



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

14th January 2018

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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 only between 9am - 10am and between 10.30am and 1pm. The office is not open on Fridays.

In Brief

The Conference 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 weekend.

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 Blackrock Senior College Open Day: is on Wednesday 17th January from 10am to 4pm.

Archdiocese of Dublin Diocesan Directory 2018: there are a limited number of copies of the Diocesan Directory available from the Parish Office at a cost of €10 each.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration continues on Tuesdays from 10.30am until 10pm. 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 Tuesdays.

Come and see

Today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

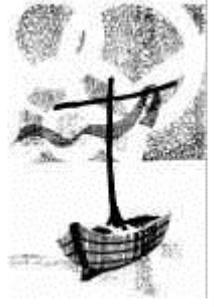
'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age ... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.' Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship.

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LITURGY NOTES

Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to collect their new roster.

Confirmation Preparation Mass: Saturday 20th January at 6pm (vigil mass)

Week of Prayer for Christian Community will be observed from 18th - 25th January. This year the theme "**That All May be Free**" (Exodus 15), was chosen by the Christian communities in the Caribbean region. The scripture quotation reminds us that the road to unity must often pass through a communal experience of suffering. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue and an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other person, the different person, and to ask God for the gift of unity. The inaugural service for the week will be interdenominational and will take place in Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown-Killiney on Thursday, 18th January at 8pm. Dr. Jessie Rogers, a scripture scholar, will give the sermon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Visit www.ctbi.org.uk for further information.

Anniversaries for the coming week

Saturday, 20th Vigil: John Murphy; Eileen O'Malley (9th);

Sunday 21st :

9am: Phil O'Gorman; Hugh Feeley;

10.30am: Miriam Brassill (2nd);

12 Noon: Nellie Lee (3rd); Fr. Martin Burke, Michael and Katie Burke; Donough Whelan.

Mass for Parish Volunteers

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

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**. A copy of the itinerary is available from Camino Ways. Included in the price is a special 12% discount for parishioners. 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 de Compostela departing from Dublin on 31st May and returning on 7th June. The flight cost is still reasonable – don't wait until the cost increases!

Reflection Not a daughter, but a dollar. Not a sister, but profit gained. Not a brother, but cheap labour. Not a family fleeing terror, but a fortune to be made. Captured by a web of lies. Snared by fear and manipulation. Seized by deceitful hands. Bound by broken promises, all dignity denied. Heart hard, a commodity to exploit. Heart sore, a beloved child of God. Heart held in hope of liberation.

Something Big is Happening in this Parish... next weekend, 20/21st January, Fr. Gerry will speak at the weekend Masses and will launch the project: **Development of Booterstown Pastoral Centre**. The plans will be on display at the back of the church and also in the Parish Centre. Please take time to have a look at the plans or call in during the week to the church or to the Parish Centre, Room 2 (mornings only to study the drawings).

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, otherwise we have no way of assigning/acknowledging your contributions.

Good Hygiene Practices Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by influenza in recent weeks, it is opportune to remind people that those with flu symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. It is possible to watch our Sunday Mass on the webcam or listen in to RTE Radio on Long Wave 252 KHz.

The **Sign of Peace** is exchanged at your discretion. If you have symptoms of flu or if your neighbour at Mass is displaying symptoms of flu, there is no onus on you to exchange the Sign of Peace. A friendly smile or a bow will suffice.

Legion of Mary – Frank Duff Prayer Group

the next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 16th January at 3pm** in the Parish Centre and everyone is welcome to join us.

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

Caretaker Required

A Caretaker is required for Our Lady of Mercy Convent School, Booterstown. For further details please contact olomprincipal@gmail.com

<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
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