



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

23RD April 2017
Divine Mercy Sunday

— IN BRIEF —

Weekday Masses: The 7.30 am weekday Mass will resume on Monday 24TH April.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 25TH April to 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.

Parish Pastoral Council: will meet on Tuesday, 2ND May at 8.00 pm.

Garda Vetting: Fr. Cormac and Geraldine Murphy will be available to sign Garda Vetting Forms on Tuesday 2ND May from 7.30 pm until 8 pm in the Parish Office.

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.

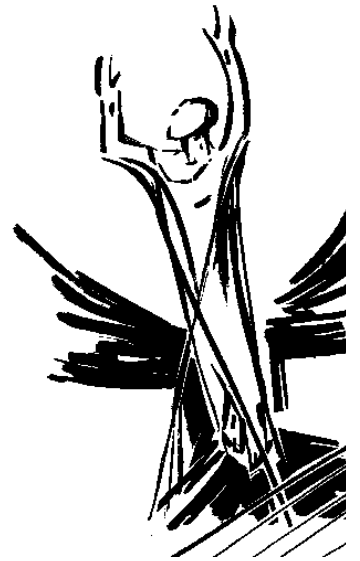
Booterstown Parish Youth Club will take up a church gate collection after Masses next weekend in support of the the Youth Club activities and annual Summer Project.

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 20:19-31

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?



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LITURGY NOTES:

Eucharistic Adoration: will resume as usual on Tuesday 25TH April commencing at 10.30 am and concluding at 10.00 pm. Please call in during the day.

Confirmation Candidates from St. Mary's Boys' National School and Our Lady of Mercy Convent School will be confirmed on Friday 28TH April at 11 am. The Minister of Confirmation will be the Right Rev. Monsignor Enda Lloyd, Episcopal Vicar for our Deanery. Important Note: Weekday Mass On Friday 28TH April will be celebrated at 9.30 am to facilitate the Confirmation ceremony at 11 am.

Do This in Memory 1ST Communion Programme at 10.30 am Mass next Sunday.

New Pilgrim Path Digital Evangelisation: the London Internet Church is a gathered Christian global community that meets online to worship, enquire, encourage and pray. Beautiful online services of quietness and reflection and a changing daily prayer. Access this, and other rich online spiritual resources on www.newpilgrimpath.ie

The Vincentian Family in Ireland:

A Eucharistic Celebration will take place on Tuesday, 9TH May at 2.15 pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock to celebrate 400 years of the Vincentian Charism. Principal Celebrant: Fr. Guillermo Campuzano CM, a Vincentian Priest from Colombia. Refreshments afterwards in Dunardagh.

St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road:

A talk entitled "Muslims – Do We Know Them?" will take place on Thursday, 27TH April at 7.15 pm. The Speaker, Dr. Jonathan Kearney is a graduate of UCD and is currently Lecturer in Jewish Studies and Islamic Studies in DCU.

A Retreat Day, with International Speaker Mary Anne Best from Contemplative Outreach U.S.A. will take place on Saturday, 17TH June 2017 from 10 am until 4 pm in the Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin. The Theme of the day will be A Journey into the Fullness of Life, based on the work of Cistercian Fr. Thomas Keating. Full details are available from the poster in the church porch.

The MA in Applied Spirituality

2017/2018, awarded by Waterford Institute of Technology, will be delivered at the Jesuit Conference Centre in Milltown Park, Ranelagh, Dublin 6. This MA brings the resources of spirituality to bear on issues about the meaning of life that come up at work, at home, in relationships, or in the context of health, social and ecology issues. It is a response to the spiritual seeking of people in our time and aims to meet the needs of those with an interest in pursuing transformative study in contemporary spirituality. See www.spiritualityinstitute.ie for further information or contact Dr. Michael O'Sullivan at mosullivan@spiritualityinstitute.ie



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.

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

Blessing of Hands for Carers: will take place on Sunday 6TH May within 12.00 Noon Mass.

Viatres 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

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.

The Annual Parish Golf Outing will take place in Elm Park Golf Club on Friday 9TH June. Please save this date! Entry Forms will be available soon.

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.

Caring Group: The next meeting will take place on Monday, 24TH April at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre, Room 2. Please contact Sr. Colette 087 630 9166 if you know someone who is housebound or who is a resident in a Nursing Home and would welcome a visit.

| <i>Priests of the Parish</i> | <i>Confessions</i> |
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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 Booterstown 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@booterstownparish.ie www.booterstownparish.ie | Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon |
| <i>Mass Times</i> | <i>Marriages</i> |
| 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 |
| <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 Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223 |
| Tuesday after 10:30 am Mass until 10 pm | |