



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

24th December 2017

Fourth Sunday in Advent

In brief: 7.30 am Weekday

Mass: there will **not** be a 7.30 am Mass during the Christmas holidays. Mass at 7.30 am will resume on Monday, 8th January.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Members extend their sincere thanks to all those who contributed to their indoor church collection last weekend. It is still possible to make a contribution to SVP if you did not have an opportunity to do earlier in the month.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul if

you are experiencing difficulties with your living expenses, food and energy costs or medical expenses, especially at this time of the year, you can make a fully confidential approach to the Society at their Head Office 01 – 8550022 and a member will respond to you.

Christmas Dues: Many thanks to all those who have sent in Christmas Dues or contributions to Parish Funds. These will be acknowledged in the New Year.

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. Please let your friends, relatives and former parishioners living abroad to "tune in" to the parish if they wish to join with us during the liturgical season of Christmas.

Thursday Morning Hospitality will not take place on 28th December but will resume on Thursday, 4th January after 10.00 am Mass.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 1:26-38

1. We are all favoured ones and God is with us. Sometimes we are more aware of this than others. How have you experienced being a favoured person, one blessed by God? How have you experienced God's presence? Who has been Gabriel to you – a messenger of good news?

2. 'Do not be afraid.' Mary was perplexed by the words of the angel. Perhaps you too have sometimes been perplexed by life's path and wondered what it all meant. Perhaps at times you have doubted if God was really with you. In your troubled moments who has been an 'angel' helping to lower your anxiety?

3. Mary was taken by surprise by the invitation, but she did not tell the angel she was not ready, nor ask him to return later. She was prepared to go with the invitation even though it was not the 'right moment'. 'Here I am Lord.' What invitations have come to you at the 'wrong time' and how have you responded?

4. Mary's response serves as a model for us – she is one who says 'yes' to



LITURGY NOTES

Advent Wreath: the Liturgical Season of Advent continues and today is **fourth Sunday**. We light the last purple candle today which symbolises **PEACE** and we relight the candles of Love, Hope and Joy.

Christ is the Prince of Peace who helps us to see that Peace is possible.

The **Jesse Tree** symbols which will be added to the tree today are **Ruth and Boaz** (grain tree), **Jesse**, (staff) and **Isaiah** (scroll).

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Tuesdays 26th December or 2nd January. A sincere Thank You to all our registered volunteers and visitors for your commitment. May the Adoration of the Shepherds and the Wise Men inspire us all in the New Year. Adoration will resume on 9th January 2018.

The Priests of the Parish, Fr. Gerry Kane, P.P. and Monsignor Seamus Conway, P.E. wish parishioners and friends of the parish a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed and Peaceful New Year. We look forward to meeting you at the church.

Anniversaries for the coming week: Thursday 28th – 10.00 am – Catherine Cotter. Sat. 30th – Vigil: Des McHale, Eithne Carroll; Sunday 31st December – 12 Noon The Knowles & Flood Families deceased.

Wed. 3rd Jan at 10 am – Ann Stone; Saturday 6th January at 10 am – Beatrice Finn (1st A); **Sat. 6th Jan. Vigil:** Elsa Bergin, Gary McAuley Rooney (11th A), Patrick A Moore (17th A). **January 7th:** 10.30 am – Sheamus Dundon (1st A), Mary Sheehan (3rd A), Alex Spain; 12 Noon: Dermot & Veronica Butler and their son, Kevin.

Month's Mind Mass for Anne Murphy—Friday 29th Dec. at 10.00 am.

Parish Office: The office will be closed for holidays and will reopen on Tuesday, 2nd January

Parish Office Opening Hours: Commencing on Tuesday, 2nd January there will be a change to the opening hours. The Office will be open to the public from Monday to Thursday only between 9.00 am and 10.00 am and between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm. The Office will not be open on Fridays

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.

UCD Access and Lifelong Learning have advised us of their Part-Time Programmes for Spring 2018. Information booklets/flyers are available in the church porch.

Contribution to Parish Funds/ the running costs of the parish: Parishioners may wish to contribute to Parish Funds – the running costs of the parish and may do so by the following means: Cheque / a Standing Order arrangement or by Monthly envelope (planned giving). A box of monthly envelopes (January – December) is available from the church porch. **Note:** if you take a box of monthly envelopes, please ensure that you advise the number on the box to the Parish Office, Telephone No. 01 283 1593 otherwise we have no way of assigning/acknowledging your financial contributions. Thank you.



Christmas Mass / New Year timetable additional copies of the card are available in the church porch for visitors and those living outside the parish area. Please note that the regular Sunday Mass times apply this weekend. **Christmas Eve Masses** take place today at **5.00 pm, 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm. The 9.00 pm Mass** will be preceded by Christmas Carols at **8.30 pm** so please arrive in good time to join in singing with the choir! **Note: Weekday Mass times after Christmas:** Please note the weekday Mass times on Tuesday 26th December and Monday 1st January (both public holidays) will be at 11.00 am. On all other weekdays there will be one morning Mass at 10 o'clock.

Stewarding at Christmas Masses: Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to steward at Christmas Masses. Please check in at the Sacristy at half hour prior to your respective Mass at obtain a stewarding armband from Paul or Tom. If you can assist with putting out extra chairs on Christmas Eve, please come to the church at 4.00 pm. Thank you.

World Meeting of Families: at previous World Meetings a tradition has developed of hosting pilgrims and families travelling from distant places like Peru, the Philippines and Ecuador, in order to defray the cost of travel which can be quite significant. The presence of families from abroad is an important expression of solidarity with families here in Ireland, coming as they often do from countries with a strong missionary connection with Ireland. Offers of accommodation are now being sought in family homes in the Dublin area for overseas pilgrims and in areas with good public transport links to the city centre. Applicants interested in hosting pilgrims or a family in their home are invited to email volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie

Christmas Tree Blessing: Holy Creator of Trees, bless with your abundant grace this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy. May its evergreen branches be a sign of your never fading promises. May its colourful lights and ornaments call us to decorate with love our home and our world. May the gifts that surround this tree be symbols of the gifts we have received from the Tree of Christ's Cross. Holy Christmas tree within our home, may Joy and Peace come and nest in your branches and in our hearts. Amen

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Boosterstown 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
<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 – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223