



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

10th December 2017

Second Sunday in Advent

In brief:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Members are speaking at Masses this weekend and taking up their annual indoor collection in place of the usual Share (second) collection.

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Please visit www.booterstownparish.ie and don't forget the **webcam** option which broadcasts live all ceremonies from our church. Encourage your friends, relatives and former parishioners living abroad to "tune in" to the parish if they wish to join with us during the Advent and Christmas Season.

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. Everyone is welcome.

Legion of Mary Frank Duff Prayer Group: the December meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 12th December at 3.00 pm** in the Parish Centre, Room 3. There will be a DVD presentation and an opportunity to meet the very committed members of the Legion. A festive "Afternoon Tea" will be served following the presentation.

Rest in Peace – We pray for those who have died recently and especially Anne Murphy, St. Helen's Villas; Bill Palmer, Merriem Park, and Charles O'Farrell, Grove Avenue

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:1-8

1. John the Baptist is presented as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. Who have been messengers you, preparing the way for the Lord by alerting you to ways in which you could improve your life? To whom have you been such a messenger?

2. John calls the people to repentance (i.e. a change of heart), as a way to a new life. Can you recall times when you had a change of heart, and the change led to new life for you?

3. John baptised people with water as a gesture to mark their change of heart. Sometimes we perform an action to symbolise our change of heart – write a letter, throw away our last cigarettes, etc. Can you remember a symbolic gesture with which you marked a change of heart?



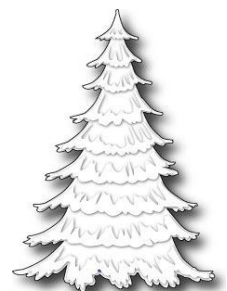
LITURGY NOTES

Advent Wreath: the Liturgical Season of Advent continues and you will notice that the colour of the celebrant's vestments, the Lectionary cover and the banners is purple. The second candle of the Advent wreath (purple), which symbolizes LOVE is now lighting. Masses. The Jesse Tree symbols which will be added today are: Abraham (bell symbol), Issac (boy symbol) and Jacob (ladder symbol).

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.

Advent Service of Reconciliation will take place on **Wednesday 20th December at 7.30 pm** an opportunity for confession with visiting priests. Everyone is welcome.

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.



Anniversaries for the coming week: Wed 13th: Michael & Ellen Lynam; Friday 7.30 am Mary Hourigan; 10 am Richard McGuinness;

Saturday 16th Dec – Bridget & Michael Jennings, Gerard McNamara (2nd A);

Sunday 17th 9 am – Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh (2nd), 10.30 am – Noel Jones, Rosaleen & Donal O’Sullivan, Austin Cloonan; 12 Noon – Seamus Cahalane, remembering his wife, Nellie and their son, Conor, Daphne & Edward Finlay, May Murphy, Dolores O’Neill, James Mc Goohan.

Monday at the Monastery continues at the Presentation Brothers, Glashule on Monday, 11th December at 7.30 pm when Spirit Radio’s Dom Perrem will interview a group of young Catholics who will speak about welcoming Christ into their lives. The talk is free to attend and concludes with a cup of tea and chat.

Music for Advent: ● Rockmount Choir, directed by Derek Verso, in association present their Christmas Concert in St. Brigid’s Church, Stillorgan today at 7.00 pm. The concert will be followed by Mince Pies and Mulled wine. Adults €12. Children free. ● 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. ● Moya Brennan, the voice of Clannad and special guests will perform *An Irish Christmas* in Monkstown Parish Church on Thursday, 21st December at 7.30 pm. Tickets €15/€10.

Blackrock Meals on Wheels is urgently seeking volunteers to help on Thursdays. Please see notice in church porch.

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. The tradition of the Crib began with St. Francis in 1223. It was celebrated in the woods of Greccio near Assisi in Italy on Christmas Eve. The tradition has remained in Christian homes and families for centuries and it is a beautiful reminder of the real meaning of Christmas.

Boosterstown Parish Planning: Parishioners may have seen notices fixed to the church railings stating that a planning application was being made for works to the Pastoral (Parish) Centre. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has now decided to give us permission so, after the statutory period of one month, we hope the final permission will be issued. Further information on the project will be issued to all parishioners shortly.

Stewarding at Christmas Masses: Please leave your name with the Assistant Sacristan, Tom Colgan or with the Parish Secretary if you can assist with stewarding at Christmas Masses. The stewards do a great job ensuring that parishioners are seated in good time for Christmas Masses and they ensure the health and safety of all those in attendance.

Christmas Card delivery if you can assist with delivery on your road or in your apartment complex, please contact the parish office or leave your name on the list in the sacristy. (We seek assistance from a resident of Beechlawn and of Mountbrook as we do not have access to complexes.)

Advent Reflection O Lord, in this season of Advent open my eyes to see where you would lead me. Awaken my ears that I would hear your voice guiding me. Inspire my mind that I may comprehend your love for me. Soften my heart that I would offer grace to those I meet. Watch my feet that I would tread upon your kingdom paths. Guard my heart from selfishness that I would give freely. Inspire my words that I may speak of hope and healing. O Lord, I follow you. Amen.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
	086 8220956	After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Boosterstown Ave.	Pastor Emeritus	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy
	Tel. 01 288 2889	Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@boosterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boosterstownparish.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