



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

15th October 2017

*Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### In brief:

**Church Car Park:** a number of parishioners have remarked on how difficult it is to find a parking space when attending daily Mass. The parish Finance Committee and parish team have been monitoring the carpark for the past month and have noted that the car park is being used by commuters and others for long-term parking. We will continue to monitor the car park carefully and we request those who are parking on a casual basis to kindly park elsewhere. The carpark will be monitored until the end of October when it may prove necessary to take further action.

**Mission Sunday:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Pope Francis invites you to contribute to a special Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's Official Charity for overseas missions. Mass to mark Mission Sunday will be televised on RTE 1 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 11 a.m.

**Lost property:** Please, Please check the lost property drawer in the Sacristy if you have mislaid an item of personal property in the church! There are numerous pairs of glasses and sunglasses as well as scarfs, gloves, car keys etc.

**The Parish Office** will be closed on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. (The Thursday morning teas will take place as usual).

**Booterstown Parish Website:** visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie) to keep up to date with liturgies and parish events.

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 22:1-14

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Looking at the first one:

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?



2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

3. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

4. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?

### 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. **Important Notice:** A Funeral will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30 am**. Adoration will not commence until the Funeral Mass concludes at approx 1.00 pm.

**Mission Sunday:** Representatives of some of the Religious Orders in the parish will speak about their ministry and missionary work at some of the Masses next weekend.

**Do This in Memory First Holy Communion Programme** children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion next May are invited to attend 10.30 am Mass next Sunday.

**World Meeting of Families 2018** - As we begin preparations 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. Families. Please read the special prayer for the WMOF overleaf.

**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 Ave.** All welcome.

**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 continue in the church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October and will feature floral exhibits, an Art Exhibition, flower arranging demonstrations and refreshments.

**Rest in Peace:** We remember those who have died and especially Diane Larkin, formerly of McCabe Villas, Sr. Maria Joseph Malone, O.P., Sion Hill, Peggy Behan, mother of our former curate, Fr. Larry Behan and Michael Feeney, Blackrock.

**Anniversaries for the coming week:** Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 7.30 am Vincent Marren; Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. – Pamela Lynch (4<sup>th</sup> A); Vigil Mass: Aidan and Betty McNally; Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. – Dr. Bernadette Nolan McMullan; 12 Noon – Michael O’Connor; George Semple. **Month’s Mind Mass:** Helen Moran Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. - Vigil Mass

**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 !

**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.

**Medical Missionaries of Mary – Fáilte Karibu Welcome** **“Celebrating** 100 years of Irish Contribution in Kenya since 1916 at the Barbican Centre, William Street, **Drogheda**. Open daily from 16th Oct. to 21st Oct. 2017. Dart from Booterstown and train from Connolly Stn.

### Family Prayer for the World Meeting of Families

God our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your love and care, especially those for whom we now pray. Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

**Legion of Mary Frank Duff Prayer Group:** will meet on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 2.45 pm in the Parish Centre, Room 1.

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