



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

3rd December 2017

First Sunday in Advent

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Members will speak at Masses next weekend and will take up their annual indoor collection in place of the usual Share (second) collection. **Note:** (Sunday morning hospitality following 10.30 am Mass will instead take place on 17th December.)

Crosscare Annual Food Appeal Archbishop Martin seeks practical support for a Food Appeal taking place throughout the Diocese **this weekend only** 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 and distribute food hampers in good time for Christmas. Suggested items: Soups, tins of:- soup, meat, vegetables and fruit and seasonal biscuits. Shampoo and Hygiene products and cleaning products are also helpful. Donations may be left in the small room leading off the inner church porch on 2/3 Dec.

Parish Cake Sale members of the parish Social Group thank all those who baked and/or donated raffle prizes and those who bought cakes and raffle tickets in support of their Cake Sale last Sunday. The array of cakes and raffle prizes was superb! €1,410 was realised for the work of the parish Altar Society, who are responsible for the beautiful flowers in the church and who also provide the Memory tree, memory name tags and church decorations for Christmas.

Parish Pastoral Council: the next meeting is on Tuesday, 5th December @ 7.30

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 13:33-37

1. The coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces – good things that happened when they were not anticipated.

2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you, and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present.

3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. Identify with the servants as people given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person? What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God?

4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?



LITURGY NOTES

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Friday, 8th December**. Mass times will be at: 7.30 am; 10.00 am; and 7.30 pm. (There is no vigil Mass).

Advent Wreath: the Liturgical Season of Advent commences today and we enter into the start of a new Church Year, which is Year B of a three-year cycle. You will notice that the colour of the celebrant's vestments, the Lectionary cover and the banners is purple. The first candle of the Advent wreath, which symbolizes HOPE, will be lit at all Masses. The Jesse Tree symbols of the Sun and Moon, symbols of Creation and Noah's Ark will be hung on the Jesse Tree at the Family Mass.

Advent: For the Saturdays of Advent, Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 5 pm – 5.40 pm. 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.

Memory Tree: Once again it is time to remember our loved ones, at home and abroad and living and deceased. Name tags and pens, provided by the Altar Society, are on the little table behind the tree if you wish to record the name(s) of loved ones on the Memory Tree.

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

Blackrock Meals on Wheels is urgently seeking volunteers to help on Thursdays. Commitment is 10.30 am onwards for approximately one hour. Please phone Padraic Cronin on 086-8150501 or Mary Hennigan at 01 2834 989.

Monday at the Monastery continues at the Presentation Brothers, Glashule on Monday, 4th December at 7.30 pm when Dr. Aoife McGrath will speak about encountering Christ in the Family, while looking forward to the World Meeting of Families. Refreshments afterwards

Music for Advent: • Mornington Singers, Conductor Orla Flanagan will perform a Lunchtime Concert in St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street on Saturday, 9th December at 1 pm. Tickets €12 and on Saturday 16th December at 8 pm in Christ Church Cathedral. Tickets €18. • Frascati Singers, Blackrock will perform Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and A Festival of Carols in St. John the Baptist Church, Blackrock on Sunday, 17th December at 4 pm. Tickets €15 to include tea/coffee in the Parish Centre after the performance

Sacred Heart Messenger presents A Christmas Concert with Liam Lawton at St. Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner St. on Monday 4th December at 8pm. Tickets €20

Packing of Christmas Cards and Dues envelopes will take place during the coming week., commencing on **Tuesday at 10.30 am.** Please come to the Parish Centre after 10 am Mass if you can spare an hour or two. Tea & Coffee will be served!

Anniversaries next weekend: Sat. 9th. Vigil: Michael & Leila Sheahan, Mona Johnston (1st) & Ted Johnston (3rd); Hugh Reynolds (30th); **Sunday 9th: 10.30 am:** Paddy & Mary Spain, Bart Keaney;

12 Noon: Margaret McKeon (2nd Anniversary), Aiden Austen.

On **Wednesday, 6th December at 10 am** Mass will be offered for the First Anniversary of Fr. Colm Kenny, who was a curate in this parish from 1992—1999.

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 10.30 am 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 Baby Jesus can be taken home and put away safely until Christmas Morning.

Spiritual Preparations for Christmas on Tuesday, 12th December at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre the Faith Formation and Spirituality Group will have an evening **Praying with the Bible – An Introduction to Lectio Divina during Advent.** The evening will conclude with a cup of tea.

Camino de Santiago – Fr. Cormac was given a gift of a trip to the Camino de Santiago when he retired. The parish is planning a trip with Fr. Cormac from Sarria to Santiago at the end of May. This is the most famous of all the Camino routes. **An Information Evening** will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 7th December at 8.00 pm at which a representative from Camino Ways will give a presentation and answer your queries. All are welcome to attend. Time to get in training!

Advent Prayer Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in the darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say "Come Lord Jesus!". Amen.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane	Parish Priest	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
52 Booterstown Ave.	086 8220956	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
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
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
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