can be very hard to take away our favourite foods or games for Lent but the reason we do this is to try and strip ourselves of the 'extras' and live with our own selves to depend on. For example, if you give up chocolate for Lent, this can be really difficult but, as you long for a square of your favourite bar on, say, week three, you become really strong as you stop yourself giving in. Sometimes we can decide to 'take up' something as well or instead of giving up. This means we try to pray more or help more or do something that takes an extra effort each day. Lent is a time that we try to journey to holiness, it is not for the faint hearted, it is not for those who can lose hope as we begin again each day. What will you do this Lent to help you on your journey towards holiness?



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LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30am until 10pm and every Saturday from 5pm until 5.45pm. You may like to make a commitment to Eucharistic Adoration for a period of time every Tuesday as something positive for Lent.

Lent: Today is the First Sunday of Lent. The colour of the priest's vestments, the cover of the Lectionary and of the church banners is purple. Trócaire boxes, (flatpacked) are available from the church porch.

Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier is being said at Masses from 4th - 12th March. Copies of the Novena Prayer are available from the church porch.

Sacramental Programme for schools: The 6th Class pupils from parish schools, preparing for their Confirmation this year, will take an active part in the Vigil Mass next weekend. At 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 11th, the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this year will participate in the Liturgy of the Mass, following the First Communion **Do This in Memory** programme. Some 6th Class pupils attending St. Andrew's Preparatory School, will be confirmed in this church on Friday 10th March at 11am. The Minister of Confirmation will be our Episcopal Vicar, Monsignor Enda Lloyd.

Retreat

...a week of silence, spiritual reflection and deep engagement with the mystical writings from the Christian contemplative tradition, on beautiful Holy Island, Scotland, located off the Isle of Arran on the South West Coast of Scotland. The retreat, the theme of which is **Abiding in the Heart of Love** will take place from August 26th – September 2nd. There are flyers in the church porch which give full details regarding the Retreat Leaders, the venue and the programme for the week. Visit the websites www.holyisle.org and www.contemplativespirituality.org

Encounter Jesus

The Parish Faith Formation Group will host three Lenten Illustrated Talks from the Gospel of St. John - *Encounter Jesus*- on Tuesdays 14th, 21st and 28th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre, followed by refreshments: 1. **“If you only knew** what God is offering” John 4:10
2. **“ I only know** that I was blind and now I can see” John 9:25
3. **“I know** he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day” John 11:25

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. Last weekend the boys took up a church gate collection to fundraise for dormitory accommodation for pupils who lives hundreds of miles from their school. The total amount of the collection was €3,309 for which the Blackrock students are most grateful.



Marriage Enrichment Course

After the positive feedback from participants in the Marriage Enrichment Course last year, Foxrock Parish Council has decided to do it all again! The course will take place in Foxrock Pastoral Centre on four Wednesdays this month, 7.30 – 9.45pm (March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th). The Facilitator will be Barbara Duff NAPCP, marriage counsellor and psychosexual therapist with Accord. The course is aimed at all married couples wishing to enhance their relationship. Topics covered include Communication; Effective Listening; Feelings and how to handle them; Being yourself while being a good spouse and parent. For further details contact Maeve Davidson at 087 6904814

Boosterstown Parish Christian Meditation Group

There will be a 2 hour meeting of this group on **Saturday 11th March, room 2 in the Parish Centre** from 10.30am to 12 30pm. The meeting is open to everyone who has an interest in meditation. The programme for the morning will consist of a talk on meditation, including a brief history of it, and a guide to its practice. This will be followed by meditation, followed by some input from members of the existing group about their experience of meditation. Everyone is welcome.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation is a website aimed at introducing parishioners to the great wealth of Christian resources on the internet. **Sacred Space** and **Pray as you Go** offer a beautiful Lenten retreat based on the seven last utterances of Jesus on the Cross. The sessions are released once a week throughout Lent. Each of the seven sessions lasts about 20 minutes, but can be revisited often. Please visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Teresian School, Donnybrook – church gate collection this weekend

This church gate collection will be 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.

<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@boosterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boosterstownparish.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 – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223