



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

3rd September 2017

Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lumen Dominican Centre

Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock

The programme for the Autumn Term is available from the church porch. Early booking advisable.

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

Rest in Peace: We pray for those who have recently, including Deirdre Jordan, Woodbine Road whose funeral was in Mt. Merrion

Thursday Morning Hospitality takes place weekly in the Parish Centre at 10.30 am. Please join this friendly get-together any Thursday morning. All welcome.

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday, 10th September at Knock Shrine. Please see the poster in the church porch.
www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning for the Hospice: Thursday 14th September at 10.30 am in the Parish Centre, hosted by the Thursday Morning Hospitality Group. The Thursday morning teas will resume on Thursday 7th Sept. after the Summer break. All welcome!



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 16: 21-27

1. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain, as a student studying, or an athlete training, can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?
2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. Peter would have none of it. When have you found that taking up your cross brought you life, even though at the time it may have been difficult?
3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?
4. Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward for faithful discipleship. What have these rewards been? *John Byrne osa*



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has appointed Fr. Gerry Kane as the new Parish Priest of Booterstown. Fr. Gerry has been Parish Priest in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Harold's Cross for the past 9 years. Fr. Gerry, accompanied by his little terrier, Missy, moved in to the Presbytery during the week. We hope Fr. Gerry and Missy will feel very welcome amongst us and be very happy in their new surroundings and community.

A Note from Fr. Cormac : "I would like to thank you all for your very kind words, your good wishes, the very many cards I have received and the generous gifts you have given me. There are so many that I could never acknowledge them all, so I am writing this as my thanks and acknowledgement to each one of you.

I would like to thank all who organised and attended the Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 25th August. The parish gift of the Camino Walk is so suitable as it makes sure I keep walking to prepare for it! Thank you for all the balloons! I'm leaving one as a memento on the church ceiling! So many people have said to me that they will miss me very much. I, too, will miss you very much as I go to Sandymount. Let us keep each other in our prayers. " *Fr. Cormac*

Fr. Cormac's Farewell Mass Booklet: If you have a spare copy of the booklet, please can you donate it to the Parish Office for Archive purposes as all the spare booklets have disappeared from the church porch ! I would like a couple of the booklets for the parish archives. Many thanks if you can spare a copy! There are

Weekday Mass at 7.30 am will resume on Monday, 4th September

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on **Tuesday, 5th September at 8pm.**

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 7.00 – 9.30 pm 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 3652.

UCD Research to Improve Health and Aging : The UCD Institute of Food and Health is recruiting adults of age 50+ to participate in a new research project which will explore the role of B-vitamins in healthy aging. If you are aged 50 years+ , you may be eligible to take part in an exciting 2-year trial to see if B-vitamins can benefit health as we get older. Please see notice in church porch or contact Roberta 01—716 2804 or roberta.hackmendes@ucd.ie

Liturgy Dates for your Diary: Sunday 10th September **10.30 am Mass**
Blessing of Schoolbags: All those starting school or preschool this September will receive a special blessing. Everyone is welcome to attend and **Don't forget to bring your schoolbag to be blessed!**

Eucharistic Adoration - It is hoped that Adoration will resume on **Tuesday 19th September.** We will confirm this next weekend.

Blessing for Retirement: Thursday 21st September at 10 am Mass – we invite all those who have retired or plan to retire in 2017 to attend and receive a blessing.

St Thomas' indoor Bowling Club, Monk Gibbon Hall, Foster Avenue will hold an Open Night on Thurs. 14 September at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in and give indoor bowling a go! Tel. 01—288 0202

Parish Hospitality – Second Sunday of the Month: Many thanks to the gracious volunteers who provide hospitality after 10.30 am Mass on the Second Sunday of each month. Sunday hospitality will resume on 10th September after 10.30 am Mass, 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. **N.B.** New vol-

World Meeting of Families: the World Meeting of Families will take place in **Dublin** from 21-26 August 2018. We emphasise that everyone is part of a family whether married, single, lay or consecrated. We are all members of a parish family and of the wider church family also. The preparations for the World Meeting of Families is now well under way in the Diocese and parishes will soon begin planning as to how best to prepare in their respective parish to celebrate the World Meeting of Families. The Parish Council will welcome your suggestions.

| <i>Priests of the Parish</i> | | <i>Confessions</i> |
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| 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 – 10pm | | Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223 |