



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

26th November 2017

Feast of Christ the King

In Brief

Cake Sale Today!

The **Cake Sale & Raffle** hosted by the parish Social Group takes place in the Parish Centre after Masses **today**. Please call into the Parish Centre after Mass and buy a cake and/or Raffle tickets. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of our Christmas Memory Tree and some new decorations and Christmas wreaths for the church.

Crosscare Annual Food Appeal:

Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for a Food Appeal which will take place throughout the Diocese **next weekend** for the Crosscare Food banks. This year the Archbishop requests that donations take place on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December to allow the foodbanks to make up food hampers and distribute them in good time for Christmas. Suggested items: Soups; seasonal biscuits; tins of - soup/meat/vegetables/fruit. Shampoo, Hygiene products and cleaning products are also helpful. Donations may be left in the small room leading off the inner church porch. Thank you.

Gaudete Sunday, 17th December

As we continue the parish preparations for the World Meeting of Families, we invite you to celebrate **Bambinelli Sunday** by bringing along the **Baby Jesus figure** from your crib at home to be blessed at 10.30am Mass. Families can even make their own – or draw a picture of Baby Jesus if you do not have a crib at home. After the blessing the Baby Jesus figure can be taken home and put away safely until Christmas Morning.

Table Quiz in aid of Alone

The **Punchbowl** will hold a Quiz Night on Thursday 30 November at 8pm. Team of 4 = €40. All proceeds are in aid of the charity **Alone**.

What sort of king is this?

From a very young age children hear a lot about royalty. Popular fairytales, many of them around for hundreds of years, tell tales of beautiful princesses, brave princes, and noble, wise, old kings and queens. They transport children into a world of extravagant palaces and riches beyond anything they could imagine. Modern children's stories and cartoons continue the fascination, but many now turn the traditional stereotypes on their heads. Princesses no longer wait around to be rescued, but take their fate into their own hands. Princes don't necessarily want to be brave or to become the next king.

In the time of Jesus kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that King Herod was capable of brutal acts. There were expectations too about the great Messianic King who would lead a rebellion and establish his kingdom on earth.

The king that Jesus talks about turns these images upside down. He is a fair judge, a shepherd who looks after his flock, inviting all who act with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is also in solidarity with the 'least' of his people. Who ever heard of a king who knows what it's like to be in need of food, clothing or company? But Jesus is a different sort of royalty. His kingdom is not based on power or riches, but charity, compassion and forgiveness.

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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 next Sunday, 3rd December at 10.30am Mass. 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.

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. Please consider spending 40 minutes in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass.

Sacramental Dates in the parish for 2018

Following a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on 14th November, the 2018 Sacramental dates for the parish will be as follows:

The Confirmation Ceremony for both Parish Schools will be on Friday 27th April at 11am.

The Confirmation Ceremony for those in other schools will be on Friday 9th March at 11am.

The First Holy Communion Ceremonies will be:

Sunday 29th April at 10.30am for those in other Schools.

Saturday 12th May at 11am – Willow Park; Saturday, 19th May at 11am – Our Lady of Mercy Convent School. Saturday, 26th May at 11am St. Mary's Boys' School (2 classes).

Blackrock Gardaí invite retired senior citizens / parishioners and friends to their Annual December Party in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, on Wednesday, **13th December at 12.30pm**. Lunch, Spot Prizes and Fun! Please join in!

The 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.

National Concert Hall—Monday 27th November at 7.30 pm— An enchanting evening of music with The Star of Bethlem & Songs of the Angels. See poster in church porch.

Anniversaries this week

Wed 29th: 7.30am Marie McGlynn; 10.00am Gerard Bergin (50th).

2nd December, Vigil: John Bagnall; Eddie O'Dwyer; Stephen MacNulty, remembering his grandmother, Leila MacNulty.

Sunday 3rd: 9am: Jack & Florrie O'Hanrahan.

...10.30am: Marie McKimm; Emily O'Connor.

12pm: Joe Lee, remembering his deceased wife, Nellie; Joe O'Grady (1st); Bernard Brown; Phyllis deValera, & remembering, Terry deValera

The Annual Christmas Fare of St. Mary's Boys' School will take place on **Sunday, 3rd December between 11am – 2pm** in Our Lady of Mercy Girls' School Hall. The fair is guaranteed to bring cheer and festive fun to all who attend - and the opportunity to shop local! All proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Boys' School. Please respect the carpark for those attending 12 noon Mass.

The next meeting of the **Parish Caring Group** will take place on **Monday 27th November 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 or let us know if there is someone who would like us to visit them. Contact Sr. Colette 087-6309166.

The next meeting of **St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** will take place on Thursday 30th November at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, Room 3 and everyone is welcome to join us.

Boosterstown Parish Youth Club welcomes all new members and volunteers to join our happy community. Join us for new workshops and children's golf or just hang out. 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.

A Prayer for Persecuted Christians

God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Out Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us. (*Archbishop William E. Lori*)

If you wish to learn more about the persecution of Christians, please visit the website of www.acnireland.org the website of Aid to the Church in Need.#

Transforming Parish Conference: November 29th from 9am to 5pm in Maynooth College. For information visit www.transformedparish.ie

<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@boosterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boosterstownparish.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