



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

8th October 2017

*Twenty seventh 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.

**Local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul- members** will take up the monthly collection in the church grounds after Mass today.

**Sunday Hospitality:** At this is the second Sunday of the month, tea/coffee/minerals and biscuits will be served in the Parish Centre after 10.30 am Mass. Please call in and have a chat with your fellow parishioners over a complimentary cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Many thanks to the kind volunteers who prepare and serve these refreshments. They would be delighted if some new volunteers could join them and assist with Sunday refreshments occasionally.

**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.

**Stillorgan Citizens Information Centre:** please see the notice in the church porch.

**Booterstown Parish Website:** visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie) to keep up to date with liturgies and parish events. **Dublin County Choir** presents **Handel's Messiah** Saturday 21st October at 8.00 pm in Whitefriar Street Church, 56 Aungier Street. Conducted by Colin Block. Tickets €20 available at the door.

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

#### Matthew 21:33-43

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you.
4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see'. Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to



### LITURGY NOTES

**Weekly Eucharistic Adoration** takes place every Tuesday after 10 am Mass and concludes at 10.00 pm. We are delighted to see so many people visiting the church on Tuesdays. However, we are still looking for people who are willing to go on the register. This means: committing to a particular hour, signing in, informing the appropriate coordinator for the morning/afternoon/evening adoration, if you cannot attend on a particular day. Equally, your coordinator will inform you should Adoration not take place due to a funeral, for example.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October Vigil** – the Mornington Singers will sing at 6.00 pm Mass, including some motets a capella.

**World Meeting of Families 2018** - As we begin this parish's preparation for the World Meeting of Families next year, our parish community gathers together to pray for all parish families – everyone is part of a family, no matter what age or what stage in life we are at and whether we are married, single, separated or widowed – we all come from a family and we are all members of the parish family and the wider Church family. We will inform you in the near future as to how this parish will prepare for the World Meeting of Families.

**Anniversaries for the coming week:** Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am: Kathleen Treacy; Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 am: Mary Newport; Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 am: Bill Rogers; **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Vigil:** Máire Uí Mhaicín (4<sup>th</sup> A), Julian Vard, Julie Ryan; **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon:** Phyllis Kelly, remembering her husband, Willie; Helen Kane.

**Keep Fit Classes for Seniors** – take place in the Parish Centre every Monday at 10.30 am. The 45 minute class is given by a parishioner, Johnny Carroll, a Fitness Instructor. Johnny leads these chair-based exercises at a gentle and age-appropriate pace and is encouraging and motivating to everyone. The classes are subsidised, thanks to a Community Grant received from DLRCC, so the cost for you is €5 per session. Please come along and try it out and enjoy meeting fellow parishioners. We hope you will join us!

**Pastoral Centre Project** As you are aware, there are a number of parishioners involved in this project, giving of their expertise. We are currently seeking the help of someone familiar with Graphic Design, to assist us in designing a fact sheet/brochure. If you have time and could help us out for a short period, please email:

centre@booterstownparish.ie

**Meals on Wheels** a parishioner, who commits to delivering weekly Meals on Wheels in this area, on Mondays only, would greatly welcome the assistance of another person who would take over delivering on her route occasionally, when she is unavailable. Please phone the Parish Office on 01 283 1583 if you can assist her.

**Rest in Peace:** We remember those who have died and especially Maurice Leonard, Grove Avenue and Laurence Grant, Monkstown.

**Blackrock Community Gardaí** invite you to attend an Information Session on *Safety and Security* which will take place in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Tea/Coffee and Scones will be served at 10.30 am followed by the presentation which will be given by the Crime Prevention Team.

**News from Booterstown Parish Youth Club:** Activities have commenced and the **Annual General Meeting** of the Youth Club will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00 pm in the Youth Club. The Youth Club is open to primary school children. Visit [www.booterstownparishyouthclub.ie](http://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 086 – 80 666 07.

**Church of the Guardian Angels** – Newtownpark Avenue presents “**A Festival of Flowers and Art**” to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their church. The festival will take place in the church from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October and will be well worth a visit.

**Introduction to Centering Prayer – ‘Be Still and Know that I am God Psalm 46:10’** If you feel drawn to deepening your relationship with God and living more deeply the contemplative dimension of the Gospel, you are welcome to attend the following workshop ‘Introduction to Centering Prayer as taught by Fr. Thomas Keating’. This will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00 pm in the **Convent of Mercy**, Booterstown Avenue. All are welcome.

**Day for Life 2017** leaflets are available in the church porch depicting a lovely bronze statue *Waiting on Shore* designed by Niall Bruton and *A Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Life Within*: O Mary, Mother of the Life Within, all life we entrust to you; the life of every expectant mother and the child within her womb: The life of every human body, the life of every human soul; the life of every newborn child and the life of all grown old. You held the Lord close to your own heart and drew him so close in. So draw us now in all our needs, O Mother of the Life Within. Amen. Please take a leaflet if you wish.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 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, Booterstown Ave.	Pastor Emeritus Tel. 01 288 2889	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		Marriages
Mass Times		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
<b>Sunday:</b> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O’Donoghue
<b>Mon - Fri:</b> 7.30 & 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
Rosary		(Mon - Fri: 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Mon – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
Eucharistic Adoration		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223