



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

10th September 2017

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Brief

The local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul: members are taking up the monthly collection in the church grounds after Mass today.

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.

The **Weekday Mass at 7.30am** has resumed.

Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning for the Hospice: Thursday 14th September at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, hosted by the Thursday Morning Hospitality Group.

Everyone is welcome!

LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on **Tuesday, 19th September** after 10am Mass until 10pm. As usual, please sign the book if you are a registered volunteer. It is helpful if visitors also sign in, giving their time of attendance, as it helps the committee to monitor the safety of all, especially the Blessed Sacrament. Registered volunteers are reminded to contact their coordinator, in good time, if they cannot attend on a particular date. It is helpful if you can arrange your own substitute who should sign the register in your place.

Intercessions Book (located in the church porch): Sometimes at funerals, those attending sign the Intercessions Book instead of the funeral attendance book. It would be helpful if those attending morning Mass would ensure that the Intercessions book is closed, if they are aware of a Funeral taking place. Thank you.

Community Living

No community is without its problems. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be two or three different opinions!

Today's gospel has a valuable message about community. When we think of our own parish or church community, we might feel uncomfortable with the advice on how to deal with sin. But this passage is just as relevant now as it was to the early Church. First of all, it acknowledges that the Church is not perfect; it is made up of sinners, who

will go astray and disagree at different times. It emphasises the importance of dialogue – if a brother (or sister) sins, the first step is to discuss it with them, and then to enlist the help of the community if necessary. Presumably



the other members will do the same for you, if and when you need it. We all have a responsibility, as members of the Church, to help those who are struggling or lost.

If you have a spare few minutes, read the passages that come immediately before and after this one in Matthew's Gospel. Before, the parable of the lost sheep tells us that God rejoices when one who has gone astray is found. After, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other as many as seventy-seven times. The context is God's generous love and forgiveness, on which we are expected to model our Church. Jesus is present where two or three meet in his name – even with our human struggles and disagreements and sins. We have a responsibility to be present to each other, and to forgive one another. That's what it means to be Christ's Church.

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...Liturgy notes continued

Blessing of Schoolbags takes place today at 10.30 am Mass: All those starting school or preschool this September are receiving a special blessing and Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome to join us! **The Family Mass** resumes today and the Children's Choir will return next weekend. **The Family Mass Team** will warmly welcome families to introduce themselves to any of the team members after Mass and to encourage your child to participate by reading at the Mass, bringing up a gift or joining the Choir. Parents, please consider joining the Family Mass team to help us in this very rewarding ministry.

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 to receive a blessing. Mass will be followed by tea/coffee and chat in the Parish Centre. We hope you will join us for a cuppa!

Crosscare

Crosscare is the Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin and, inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, maintains;

-A Vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential,

-A Mission to provide innovation and relevant services to those in need.

The Annual Collection for Community and Homeless Services will be taken up at Masses next weekend and will replace Share.

Boooterstown Parish Youth Club

The sign-up night for membership and activities will take place on **Monday 11th September** from 8pm to 8.45 pm in the Youth Club.

Activities will commence on Monday 18th September. The **Annual General Meeting** of the Youth Club will take place on Monday 23rd October at 8pm in the Youth Club. The Youth Club is open to primary school children. Visit www.boooterstownparishyouthclub.ie

Dublin County Choir presents Handel's Messiah

This lovely event will take place on Saturday 21st October at 8pm in Whitefriar Street Church, 56 Aungier Street. Conducted by Colin Block. Tickets €20 (or €17.50 for group of 10) available at the door or through www.eventbrite.ie Please see the poster in the church porch.

Legion of Mary – Trip to Knock

Sunday 24th September 2017. Cost €35 including coffee on the way, luxury coach and evening meal. Contact Kevin 086- 1605 755 or Margaret 01 288 5783 for more details and to make a booking.

Coping with Life's Difficulties

-A Workshop on

Loss, Grief and Bereavement

...will take place in St. Mary's Priory, Tallagh Village on 16th September from 10 am – 3.15 pm. Cost €40. Unwaged €20. To reserve a place: www.prioryinstitute.com or tel. 01 404 8132.

Consider doing a course this year in developing/exploring your Faith and/or Spirituality. The following courses may interest you:

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry – Clonliffe College commencing Thursday 28th September from 7pm – 9.30pm.

Email pathways@dublindiocese.ie or Tel. 01 8379253 Ext.294.

Faith for Life: Deepening the connection between Faith and Life. This course takes place over 4 weekends in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe. The 4 themes are: ● Called to become Human and Holy. ● Called to become centred on the Word of God. ● Called to become Church in the World ● Called to Life Faithfully. Tel. 01 837 3732. Ext. 246 / 247.

Certificate 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, 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.

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 resumes today, 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 volunteers must complete their Garda Vetting prior to becoming involved in parish ministries and groups.

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 online 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>
Rev. Gerry Kane	P.P.	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
52 Booterstown Ave.	Tel: 086 822 0956	After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway,	Pastor Emeritus	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy
Booterstown Ave.	Tel. 01 288 2889	Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@boooterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boooterstownparish.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