



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

17th September 2017

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Brief

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.

Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning for the Hospice: took place on Thursday 14th September at 10.30 am in the Parish Centre, hosted by the Thursday Morning Hospitality Group. The event realised a total amount of €770.00 which has been lodged to Blackrock Hospice.

CBC Monkstown Park Secondary School will hold an open evening on Thursday, 21st Sept. from 7 - 9pm. All prospective students and parents are welcome to attend. Please tel. 01 2805854 or email cbcmonkstown@outlook.com for information.

Booterstown Community Centre, Grotto Avenue – **Pilates Class for Mums on "the run"** from 1.15 to 2.15pm on Wednesdays. Highly experienced teacher.

Do This in Memory

Do This in Memory is a parish based programme of preparation for First Communion. It is centred on the parish celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. The programme is designed to encourage the active involvement of families and parishes in preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The programme takes place once a month at 10.30 am Sunday Mass, however the children and their families are encouraged to join us at the Family Mass every Sunday. The first Mass of the preparatory programme will take place on Sunday 1st October when the enrolment of 2nd class pupils from both parish schools will take place within Mass. We look forward to warmly welcoming the children, along with their families, who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2018.

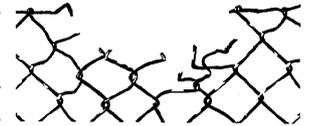
Generous love

A remarkable story of generosity featured on Joe Duffy's Live-line: Call Back programme on RTÉ recently. It was the story of Shane O'Neill, who had a history of drugs offences and ended up serving time in prison in Belgium. On release from prison he went to the Irish Embassy to ask for the price of a flight to return home, but was turned down. Another Irish man, Charlie Kiernan, overheard the exchange and decided to help, booking him a flight and buying him breakfast. When Shane asked how he could repay him, Charlie suggested he 'pay it forward'. The kind gesture was the catalyst for Shane turning his life around. It is this sort of generous love that we hear about in today's gospel, in the parable told by Jesus. The master who cancels the servant's debt does so out of compassion and generosity. It is of no benefit to him to pardon the debt. He will be down ten thousand talents – one talent was worth more than 15 years' wages of a labourer, so we are talking about a large sum of money! The servant is grateful, but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just one hundred denarii – one denarius was the usual day's wage for a labourer.

The parable speaks to us about the kindness of God, but also what he expects from us. Because we have been loved, we must love. Because we have been forgiven, we must forgive.

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LITURGY NOTES

In accordance with a Letter from Archbishop's House we are happy to announce that the newly appointed Parish Priest, Fr. Gerry Kane, has assumed the pastoral care of the Parish of the Assumption, Booterstown.

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.

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

Anniversaries this week

20th September -Monsignor Jerome Curtin, former P.P. Booterstown - (7th A);

Saturday 23rd September, 6pm – Mary Darcy (9th A);

Sunday 24th 10.30am – Ena Molloy (2nd A); 12 Noon - Patricia Semple. Paddy Davis (1st A).

Month's Mind Mass for Eileen Collins, late of St. Helen's Road will be on Sunday 24th at 12 Noon..

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.

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 poster in the church porch for more details.

Caring Group

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 25th September at 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre, **Room 3**. Members visit parishioners who are in Nursing Homes or in their own homes and would like a visit. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along to a meeting or let us know if there is someone who would like a visit. Contact Sr, Colette at 087 6309 166.



Meeting for the Co-ordinators of Parish Ministries and Groups

A meeting will take place in the Parish Centre, Room 2 on Tuesday, 19th September at 7.30pm to which the Co-ordinators and an additional representative from each of the 30 ministries or groups in this parish have been invited.

News from Booterstown Parish 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.booterstownparishyouthclub.ie

“A Festival of Flowers and Art”

Church of the Guardian Angels – Newtownpark Avenue presents “A Festival of Flowers and Art” to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their church. The festival will take place in the church from Friday 13th – Sunday 15th October. The weekend will feature floral exhibits, an Art Exhibition, flower arranging demonstrations and refreshments. Please save this date!

Crosscare

Is the Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare's Community and Homeless Services is being taken up at Masses this weekend and replaces the usual Share (second) collection. Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has a Vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Many thanks to the visiting Crosscare speaker, Mr. Chris Murphy who is speaking about the work of Crosscare at Mass today.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

The next meeting of the Society will take place on Thursday 28th September at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, Room 3. This very committed group will warmly welcome new members.

Legion of Mary – Frank Duff Prayer Group

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19th September at 2.45pm in the Parish Centre, Room 3. New members are most welcome.

<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@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