



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

24th September 2017

Twenty Fifth 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: further to our notice last week, another donation was received bringing the total amount to €820. Many thanks again to parish Social Group who hosted the event.

Lost property: Please check the lost property drawer in the Sacristy if you have mislaid an item of personal property in the church – including the lens from spectacles found on a seat.

Rockford Manor Secondary School, Stradbrook Road, Blackrock invites you to an Open Evening on Thursday, 28th September from 7pm until 8.30pm. Tel. 01 2801522 or visit www.rockfordmanor.ie

Caring Group; The next meeting will take place tomorrow, **Monday 25th September, at 8pm** 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.

The next meeting of the **St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** will take place on Thursday 28th September at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, Room 3.



I am a grumbler

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute – yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone!

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LITURGY NOTES **Weekly Eucharistic Adoration** resumed last week. Adoration takes place every Tuesday after 10am Mass and concludes at 10pm. Many thanks to all the regular Adorers who have returned following the Summer recess. The Committee would be grateful for some further volunteers to attend from 7pm – 8pm. 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 assists the committee in monitoring the safety of all, especially the Blessed Sacrament.

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 monthly at 10.30am Sunday Mass. 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 parents, who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May.

Rest in Peace

We remember those who have died and especially Christine Hughes, The Elms and Sr. Jeanne McLoughlin, Dominican Convent, Sion Hill.

Next week's Anniversaries

25th September – Hop Montgomery

Saturday 30th September

-Vigil – Maura Rogers;

-12 Noon - John Barry (1st A); Brendan Byrne (50th A), remembering his wife Helen's 100th birthday and their deceased daughter, Patricia also Donal O'Donoghue (1st A) and his mother-in-law, Christina Hayes who died on 14th April this year.

The Catholic Grandparents' Association

The Catholic Grandparents' Association will meet in Blackrock Parish Centre on Wednesday 27th September at 11am. The purpose of the meeting is to consider how grandparents might contribute to the celebration of Christmas, in particular the custom of "Bambinelli Sunday" in helping children prepare for the birth of Jesus. Ms. Mary Cotter, Dublin Diocese Co-ordinator for the CGA, will attend. The meeting is open to grandparents from neighbouring parishes who will be very welcome.

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



Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee

New Pastoral Centre for Booterstown

This weekend, Sheila O'Malley, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, will address all Masses to update parishioners and friends of the parish on the planned Pastoral Centre. This project was first proposed over 12 months ago as the Council recognised the changing needs of the parish. The plans include a multi-purpose venue to meet the increasing and diversified demands of the community, a new Sacristy, a relocation of the Parish Office and accessible toilets. Planning for the revamped building, so generously donated by the Sisters of Mercy some 20 years ago, will be applied for at the end of September. The plans have been based on the feedback we received last year. We are now asking you to give further input by 30th September. Please send your comments, queries and ideas to the dedicated email address centre@booterstownparish.ie or drop a note into the Parish Office marked for the Parish Project, not later than 30th September. When planning permission is granted, visuals of the proposed centre will go on public display and will be loaded onto our website www.booterstownparish.ie

News from Booterstown Parish Youth Club

Activities have commenced and 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 **Booterstown Parish Youth Club** needs volunteers to supervise ongoing activities in the club. Alternatively, you can run your own workshop using your talents and expertise. This opportunity might suit parents whose children are already members, retirees or those setting up their own business. In particular, those who are skilled in the craft of **Knitting** are also needed!. You may volunteer for a long or short time however, all volunteers are subject to references, Garda Vetting and training, which will be carried out in conjunction with Crosscare Youth Services. For further details, please call Deirdra Pickering (committee) 086 – 80 666 07.

"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!

<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