



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

18th June 2017

Feast of Corpus Christi

Parish Hospitality – Second Sunday of the Month: Many thanks to the gracious volunteers who provide hospitality after 10.30am Mass on the Second Sunday of each month. Sunday hospitality will not take place during July or August. It will resume in September when we hope that some additional volunteers will join us in our Ministry of Hospitality. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office at 01-283 1593.

Annual Cemetery Sunday: Deansgrange: 2nd July at 3pm. There will be Mass and the Blessing of the graves.

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.

An Exhibition of Paintings by the High Loft Painting Group will take place at Foxrock Pastoral Centre on Saturday 1st (10 am – 8.30 pm) and Sunday 2nd July (10 am – 4pm).

National Concert Hall Recital

Our parishioner, Melissa Jennings, who is a Minister of the Word, is a concert pianist. She will be giving a piano recital in the National Concert Hall on Friday 30th June at 1.05pm. The programme will include pieces by Brahms and Albeniz. Tickets at €15 are available from www.nch.ie or 01-4170000. We wish Melissa well with her performance.

Rest in Peace

We pray for all those who have died during the past week and especially Helen Lynch, Blackrock; Aiden Grennell, Merrion Park; Bridget (Bid) O'Connor, Leopardstown, and Elizabeth Molloy, Merrion Park. May they Rest in Peace.

The Unveiled Beauty

Eating is a very powerful way of changing another substance into our own. Food, when eaten and digested, is transformed into our own flesh and bone and brain cells. But when we eat the bread which is the Body and Blood of Christ, it is Christ who transforms us into himself, making us into the Christ-persons which our name 'Christian' calls us to be, and indeed presupposes that we are. Baptism is sometimes called 'Christening'; this is a very meaningful word: Christening, it means our becoming transformed into Christ.

The Eucharist is a most powerful means for being thus transformed into Christ. Julian of Norwich spoke of being 'substantially oned' with Christ. The purpose of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is to become more and more 'substantially oned' with Christ, so that, as St Paul puts it, for us to live is Christ, and the life we live is the 'life of Christ who lives in us' (cf. Gal 2:20).



The poet Paul Durcan has a marvellous phrase; 'Heaven ... is a place ... /that would surprise you.' Heaven is endlessly repeated surprise at the unveiled beauty hidden in the mysteries we now know – faintly and darkly but truly – by faith.

From Bread of Life by Cardinal Cahal B. Daly, Veritas Publications, 2011

Mass in celebration of Wedding Jubilees and forthcoming marriages

Many thanks to all those who attended 10.30am Mass last Sunday when a lovely celebration took place. The Mass was very well attended by Wedding Jubilarians and also by couples who are getting married in the coming year. Marks & Spencers in Blackrock kindly sold us Roses at half price which were distributed after Mass. Apologies to those who attended but did not receive a rose (we ran out!). We promise to order a larger quantity next year!

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Associate Membership: If you wish to become an Associate Member and support the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Mrs. Kitty McHale will be in the church porch this weekend and next weekend taking the names.

Pilgrim Paths: 18th June marks the second anniversary of the papal encyclical "Laudato 'Si' - Care for our Common Home". The encyclical's title is taken from St. Francis' beautiful "Canticle of the Creatures". The full text of the canticle is beautifully read and illustrated in a video by Paolo Maggioni Conte. Access this talk and others by visiting www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Thursday Morning Hospitality –takes place weekly in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. The volunteers offer tea/coffee and delicious home baking to parishioners and friends who attend. Please call in to the Parish Centre any Thursday morning at 10.30 am and join us for a friendly cup of tea or coffee and a chat. The final Thursday Tea morning before the Summer break will be on 29th June. Everyone is welcome!

Legion of Mary - Frank Duff Prayer Group The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 at 2.45 pm in the Parish Centre, Room 3.

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.

Interested in Spirituality?

A new programme is being offered in partnership with Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. This Adult Certificate in Spirituality is a two-year part-time programme which takes place on Thursday evenings from 7pm – 9.30pm and on six Saturdays each year. The programme, which will begin on 28th September 2017, is an exciting and spiritually enriching programme, open to all, and no prior learning is required. Please contact anneryanflanagan@gmail.com or Tel. 086 884

Irish College,

Rome Pilgrimage Programme

A pilgrimage to Rome will take place from 18th – 23rd September 2017. It will provide participants with an opportunity to experience Rome, to deepen their theological awareness of the theme of "The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World", and enjoy a time of guided prayer and reflection together. Cost of course is €700. A deposit of €300 is required. To book please phone 0039 06772631 or email ufficio@irishcollege.org visit www.irishcollege.org



Child Safeguarding and Protection

On Tuesday, 27th of June in the Parish Centre (starts 7pm) the parish child Safeguarding Team will be giving a Training and Information Session for volunteers who are engaged in the various parish ministries. Please note that the Diocese requires all those who do not necessarily work with children but who are engaged in a parish Ministry, in public, which may bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults, to attend a Training Information session (and a refresher course every three years). The Parish Pastoral Council respectfully requests that if you are a volunteer in one of the parish groups which brings you into contact with children/young people and/or vulnerable adults you attend this session.

Maintenance Work

We are pleased to inform you that the necessary work on the church roof and other maintenance continues. It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of September. Weekday Masses at 7.30am and 10am continue as usual as do Sunday Masses however it is not 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. **Note:** Please exercise courtesy and caution in the church car park where parking is extremely limited at present.



World Meeting of Families

The World Meeting of Families will take place in **Dublin** from 21-26 August 2018. Preparations are underway and the diocese is appealing for the support of volunteers, as individuals or as groups, to assist it in organising this exciting event. Volunteers will be essential to the success of the event. The age limit is to be 18 years old or above on 1st January 2018. There is no upper age limit! An information leaflet is available from the Sacristy. All volunteers will be required to provide a photo and complete a Garda Vetting Form **for the diocese** as part of the application. Registration will be handled on line so please ask a family member or friend for their help in this regard. Please visit the website www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer for further details.

<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 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		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