



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

7th January 2018

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

The Parish Office

-amended Opening Hours

As of 1st January there has been a change to the opening hours of the Parish Office. The office is now open to the public from Monday to Thursday between 9am and 10am and between 10.30am and 1pm. The office is not open on Fridays.

In Brief

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, blessed and peaceful New Year.

7.30am Weekday Mass will resume on Monday, 8th January.

Thursday Morning Hospitality continues weekly after 10am Mass. Please call to the Parish Centre, Room 2 any Thursday at 10.30am for tea/coffee and chat. Many thanks to the gracious hostesses for the delicious home baking.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Booterstown members extend their sincere thanks to all those who contributed to their indoor church collection in December. The parish response to the appeal was very generous so the SVP will not take up their monthly collection this month.

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

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.

The Pope's January Prayer Intention for 2018 is that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

A searching God

He came in search of John.

He came in search of baptism.

He came in search of blessing.

He came in search of the Spirit.

He came in search of God's favour.

He came in search of God's love.



The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.'

St Augustine

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Athlone, Co Roscommon

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LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on 9th January. We welcome back all our regular visitors and hope that some of you will make a New Year's resolution to join the group of volunteers who commit to a particular time slot on a Tuesday. We are particularly asking for a volunteer to commit to 8pm - 9pm. If you can come at that time, please write your name and a contact number on the register under that time slot. Thank you.

We welcome into our Christian Community baby Oisín McDonnell, Grotto Avenue, who is being baptised at 12 noon Mass today, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

Do This in Memory - First Communion – children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May are invited, with their families, to attend 10.30am Mass next Sunday. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Ministers of Holy Communion please collect new rosters from the Sacristy.

Anniversaries for the coming week

Sheelagh Kelly, Tues 9th @ 10am
 Sheila Haniver, Fri. 12th @ 10 am
 Ruth McMahon, Sat 13th Vigil (1st);
 Conor & Sheila Murphy, Sunday
 14th @12 Noon.

Month's Mind: Bridget Baures—
 will be on Sunday 14 January at 12 pm

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.

Camino Ways

Following the presentation of the Farewell Gift to Fr. Cormac of “a walk on the Camino”, we are delighted to advise that arrangements have made with Camino Ways under Reference No. CW33005. If you intend to travel with a group, accompanied by Fr. Cormac, you will need to book your flight with Aer Lingus on the flight Dublin to Santiago departing from Dublin on 31st May and returning on 7th June.

Meals on Wheels -volunteers needed

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

Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus - Adult Learning

Copies of the Spring brochure are available in the church porch and the Parish Centre. A wide variety of very interesting courses are available within walking distance of our parish!



Mass for parish volunteers—Thursday 18th January, 7.30 pm

The Priests of the Parish and the Parish Pastoral Council invite volunteers in the parish to attend a Mass in Thanksgiving of your ministry and work in the parish. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 18th January at 7.30 pm and will be offered for the intentions of all parish volunteers and their families. We hope that you will be able to attend and we look forward to meeting you after Mass over refreshments in Gleeson's.

Caretaker required for Our Lady of Mercy Convent School, Bootestown.

For further details and information please contact olomprincipal@gmail.com

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 and your name to the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of acknowledging or attributing your financial contributions.

Mission Wellness – Action Against Alzheimer's

Cytoplan - where nature meets science. This programme aims to support brain health using diet and lifestyle techniques. Over the course of this programme you will learn how to optimise brain function and overall health by engaging in diet and lifestyle changes now! The Course runs on Mondays, commencing on 22nd January for 8 weeks in the River Holistic Centre, Raheeny, Dublin 5. For further details Contact Barbara O'Keeffe on 086-8239894 or email Barbara@missionwellness.ie

Baptism – Something to Reflect on:

Hush little baby, fear no harm. Shawl of white to keep you warm. Shawl of white, as bright as snow, like God's great love who loves you so. Hush little baby, have no dread, soothing oil upon your head. We sign you with a cross to show God chose to love you long ago. Hush little baby, make no sound, your loved ones gather all around. Water sprinkling now to show God will always help you grow. Hush little baby, have no fear, the light of Christ is drawing near. This light will guide you every day and lead you always in God's way. (*Christy Kenneally*)

<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@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
<i>Saturday:</i> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
<i>Sunday:</i> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<i>Mon - Fri:</i> 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