



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

19th November 2017

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Brief

Altar List of the Dead Envelopes are available in the church porch and may be returned to the Presbytery, the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Mass is offered on the First Friday of every month for all those whose names have been included on the Altar List of the Dead.

A Cake Sale & Raffle hosted by the parish Social Group will take place in the Parish Centre after Masses on Sunday, 26th November. Please bake your speciality and bring it along on the day – or perhaps you might consider donating a Raffle Prize. All Proceeds will go towards the purchase of our Christmas Memory Tree and some new decorations and Christmas wreaths for the church.

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Please visit www.booterstownparish.ie and see some lovely photographs taken (courtesy of Sr. Isabelle) at the Mass of Welcome for Fr. Gerry last weekend.

Pax Christi sincerely thanks all those who supported their church gate collection last weekend which realised €810.

Rest in Peace

We remember all those who have died recently including Fr. John McCarthy, M.S.C., Woodview, Mt. Merrion Avenue. Fr. McCarthy was a familiar face in the parish and often assisted at special liturgies, The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and Services of Reconciliation. May he Rest in Peace.

Anniversaries for the coming week

Mon. 20th, 7.30 am – Chris Molloy (jnr.); Sat. 25th, Vigil: Michael Fitzpatrick, Eileen & Jack Lawlor;

Sun. 26th: Michael Reilly (1st A); 12 noon: John Taylor, Wesley Earl,

Dive in!

Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicated using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, *I Found My Tribe*, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope.

Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

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LITURGY NOTES

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Tuesday after 10am Mass and concludes at 10pm. We are delighted to see so many people visiting the church on Tuesdays. However, a volunteer is needed to commit to Tuesday Adoration from 1pm to 2pm. If you can commit to this hour, please sign the register at the 1pm – 2pm space. Please remember in your prayers the Church in Iran, which is growing at a great rate but which is sadly also suffering severe persecution.

Birth Blessing for Expectant Families: will take place on Sunday, 3rd December at 10.30am Mass. In the lead up to the World Meeting of Families, we remember all expectant families: Grandparents, aunts, uncles etc all welcome to come along and pray for their expectant relatives, even if they may not be residing in this parish. Everyone is welcome.

Remembrance Mass for Deceased Grandparents - As we continue the parish preparations for the World Meeting of Families, the Family Mass Committee remind children to write the name(s) of deceased grandparents on the leaf and bring it to the Family Mass this Sunday when the leaves will be brought up at the Offertory Procession.

**Legion of Mary
– Frank Duff Prayer Group**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 21st November at 2.45pm** in the Parish Centre, Room 3 and everyone is welcome.

‘Messiah for All’

Dunlaoghaire Choral Society presents ‘Messiah for All’ in Monkstown Parish Church at 8pm on Saturday 2nd December. Conductor: John Doyle. Tickets at the door €25, €20, €15.

**St. Joseph’s
Young Priests’ Society**

Parishioners are invited to attend a Mass for the Gift of Priesthood, celebrated by priests from parishes in the diocese, on Sunday, 26th November, Feast of Christ the King, at 3.30pm in St. Andrew’s Church, Westland Row. The Principal Celebrant will be Fr. Seamus McEntee, Chaplain to the Society. (The Next Meeting of the Society will take place on Thursday 30th November at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, Room 3. All are welcome.

Three Tenors

Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Ave. presents the Three Tenors in concert in the church on Thursday, 30th November at 7.30pm. They will be supported by the Newtown Gospel Choir and Rockford Manor Girls’ School Choir. Tickets are €20. Proceeds in aid of their new Parish Pastoral Centre.

**Enchanting New Music
-National Concert Hall**

An Enchanting Evening of New Music will take place in the National Concert Hall on Monday, 27th November at 7.30pm. The evening will include The Star of Bethlehem, a Christmas Oratorio and Songs of the Angels, composed by Colm Ó Foghlú. Soloists will include our parishioner, Lynn Hilary. Also featuring will be Cantando, Cór Scoil Neasáin, Laetare Vocal Ensemble amongst others. Hosted by Sharon Ní Bheoláin. Proceeds will be in support of Camphill Communities of Ireland. Tickets NCH 01 4170000.

...liturgy notes continued

Do This in Memory Programme for First Holy Communion: 2nd class pupils from the parish schools will participate in the liturgy of the Family Mass at 10.30 am next Sunday in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please arrive early to ensure ease of car parking and seating.

Advent: For 4 Saturdays of Advent, beginning on 2nd December, we hope to recommence Eucharistic Adoration from 5pm – 5.40pm. This is a lovely way to prepare for the Christmas season, as well as to pray for our priests before they celebrate weekend Masses in our church.

Living Well with Dementia - Health Care Supports

HSE Dublin Sough – Living Well with Dementia invites you to **Health Care Supports within the Community.** An Information Event for family members will take place on Monday, 20th November 2017 from 7pm – 9pm in Oatlands College, Stillorgan. You will have an opportunity to meet and understand the role of a range of healthcare professionals who could be involved in the care-plan of your family member. The event is being organised as an exhibition-style event and each group will have a table with representatives and relevant information. Further details: Joan Fitzpatrick – Tel 01 2680392.

Sacramental Dates in the parish 2018

Following a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on 14th November, the 2018 Sacramental dates for the parish are as follows: **Confirmation Ceremony** for both Parish Schools: Friday ;27th April at 11am. **Confirmation Ceremony** for those in other Schools Friday 9th March at 11am. **First Holy Communion:** Sunday 29th April at 10.30am for those in other Schools. **Saturday 12th May at 11 am** – Willow Park; **Saturday, 19th May at 11 am** – Our Lady of Mercy Convent School and **Saturday, 26th May at 11am** St. Mary’s Boys’ School (2 classes).

Booterstown Parish Youth Club

Boooterstown Parish Youth Club welcomes all new members and volunteers to join our happy community. Volunteers can either supervise our ongoing activities or you can run your own workshop using your own talents and expertise. This opportunity might suit parents whose children are in the Youth Club, or retirees. All volunteer slots are subject to references and Garda Vetting. For full details, please call Deirdra Pickering 086 80 666 07.

<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
Boooterstown 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