



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

12th March 2017

*Second Sunday in Lent*

### In Brief

Members of the **Conference of St. Vincent de Paul** are taking up their monthly collection in the church grounds today.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality:** a warm welcome is extended to those attending the 10.30am Mass today. Please call into the Parish Centre after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with fellow parishioners and visitors. Everyone is welcome.

**SVP Clothing Appeal:** Many thanks to all those who donated clothing to the appeal last weekend. The clothing section of St. Vincent de Paul extends their sincere gratitude.

**Crosscare Youth Services:** the Social Support Agency of the Dublin Archdiocese will hold their Annual Collection in aid of Crosscare Youth Services next weekend. This collection will replace the Share collection.

### Encounter Jesus

The **Parish Faith Formation Group** will host three Lenten Illustrated Talks from the Gospel of St. John - *Encounter Jesus*- on Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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" J: 11:25

### Anniversary Masses next week

Mon.13th @ 10am: James, Ellen & Marie McDermott;

Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30am: Norbert, Arthur and Nancy Smith;

Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am Paddy Spain, Patrick Gallagher;

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon Paddy McMahan, Joe King.

**Month's Mind** for Iris Dowdall: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30am.

### : A Light in the Darkness

'Stand up. Do not be afraid.'

The disciples will need to remember this advice from Jesus. There are much darker days to come for them, and they will need every bit of courage they can muster. As Jesus moves ever closer to death, they will be scared and will desert Jesus, Peter even denying him. We will make this journey alongside the disciples on Good Friday.

But they will remember the brightness of this day.

When Jesus is transfigured before them on the mountain, his face shines 'like the sun' and his clothes are 'as white as the light'. White is the colour of heavenly garments – it is a sign that it is God who is speaking. It is this light that will carry them onwards, during their time with Jesus and through the dark hours leading up to his death.

The Transfiguration is recalled later in Matthew's Gospel, after Jesus rises from the dead. When the women go to the tomb, they are greeted by an angel whose appearance is 'like lightning' and his clothing 'white as snow'. The disciples are once again directed to a mountain location, where Jesus appears to them to pass on their mission and assure them of his presence with them always.

So we have two mountain tops, and two reassuring messages from Jesus. 'Do not be afraid.' 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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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 made a commitment to visit Eucharistic Adoration for a period of time every Tuesday as something positive for Lent.

**The Lenten season continues** and the colour of the priest's vestments, the cover of the Lectionary and of the church banners is purple.

**The Solemnity of Saint Patrick** will be celebrated on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Mass times will be as follows: **Vigil:** 6pm (Thursday); Friday: 9am; 10.30am and 12 Noon. At all Masses we shall be praying the responses as *Gaeilge* (in Irish). Leaflets will be provided to facilitate the participation of everyone. **The Ógra School of Irish Dancing** under the direction of Ms. Pauline Daly will participate in the liturgy at 10.30am Mass. Please remain seated as the Irish Dancing troupe will lead in from the rear of the church.

## Change in Sunday Mass times in the Pro-Cathedral

At the request of the Choir Committee for St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir and The Palestrina Choir, in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and parishioners, it has been agreed for pastoral and liturgical reasons to change the 10am Sunday Mass to 9.30am. **Sunday Mass times** in the Pro-Cathedral are 9.30am; 11am; 12.45 pm and 6.30pm.

### Parish of Kill-O'-the Grange

-Recruiting Parish Secretary

The Parish of Kill-O'-the Grange, Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary to cover a leave period. This role is offered initially on a temporary specified purpose, part-time basis (15 hours per week). Letters of application with enclosed curriculum vitae should be emailed to Ms. Ashling Keane, HR Officer, Diocesan Offices at [Ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie) no later than 5 pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. See notice in church porch.

### The Philip Retreat

**The Philip Retreat for a new or renewed experience of the love of Jesus** will take place on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am (non-residential) at the Creidim Centre, Legionaries of Christ, Leopardstown Road, Dublin 18. Mass each day. Please bring a Bible and a packed lunch. Donation. Organised by the Irish School of Evangelisation. Tel. 087 – 742 9025.



**The Magnificat**, published monthly, contains the readings and prayers for each day's Mass, with a meditation from the great spiritual writers of the Church throughout history, and prayers for morning and evening based on the Liturgy of the Hours. You will also find the lives of the Saints, articles on spiritual topics by contemporary writers, Prayer at Night, hymns, reflections and an essay on a great example of Christian art in each issue. A yearly subscription costs €47. Subscribe through The Irish Catholic 01 687 4020.

**The Blackrock Hospice Garden Trail**, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, has some very special gardeners who generously open their gardens to the public in aid of the Hospice. There is a wonderful mix of all garden sizes – urban and rural – modern and traditional to enjoy. The garden owners are passionate about their gardens and each garden has its own unique beauty. The great thing is you don't have to be an expert to join the trail! The Hospice are seeking people who would like to host and open their garden as part of the Hospice Open Garden Trail 2017. In doing so they will help to raise much need funds to support vital services in the Hospice. Please contact Tina Connell at 01 – 2064043 or email [tconnell@ollh.ie](mailto:tconnell@ollh.ie) for more information.

**New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation** is a website aimed at introducing parishioners to the great wealth of Christian resources on the internet. **Saint Patrick** left behind a unique document, his **Confession**, which tells much about both his life and his beliefs. The work provides an intriguing glance into one of history's best known saints. Access this and a haunting musical rendition of his poem *The Deer's Cry* via [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**From: Lorica of St. Patrick** : I arise today: in vast might, invocation of the Trinity, belief in a Threeness confession of Oneness meeting in the Creator. I arise today: might of Heaven brightness of Sun whiteness of Snow splendour of Fire speed of Light swiftness of Wind depth of Sea stability of Earth firmness of Rock. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ under me, Christ over me, Christ to right of me, Christ to left of me, Christ in lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person, who may think of me! Christ in the mouth of everyone who may speak to me! Christ in every eye, which may look on me! Christ in every ear, which may hear me! I arise today: in vast might, invocation of the Trinity belief in a Threeness confession of Oneness meeting in the Creator.

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 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
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
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
<b>Sunday:</b> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<b>Mon - Fri:</b> 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 – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223