



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

19th March 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

In Brief

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust will take up a church gate collection next weekend to assist with the support of some children who are ill or have special needs and who will travel to Lourdes with the Trust's Annual Pilgrimage at Easter.

Trócaire: On Sunday 26th March, Ms. Deirdre Rudden will speak at Masses about the Mission and work of Trócaire

SVP Clothing Appeal: Many thanks to all those who donated clothing to the appeal last weekend. The clothing section of St. Vincent de Paul extend their sincere gratitude. Please do not leave any further bags of clothing in the church porch.

Legion of Mary - Frank Duff Prayer Group: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21st March at 2.45pm in the Parish Centre, room 3. New members will receive a warm welcome.

Crosscare Youth Services, the Social Support Agency of the Dublin Archdiocese, will take up its Annual Collection in aid of Crosscare Youth Services this weekend –replacing the usual Share collection.

Packing and labelling of the parish Easter Cards: It is hoped to commence packing the Easter Cards during the coming week, (subject to their being delivered to us early in the week). Help with this task is always greatly appreciated.

Rest in Peace

We pray for all those who have died during the past week and especially for 3 parishioners whose funerals took place in this church: Mary Hussey, Cherbury Gardens, Mary O'Loughlin, The Elms and Catherine (Ria) Finn, St. Helen's Road.

Anniversary Masses next week

Tuesday 21st @ 10am: Stella Kane
Saturday 25th -Vigil: Paula Hamill
Sunday 26th @ 9am: Patrick Headon
Sunday 26th @12 Noon; Colman Healy (10th A), and his wife Brenda.

Cracked

*'Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack in everything ... that's how the light gets in.'*

Leonard Cohen

No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them.

This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over.

Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our 'cracks'. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

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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 on Tuesdays as a pledge for Lent.

The Solemnity of Saint Patrick: We would like to express our gratitude to Ms. Pauline Daly, Director and to some members of the **Ógra School of Irish Dancing** who took an active part in the liturgy at 10.30am Mass on the Feast Day of St. Patrick. It was greatly appreciated by the parishioners and visitors who were in attendance.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation ~The Choir of New College, Oxford, sings some of the great sacred masterpieces from Barber to Mozart, from Allegri to Fauré. This sublime online music provides an hour-long spiritual feast for Lent. To access this, and other rich on-line resources, log onto www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

The Philip Retreat

...for a new or renewed experience of the love of Jesus will take place on Sat 8th – Sun 9th 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. Contact The Irish School of Evangelisation. Tel. 087 – 742 9025.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

The next meeting of the Society will take place on Thursday, 30th March at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, room 3. New members welcome.

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 an enclosed curriculum vitae should be emailed (no later than 5pm on Monday 20th March 2017) to Ms. Ashling Keane, HR Officer, Diocesan Offices Ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie. Please see the notice in porch

The Magnificat

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, circulation@irishcatholic.ie or take a subscription form from the church porch.



The Blackrock Hospice Garden Trail, now in its 5th 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 is 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. The trail opens from May through to August and the brochure is currently being put together. Please contact Tina Connell at 01 – 2064043 or email tconnell@olh.ie for more information.

From Foe to Friend

Fr. Patrick Finn Lecture Series, St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road: Thursday 23 March 2017 at 7.15pm: Rev. Professor Declan Marmiom, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth: From Foe to Friend: Martin Luther's Legacy in Catholic Perspective. Admission is free.

Encounter Jesus , Statia Davey, a member of

The Parish Faith Formation Group will continue their Lenten Illustrated Talks from the Gospel of St. John – **Encounter Jesus** on Tuesday 21st: "I only know that I was blind and now I can see" John 9:25 and on 28th March "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day" John 11:25. The talks take place in the Parish Centre, room 2 at 8.00 pm and are followed by refreshments. Everyone is most welcome.

Concert for the Children's Educational Development Fund (Africa)

The Institute of Technology Tallaght working with CEDF Charity (Children's Educational Development Fund for a better future in Africa) is pleased to present Liam Lawton in concert with Victoria Massey (Mezzo Soprano), Darren Holden, High Kings Star and St. Jude the Apostle Children's Church Choir on Thursday, 6th April at 8pm in Mount Argus Church. Tickets €20 from Cabin-teely Parish Office or online www.eventbrite.ie or 087 2187902.

Meet Me, Lord Jesus. In the rising of the sun at dawn, and as the sunset fades, meet me, Lord Jesus; in the hard decisions of the moment, meet me, Lord Jesus; on a well-lit road, in a time of plenty, meet me, Lord Jesus; on a stony path, in a time of need, meet me, Lord Jesus; in the faces of friends, and in the hands of strangers, meet me Lord Jesus; in my setting out, and in my coming home, meet me, Lord Jesus.

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
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 – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223