



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

26th March 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

In Brief

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

Crosscare Youth Services, the Social Support Agency of the Dublin Archdiocese held their Annual Collection last weekend. The collection raised €4,710 for which Crosscare Youth Services is most grateful.

Our Church in Times gone by: Our versatile Sacristan, Paul Lyng, will give a talk in the church on Thursday 6th April at 7.30 pm. Paul's talk will be about the church in the 1940's – the vestments that were worn, (black vestments were worn at funeral Masses) - Mass was in Latin, Benediction.....Paul will illustrate his talk with a display of the old vestments and the church vessels that were in use at the time. Everyone is welcome, including children, however all children must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

Faith Renewal at Knock Shrine: For details of Retreats, Parish Enrichment Days, Catechism Studies and Prayer Guidance at Knock Shrine please see the poster in the church porch or visit the Knock Shrine website www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society; the next meeting will take place on Thursday, 30th March at 10.30am

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation

"3-Minute" Retreats from Loyola Press invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer, or on your phone or tablet. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Access this and other rich on-line resources from www.NewPilgrimpath.ie

We are not blind, surely?

What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God,' he says, 'he couldn't do a thing.' He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: 'Lord, I believe.' The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

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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. Why not make a commitment to visit Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays as something positive for Lent?

At the Foot of the Cross on Good Friday: When we were preparing for Christmas, we put up on the Christmas tree the names of people we wanted to remember and to pray for. Almost 1000 names of loved ones were hung on the Memory Tree. In preparing for **Good Friday**, the day Jesus died on the Cross for us, any of us, who are carrying our own cross of sickness, sorrow, financial worries, anxiety or any other cross should write it down, enclose it in a sealed envelope, and place it in the basket, at the foot of the crucifix near Our Lady's Altar. As we are sharing the cross of Christ in our lives, we will pray for and remember "all crosses" at each Mass leading up to Good Friday to support each other at this time. Please do not write any names. All envelopes will be burned in the Holy Saturday night Paschal Fire.

Anniversary Masses next week: Tuesday 28th @ 10am: Jim Carroll; Saturday 1st April @ 6pm: Gráinne Kelly (4th): Sunday 2nd @ 10.30am: Kathleen O'Brolchain, remembering her husband Ruarí and son, Ciarán; Sunday 2nd @ 12 Noon: Patricia Trueick, Maura Brennan (1st).

Caring Group

The next meeting of the Caring Group will take place on Monday, 27th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Room 2. Members of the Caring Group 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 to a meeting or let us know if there is someone who would like a visit. Sr. Colette at 087-6309 166.

Parish Easter Cards

Many thanks to all those cheerful and helpful people who assisted with packing and labelling the Easter Cards last week. Delivery of the cards can commence during the coming week. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist with delivery on your road or in your apartment complex or leave your name on the list in the Sacristy.

Viatores Christi

- a series of talks

Viatores Christi invites you to a series of talks on renewal and the future of the Church. The details of the talks are as follows: Tuesday 4th April – Bishop Willie Walsh; Wed. 3rd May: Fr. Mark Patrick Hederman, O.S.B.;

Wed. 7th June: Patricia Coyle.

Time: 7pm to 9.30pm.

The venue for the talks will be the Lecture Hall, Belvedere College, Dublin 1. Suggested donation €10. To book call 01-8689 986



Encounter Jesus

The Parish Faith Formation Group will conclude their Lenten series of Illustrated Talks from the Gospel of St. John – *Encounter Jesus*- on Tuesday 28th March “I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day” John 11:25. **Venue:** Parish Centre, Room 2 at 8pm followed by refreshments. Many thanks to Ms. Statia Davy for giving this Series of talks.

Boosterstown Art Exhibition—Boosterstown Community Centre

The Annual Art Exhibition will be opened on Friday 31st March at 7.30pm by Brendan Keenan, journalist and broadcaster. It will continue on Saturday and Sunday from 11am until 5pm. The paintings will combine real artistic merit with value for money so please call in and enjoy them even if you don't intend to buy. Admission is free. There will be a Charity raffle with a painting as 1st prize! Parking (free) is available in the grounds of St. Mary's Boys' School.

World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be taken up next weekend (1st and 2nd April) and replace the Share Collection. The World Meeting of Families promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well as on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life.

Prayer: To My Mum on Mother's Day When you thought I wasn't looking you hung my first painting on the fridge, and I wanted to paint another! When you thought I wasn't looking you fed a stray cat and I learned that it is good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking you said a prayer and I believed that there is a God I can always talk to. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears in your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt but it is alright to cry. When you thought I wasn't looking you smiled and it made me want to be that pretty too! When you thought I wasn't looking you kissed me goodnight and I felt loved. When you thought I wasn't looking I looked..... and wanted to say “Thank you” for all those things you did when you thought I wasn't looking!

<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