



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

16TH April 2017

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

— IN BRIEF —

Easter Greetings: The Priests of the Parish, Fr. Cormac McIlraith and Monsignor Seamus Conway, wish parishioners and friends of the parish a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Weekday Masses: There will not be a 7.30 am Mass during the coming week. As Monday, 17TH April is a Public Holiday there will be one morning Mass at 11 o'clock.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday 20TH April** to facilitate a day of training on new parish systems. The Parish Office will be closed for annual leave from Monday 24TH April – Friday 28TH April inclusive.

Easter Offering (Dues): The Priests of the Parish wish to thank all those who have been sending in Easter Offerings (Dues) and/or contributions to the Parish Funds.

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: if you are experiencing difficulties with your living expenses, food and energy costs or medical expenses, please make a fully confidential approach to the Society at their Head Office 01 – 855 0022 and a member will contact you.

Lost Property in the church: If you have mislaid gloves, spectacles, car keys, umbrellas etc. it is likely that they are in the lost property drawer in the Sacristy! Please check the drawer and claim the item as soon as possible – otherwise it will go to a Charity shop.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 20:1-9

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.

- Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? Times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence?*

- Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you, and all you could say was 'trust me'?*

- Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?*

Where have you found life in such experiences?

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LITURGY NOTES:

Eucharistic Adoration: will not take place on Tuesday 18TH April. It will resume, as usual, on Tuesday 25TH April.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation: St. Ignatius of Loyola was convinced that God can speak to us as surely through our imagination as through our thoughts and memories. The Ignatian Spirituality website provides an inspiring video and an imaginative prayer exercise for Easter. Access this, and other rich online spiritual resources on www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who have died during the past week and especially Sr. Breeda Hourigan, O.P., Sion Hill; Maeve McCartan, formerly of St. Helen's Road and Myra Staunton. Myra was a former member of the parish Social Group and was renowned for her baking skills especially for the parish Cakes Sales. Myra's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 18TH April at 10.00 am.

Legion of Mary Frank Duff Prayer Group The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18TH April at 2.45 pm in the Parish Centre, Room 3. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: the next meeting will take place on Thursday, 27TH April at 10.30 am in the Parish Centre, Room 3. New members are always welcome.

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, Stradbroke 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.

REFLECTION FOR EASTER:

*I was afraid of the dark,
of the shadows, the unknown.
From the Friday until Sunday
I knew not where I was going.*

*Then word spread around.
From the tomb He was gone.
He had risen. He had come back
as he'd told me all along.*

*The sun really did dance.
I saw it on the wall.
I heard voices singing.
The sweetest sound of all.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Ann McGuinness Schmitz,
formerly of McCabe Villas.*



Novena to St. Joseph: members of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society, Booterstown have arranged that a Novena to St. Joseph will take place in this church commencing on Monday, 1ST May at 11 am Mass, continuing at 10 am daily Mass and concluding on 9TH May. Everyone is welcome

Viatore 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, Bevedere College, Dublin 1. Suggested donation €10. To book your place call 01-868 9986 or email shane@viatoreschristi.com

Booterstown Community and Arts Centre: the Committee of Booterstown Community and Arts Centre extends its sincere appreciation to all those who visited the Art Exhibition on the weekend of 1ST & 2ND April and who appreciated the beautiful paintings, as well as to those who bought a painting and/or raffle tickets.

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 Thursday 27TH April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office at 01 283 1593 should you wish to volunteer.

Book Launch at Knock Shrine: on Saturday 22ND April at 2.30 pm. "The Lamb Will Conquer: Reflections on the Knock Apparition" by Fr. Nigel Woollen (curate of Knock), launched by Most Rev. Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe. Book is also available (€10) on Knock Shrine and Veritas websites.

The "Peru Crew" (some 5TH Years) from the Teresian School send "a big Thank you" to the parishioners and friends of Booterstown Parish for the support and generosity they experienced at their recent church gate collection in aid of the Teresian Projects in Peru. An amount of €2,175 was realised which will be of great assistance.

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 – 288 5525. Please see flyer in the church porch.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Cormac McLraith, Parish Administrator	52 Booterstown Ave. Tel: 01 288 2162	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Pastor Emeritus	Booterstown Ave. Tel. 01 288 2889	After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
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: 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 10:30 am Mass until 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223