



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

7th May 2017

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed from **Thursday 11th May to Friday 19th May** inclusive

Annual Collection for the Support of Dublin Diocesan Students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood is being taken up at Masses today and replaces the usual Share (second) Collection.

Parish Social Group Summer Cake Sale – will take place in the Parish Centre after morning Masses on Sunday **28th May**. Please bake your speciality, bring it along and buy a Cake and/or a Raffle ticket. The proceeds are in aid of parish projects.

The Annual Parish Golf Outing will take place in Elm Park Golf Club on Friday 9th June. Entry Forms will be available shortly. **Please save this date!** and consider entering a team or as an individual. Parents, please consider making up a team from your child's class.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Sunshine Fund would like to thank most sincerely the congregation of this parish for their generous contribution of €3,258.14 on Palm Sunday.
Booterstown Parish Youth Club Committee and Members would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to their church gate collection last weekend which realised a total of €1,600.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 10:1-10

1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this?
2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the



- fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?
3. We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?

LITURGY Notes:

Eucharistic Adoration: continues as usual every Tuesday, commencing after 10.00 am Mass and concluding at 10.00 pm. Please call in at any time.

Mass for the Intentions of Second Level Exam Students: Mass at **11 am** on Monday, 5th June will be celebrated for the intentions of all those students who will sit their Junior or Leaving Certificate Examinations this year. Parents, grandparents and teachers are requested to spread the word to the Exam Candidates. Exam Prayer cards will be distributed after Mass.

Annual Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will take place at **10.30 am** Mass on Sunday, 11th June. We invite all those who are celebrating a special Wedding Jubilee this year or who will celebrate their wedding in this church or in another church to attend this Mass. Please invite members of your family to come along also.

Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who have died recently and especially for Irma Beatty, Trimleston Gardens, Barry McCarthy, Mount Merrion Avenue, Joan Feeney, Blackrock, Brendan Lamb, St. Helen's Road, Maureen Tennant, Trimleston Gardens (Funeral Tues. 10.00am) and Kathleen McGovern, Booterstown Ave. (Funeral Mon. at 10.00 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:
 Wednesday 7th June: Patricia Coyle. Time: 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Venue: Lecture Hall, Belevedere College, Dublin 1. Suggested donation €10. To book your place call 01-8689 986 or email shane@viatoreschristi.com

The Annual Parish Outreach visits are continuing in some areas of the parish 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?”

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.

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 Duardagh.

Pro Life Campaign members of the local branch will be in attendance at the weekly Thursday Morning Hospitality in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 18th May at 10.30 am**. Parishioners are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Legion of Mary - Frank Duff Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 16th May at 3.00 pm in the Parish Centre. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima, a DVD, “*Forgotten Heritage*” will be shown in which Fr. John Hogan and Fr. Eoin O’Gorman will discuss the Apparitions at Fatima. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group has arranged a public talk by Brid Carroll (Brid is a Bereavement Counsellor who has worked with a special interest in loss and bereavement issues for over 20 years). The talk will take place on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30 pm in the Talbot Hotel (previously Stillorgan Park Hotel). Admission free. All welcome

The Parish Finance Committee would like to advise you on forthcoming works on the preservation of the outer fabric of the church and the Parish Centre. The sheer age of the church roof, walls and stained glass windows has led to the very significant possibility of accelerated deterioration of the outer fabric of the buildings. If not treated, this could lead to damage to internal elements such as the church ceiling. To ensure the preservation of the fabric of these wonderful old buildings, it has been decided to carry out the following work over the Summer months. • The church roof will be repaired to make it watertight, to secure the slates in position, to make it structurally sound and preserved from dry rot and woodworm. Repair of the higher level gutters is also required. • The cracked and badly repaired plasterwork in the church upper walls and front and the leaks at the top of the walls will be eliminated and works will be done to the choir gallery. In association with this there will be works to protect the stained glass and to a beam behind the Altar which is deteriorating. It is planned to start the work before the end of May. The work will continue over the Summer but we are hoping the church will remain open, with the exception of a week when the works to the Altar are being undertaken. Some minor work will be done in the Parish Centre to protect the roof from woodworm and to protect the first floor from dry rot. The work will be referred to as Phase 2 work, which, together with the Phase 1 work carried out last Summer and previous work carried out to the walls and bell tower, will result in the entire fabric of the parish buildings being repaired and in good condition for many more years to come.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Cormac McIlraith, 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Administrator 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, Booterstown Ave.	Pastor Emeritus 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		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
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
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 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223