



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

9TH April 2017
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

— IN BRIEF —

The Advocate Collection: is being taken up in the church grounds this 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 approximately 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children.

APT – Act to Prevent Trafficking – human trafficking is happening in Ireland. No person should be sold! Be aware. Keep yourself informed about this global problem. Visit the website at www.aptireland.org and report any suspicion to Crimestoppers: 1800 25 00 25. It is planned to have a talk about this modern day form of slavery in the Parish Centre during the coming months.

Sion Hill Past Pupils Union Lunch and Bridge in aid of the Sion Hill Benevolent Fund will take place on Tuesday, 25TH April in Blackrock Rugby Club, Stradbrook Road. Lunch 1.00 pm. Bridge 2.00 pm. Tickets €15 inclusive of light luncheon. Contact: 087 – 917 2020

Blackrock Parish is delighted to welcome The Three Priests in concert in St. John the Baptist Church, Blackrock on Tuesday 9TH May at 8 pm. Also performing, Carysfort School Children's Choir. Booking Blackrock Parish Office Tel 01 288 2104.



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the good news the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer:

- 1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?*
- 2. Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?*
- 3. As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving?*



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LITURGY NOTES:

The Lenten Service of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, 12TH April at 7.30 pm with visiting priests and individual confession. To avoid queuing and to ensure privacy, there will be "Confession Rows" where those who are waiting for Confession can remain seated until it is their turn. Members of the Liturgy Committee will be in attendance on the evening.

Holy Thursday: On Holy Thursday morning, at the Chrism Mass in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Archbishop Martin will bless the Holy Oils for use in the sacraments in the parishes of the Diocese. This is the only morning Mass celebrated in the Dublin Diocese on Holy Thursday. Two parishioners will attend and will collect the blessed oils for this parish. The oils will be presented at the Mass of the Lord's Supper in our church on Holy Thursday at 7.30 pm. The Family Mass on Holy Thursday is at 5 pm.

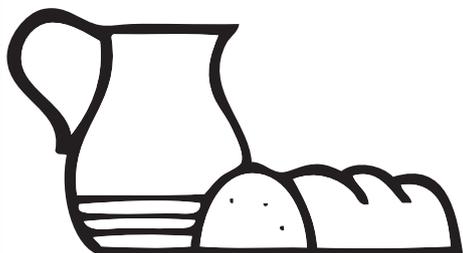
World Meeting of Families 2018:

The second national collection which took place last weekend (replacing Share) amounted to €2,482. This collection will assist towards the expenses of the World Meeting of Families which will take place in Dublin in 2018.

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: Wednesday 3RD May: Fr. Mark Patrick Hederman, O.S.B.; Wednesday 7TH June: Patricia Coyle. Time: 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Venue: Lecture Hall, Beveledere College, Dublin 1. Suggested donation €10. To book your place call 01-8689 986 or email shane@viatoreschristi.com

Reflection for Good Friday: The clear light of day grew black – the sun expired! The stars appeared and against the blackness they flickered like emeralds. Then came a noise like thunder and they were extinguished. Disconsolate, the moon disappeared. The earth shook. The seas, the lakes and rivers boiled, the grasses of the fields trembled. The oak-wood rustled. The forests bowed down. The apple blossom shook and the catkins of the birch tree. The dry stump snapped. Prostrate, arms outstretched in the shape of a cross... the Mother of God lay at the foot of the cross. Aleksej Remizov, Good Friday People Sheila Cassidy.

The RDS Bridge Club: will host its Annual Charity Bridge Evening in aid of the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook on Wednesday 19TH April 2017 in the RDS Concert Hall, Ballsbridge commencing at 7.30 pm. All monies raised will go directly to enhancing patient care and comfort at the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook. Subscription €15 includes light refreshments. Enquiries to Josephine at 01 2885525. Please see flyer in the church porch.



Holy Thursday Watch and Pray will take place at the Altar of Repose from 10 – 11 pm.

Good Friday: The Stations of the Cross will take place at 12 noon and will be introduced by Tom Clonan. Celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place at 3.00 pm. Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross with our Church of Ireland and Presbyterian neighbours will take place at 7.30 pm.

Confessions: Good Friday 11 am – 12 noon and following the Celebration of Our Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm. Confessions will take place on Holy Saturday from 12 noon – 1.00 pm.

Masses for Easter Sunday: Vigil at 8.30 pm. Sunday: 9.00 am; 10.30 am and 12 noon. Copies of the Easter timetable (Easter Card) are available from the church porch for visitors or for those who did not receive a copy in their homes.

The Way of the Cross – on Good Friday, 14TH April. Meet at 12.00 pm at the Wellington Monument, Phoenix Park. The precession will proceed from the monument to the Papal Cross led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. For more information tel. 086 – 811 2047.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation The Stations of the Cross are a very old Christian devotion. The Pray-as-you-Go website offers a moving eight-minute guided meditation on each of the stations accompanied by inspiring music. Access this and other rich on-line resources from www.NewPilgrimpath.ie

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society would like to thank parishioners for their contributions to our funds. You have contributed €1,070 to the end of 2016 and €150 in 2017 to date. We appreciate this very much.

The Annual Parish Outreach will take place during the month of May when volunteer parishioners, in teams of two, visit homes in designated areas of the parish. They will not enter houses, but will engage with parishioners, at their door, should they wish. The visitors will carry ID and a letter of introduction from the parish. They will ask "how is the parish for you?" and "have you any suggestions or ideas for the parish?". There is a need for some additional volunteers for this visitation programme. Training will be provided at a meeting on Monday, 24TH April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office at 01 283 15 93 should you wish to volunteer.

Distribution of the parish Easter Cards: I extend my very sincere gratitude to all those who assisted with the distribution of the parish Easter cards. Thank you, Therese

Sion Hill College Lourdes volunteers wish to express their most sincere gratitude to all those who donated to their church gate collection last weekend which realised €1,550.

| Priests of the Parish | Confessions |
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| Fr. Cormac McLraith, 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 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 |
| Email & Website | Baptisms |
| info@booterstownparish.ie www.booterstownparish.ie | Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon |
| Mass Times | Marriages |
| Saturday: 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon Mon - Fri: 10 am | By arrangement, 3 months notice required Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue 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 Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223 |
| Tuesday after 10:30 am Mass until 10 pm | |