



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

4th June 2017

Pentecost Sunday

The local Conference 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.

The Parish Cake Sale and Raffle which took place last Sunday raised a total of €1,000 which will go towards parish projects. Many thanks to all those who baked, donated prizes and bought cakes and/or raffle tickets as well as to the members of the parish Social Group who hosted the event (and produced many of the delicious cakes and goodies on offer!).

The Annual Parish Golf Outing will take place in Elm Park Golf Club on **Friday 9th June**. A small number of places remain and, of course, the opportunity to sponsor a Green Fee or a Tee Box. **Please contact the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, 6th June on 283 1593.**

Public Holiday: As Monday 5th June is a public holiday, there will be one morning Mass at 11 o' clock after which the church will be closed.

Flora Women's Mini Marathon – Monday 5th June will involve some road closures and traffic delays in the general area. The following roads will have traffic diversions between 2pm – 4.30pm: Fosterbrook, Seafield Road, Ashfield Park, Glenomena Park and Trimleston Road.

Parish Pastoral Council will have their next meeting on Tuesday 6th June.

Garda Vetting Forms: Fr. Cormac will be available to sign Garda Vetting Forms on Tuesday, 6th June from 7.30pm – 8pm in the Parish Office.

Feast of Pentecost today: The Prayer of the Faithful at some Masses will be read by guest readers in their own language and in English.

'Shalom'

The disciples in today's Gospel are locked away, living in fear. There are many situations in our own lives which cause us to batten down the hatches. We can often imprison ourselves. Jesus appears amongst them bringing peace, Shalom, and overcoming their defences. Christ is always present to us regardless of the walls we might put up; he offers peace, joy and reconciliation. The word 'Shalom' is more than a wish for a good evening; it means that your wish for the person is a peace of body, mind and spirit. It is a holistic peace. Jesus gives this peace to the disciples and breathes his Spirit upon them. This enables them; this gives them courage; this sends them out. Jesus still bears the wounds of the crucifixion, reminding us that our wounds are part of who we are; we carry them with us. We might ask ourselves today who it is that we need to be reconciled with? What fears do we need liberating from? Into what situations do we send Christ's peace? Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them.

'When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of "peace" – the king of peace that in Hebrew is called, Shalom, which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.'

-Margaret Silf

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LITURGY NOTES

Mass for the Intentions of Second Level Exam Students: Mass at 11am 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. Everyone is welcome to attend in a gesture of prayerful support and solidarity. Exam Prayer cards will be distributed after Mass.

Annual Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will take place at 10.30am Mass on **Sunday, 11th June**. An invitation is extended to all those who will celebrate their marriage in the coming year in this church or in another church **and** to couples celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2017 – **Diamond, Golden, Ruby, Pearl, Silver or China** – or even one in between – to come to this special Mass in the company of family, friends and the parish community. This invitation is warmly extended to all those who have lost a spouse through death or marriage-breakdown. The celebration will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome!

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Merrion Road

A Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Wednesday 13th – Thursday 21st September. Highlights include the Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Saxon, Nazareth and the Mount of Olives. Cost €1,549 per person sharing. For information/bookings contact Fr. Fergus O'Connor / Parish Office, Merrion Road 01-269 1825 or MAP Travel, 36 Upper O'Connell Street. Tel. 01-878 3111.

Pilgrim Paths

"Pray-As-You-Go"

"Pray-As-You-Go" offers a short retreat on The Acts of the Apostles. Over the course of five on-line sessions, listen to the story of the early Christian Community. By reflecting on the effect of the Resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost had on the first, very small group of Jesus' followers, you will be helped to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit in your life and open yourself more fully to the Spirit of Pentecost. Find out more by visiting www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Hallelujah

Hallelujah – a Journey to Sainthood, featuring the Palestrina Choir with special guests, Mary Coughlan, Sandra Oman, Sean Costello and Melanie McCabe, will take place in the National Concert Hall on Saturday, 24th June. Written and produced by Niall Morris. Musical Director Andrew Synnott. Tickets from the NCH. Tel. 01 417 0000

Hospice Open Gardens Trail

On Saturday 17th June 2017 the gardens of two homes in Blackrock will be open to the public as part of the Hospice Garden Trail. They are "Peafield Cliff" and "Lios an Uisce", accessed by the gates to the left of the main entrance to Blackrock Park and "Deepwell", opposite the Blackrock shopping centre. Admission to Deepwell is via the back gate beside Blackrock Dart Station. Admission to Gardens is €5 per garden. Opening hours are 12 noon – 4pm. For more information visit www.olh.ie/gardens

Commencement of work in the church

We are pleased to inform you that the necessary work on the church roof and other maintenance work commenced on Monday 29th May. It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of September. Weekday Masses at 7.30am and 10am will continue as usual as will Sunday Masses however it will not be possible to continue to have **Eucharistic Adoration** in the church on Tuesdays for the duration of the work. It may be necessary to close the church on some days following the 10am Mass so that the work can proceed efficiently and in compliance with Health and Safety requirements. Funerals, if any, can only take place at 10am Mass, and not at a later time.

Viatore Christy invites you to the last in a series of talks on renewal and the future of the Church. The talk will be given by Patricia Coyle and will take place on Wednesday 7th June in the Lecture Hall, Belvedere College, Dublin 1. (7pm to 9.30pm). Suggested donation €10. To book your place call 01-8689 986 or email shane@viatoreschristi.com

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: The St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimages to Lough Derg will take place from 30th June to 2nd July and from 11th to 13th August. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact the organiser, Ms. Miriam Delaney on 01- 494 1171 (after 6pm).

The Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will be in St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown on Monday, 5th June. Arrival at 2pm. The relics may be venerated from 2pm until 6pm when Mass will be celebrated, including Blessing of the Sick.

Warmth and Wellbeing Pilot Scheme: The Energy Efficiency and Affordability Division at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment are currently running a pilot scheme in a number of areas in Dublin. The scheme provides free upgrades to the homes of people who are in receipt of the Fuel Allowance or the One Parent Family payment, who are also living with chronic respiratory conditions. The scheme aims to see whether improving the warmth and indoor air quality of those homes can positively impact on respiratory conditions as well as improving mobility around the home and improving wellbeing in general. The scheme is available to people aged 55 or over or 12 and under who meet these conditions. For more information contact Eileen O'Connor 01 427 5032. See: www.seai.ie/Grants/

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Cormac McIlraith, 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 Boosterstown 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		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		<i>Marriages</i>
<i>Mass Times</i>		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: 7.30 & 10 am		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
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223