



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

21st January 2018

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### In Brief

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

**The Booterstown Parish Website** is regularly updated. Please visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie) to keep up to date with news and events in the parish as well as following links to other relevant websites. Don't forget the **webcam** option which broadcasts live all ceremonies from our church.

The very dedicated members of the **Rosary Group** recite the Rosary in the church every weekday morning, Monday – Saturday at 9.40am. Many of their regular members have been suffering from 'flu, so please feel most welcome to join with them in support any weekday morning.

**Legion of Mary** members sell the Irish Catholic newspaper weekly in the church porch, on Friday and Saturday mornings, before and after 10am Mass. It's a good read.

**Christmas Dues:** Many thanks to all those who have sent in Christmas Dues or contributions to Parish Funds.

**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.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 Mass in conjunction with the World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please bring this information to parishioners who may be unable to attend Mass regularly or invite an elderly neighbour to attend, who may no longer drive. Encourage them to come to the Mass, if they feel strong enough to do so, or please remind them of the webcam.

### The call

*'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?'*

The hymn 'The Summons,' by John L. Bell, consists of a list of questions from Jesus as he calls each one of us to be disciples. Each one begins with the words 'Will you...?'

The final verse is our response as disciples: 'Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.'

Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.

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### LITURGY NOTES

**Eucharistic Adoration** continues on Tuesdays from 10.30am until 10pm. We welcome back all our regular visitors and hope that some of you will continue to join the group of volunteers who commit to a particular time slot on a Tuesday. A gentle reminder to all those attending to please sign the book on the table beside the pillar.

**Day for Consecrated Life:** this day is usually celebrated on nearest Sunday to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2<sup>nd</sup> February), but for this year, the Day for Consecrated Life, in this parish, will be celebrated at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** continues until 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Visit [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk) for further information.

### Anniversaries for the coming week

Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10am: Fr. Joe Stone;  
Wed. 24<sup>th</sup>: Tommy Nolan;  
Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Vigil: Bella and Johnny Glynn; Brian Redmond 4th

#### Sunday 28th:

-at 9am: Mary Fahey (6<sup>th</sup>)  
-at 10.30am: Tess and Jim Dowling; Pat Walsh and Cyril Flanagan;  
-at 12 Noon: Joyce Sheerin, remembering her deceased husband, Neil and their daughter, Norma; Ray

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

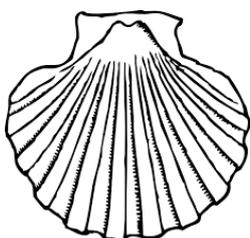
if you are experiencing difficulties with your living expenses, food and energy costs or medical expenses, especially at this time of the year, you can make a fully confidential approach to the Society at their Head Office 01 – 8550022 and a member will respond to you.

### Saint Joseph's Young Priests' Society

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, Room 3. Everyone is very welcome.

### 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 and they have included in the price 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 31<sup>st</sup> May and returning on 7<sup>th</sup> June. The flight cost is still reasonable – but don't wait too long!



### Something Big is Happening in this Parish ...

THIS WEEKEND, 20/21<sup>st</sup> January, Fr. Gerry is speaking at Masses and is launching the project: **Development of Booterstown Pastoral Centre**. The plans are on display at the back of the church and also in the Parish Centre. Today, **Sunday morning**, the Parish Centre is open and you are invited to call in to inspect the plans and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Please take time as you leave the church to have a look at the plans or call in to the Parish Centre today when there is time and space to study the drawings. Brochures are also available. Please be sure to take a brochure from the church.



### The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Are you a good listener? We are recruiting volunteers to join our Helpline team. The Helpline is based in Blackrock and is open Monday to Friday, 10am – 5pm and on Saturdays 10am - 4pm. Full training will be provided. For more information and an application form, please phone Tina at 01-207 3819 or email [helpline@alzheimer.ie](mailto:helpline@alzheimer.ie) Alzheimer National Helpline 1800 341 341

### 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.

### 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, by telephone, 01 283 1593, otherwise we have no way of assigning/acknowledging your contributions.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
<b>Rev. Gerry Kane</b>	<b>P.P.</b>	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
<b>Mgr. Seamus Conway,</b>	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	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 &amp; 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
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
<b>Sunday:</b> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<b>Mon - Fri:</b> 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