



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

2<sup>ND</sup> April 2017  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

### — IN BRIEF —

**Irish Pilgrimage Trust:** members of the trust extend their sincere thanks to all those who supported the church gate collection last weekend. A total of €2,616 was realised which will enable 3 children with physical or learning challenges to travel to Lourdes at Easter.

**The Advocate Collection:** will be taken up in the church grounds next weekend in aid of the Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The fund provides annual holidays for children and young people who, otherwise, would not have the benefit of a holiday.

**Garda Vetting:** Fr. Cormac will be available to sign forms on Tuesday 4<sup>TH</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office. Please bring all the required documentation (utility bill plus photo ID).

**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 is being taken up this weekend and replaces 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.



### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 11:1-45

1. Martha and Mary were people of faith but Jesus led them to an even deeper faith. Who were the people who led you to a deeper faith in Jesus? Remember them and give thanks.

2. Martha and Mary were struggling to come to terms with their bereavement. What has helped you in similar situations?

3. The concern of Jesus is palpable and touching. Recall those who matter to you and to whom you matter. Such love mediates God's love, which surpasses human love with the gift of new life and Easter joy.

4. One can imagine Lazarus as a symbol of people and groups that are written off as dead (sometimes by themselves), and yet through faith come back to life again. Have you had the experience of being revived by faith? Has faith helped to free you from what held you in bondage, or was destructive of your life?



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#### LITURGY NOTES:

**Altar Servers:** there will be a practice for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies on Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> April at 4 pm. Servers, please indicate on the list in the Sacristy the Holy Week Masses and ceremonies which you will be available to serve.

**Cutting of Palm** (for distribution on Palm Sunday) will take place on Friday, 7<sup>TH</sup> April in the back Sacristy, (the room behind the Altar), after 10 am. Mass. Please bring your secateurs.

**First Holy Communion** some pupils from St. Andrew's Preparatory School will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8<sup>TH</sup> April at 11 am. Daily Mass will be at 9.30 am.

**Sacramental Preparation:** The pupils preparing for Confirmation this year will take an active part in the Liturgy at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 8<sup>TH</sup> April. The 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 9<sup>TH</sup> April will follow the "Do This in Memory First Communion Programme". Please arrive early to ensure ease of parking and seating. Mass will be followed by refreshments. Second Class pupils attending parish schools will make their First Penance on 5<sup>TH</sup> April. We remember them in prayer on this special occasion.

**Annual Booterstown Art Exhibition** takes place this Saturday and Sunday from 11 am until 5.00 pm in the Community and Arts Centre, Grotto Avenue, (off Rock Road, beside the Punchbowl). The paintings 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 – and there is a raffle with a painting as 1<sup>ST</sup> prize. Free parking is available at St. Mary's Boys' School. All proceeds go to both the Community & Arts Centre and the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome!

**Distribution of the parish Easter Cards**, detailing the Holy Week and Easter timetable, is taking place. I would be very grateful if volunteers can contact the Parish Office in relation to delivering Easter cards on their road or in their apartment complex. Thank you, Therese

**Sion Hill College:** Some 5<sup>TH</sup> year pupils have been chosen to travel to Lourdes in September as volunteers with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. They are taking up a church gate collection this weekend to assist with their travel & accommodation expenses.

**Mount Anville Montessori School:** Open Morning on Tuesday 4<sup>TH</sup> April 9 am – 10.30 am.

**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 4<sup>TH</sup> April – Bishop Willie Walsh; Wednesday 3<sup>RD</sup> May: Fr. Mark Patrick Hederman, O.S.B.; Wednesday 7<sup>TH</sup> June: Patricia Coyle. Time: 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Venue: Lecture Hall, Bevedere College, Dublin 1. Suggested donation €10. To book your place call 01-868 9986 or email shane@viatoreschristi.com



**The Lenten Service of Reconciliation** will take place on Wednesday, 12<sup>TH</sup> April at 7.30 pm with visiting priests and individual confession.

**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 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:** Mon. 3<sup>RD</sup> @ 7.30 am: Alice Haugh; Tues. 4<sup>TH</sup> @ 7.30 am: deceased members of the Newport Family; Wed. 5<sup>TH</sup>: Paddy Bugler and his son, Pat Bugler; Fri 7<sup>TH</sup>: Altar List of the Dead; Sat. 8<sup>TH</sup> Vigil: Frank Reidy, Eamonn Hynes; Sun. 9<sup>TH</sup>: 9 am Pam Egan; 10.30 am: Pádraig & Catherine de Buitléir and Frank Downey; Dermot Ryan, 12 Noon: Elizabeth Brennan, Rosaleen Rowlette.

**Birthday Remembrance Paul Haugh:** Thurs. 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 7.30 am.

**New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation** The Contemplative Outreach website introduces visitors to "centering prayer" a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. Access this and other rich on-line resources from [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

**Our Church in Times gone by:** Our versatile Sacristan, Paul Lyng, will give a talk in the church on Thursday 6<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**Rest in Peace:** We pray for all those who died during the past week and especially David Ryan, Merrion, Patrick (Pat) Flynn, Emmet Square and Beatrice Ryan, Mt. Merrion Avenue. Beatrice was an active member of the parish Rosary Group, St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society and the parish Visitation Group and she will be sadly missed by all her friends in the parish including "the 10 o'clockers".

<b>Priests of the Parish</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Parish Administrator</b> 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
<b>Mgr. Seamus Conway, Pastor Emeritus</b> Boooterstown Ave. Tel. 01 288 2889	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<b>Email &amp; Website</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>
info@booterstownparish.ie www.booterstownparish.ie	Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Marriages</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm <b>Sunday:</b> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon <b>Mon - Fri:</b> 10 am	By arrangement, 3 months notice required Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
<b>Rosary</b>	(Mon - Fri: 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm) Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	St. Marys Boys School 288 6830 Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223
Tuesday after 10:30 am Mass until 10 pm	