



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

28th January 2018

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### In Brief

**Parish Office: amended opening hours.** The office is 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.

**Mount Merrion Historical Society:** An illustrated talk on *Dublin since 1922* will be given by Tim Carey in the Community Centre, Mount Merrion on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 8pm. Admission €4. Please see notice in the church porch for details.

**Church Gate collection** will take place next weekend in support of the Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which is a sister charity of the Adult Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Proceeds will assist sick children to travel to Lourdes this Easter.

**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 providing links to other relevant websites. Don't forget the **webcam** option which broadcasts live all ceremonies from our church.

**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.

**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.



**Exchanging the Sign of Peace** while the outbreak of influenza continues, there is no onus on those attending Mass to physically exchange the Sign of Peace. It is sufficient to exchange a smile or a bow with your neighbour at Mass.

### Genuine authority

*'But man, proud man,  
Dress'd in a little brief authority,  
Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd...'*

We probably wouldn't have to look too hard for examples of public figures who seem to fit Shakespeare's description above. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on a given subject, in spite of their limited knowledge or experience. We criticise politicians if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, for example, to live on a minimum wage, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have faced some of these issues themselves, or have made the effort to do their research and to listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority and care.



Those who listen to Jesus teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing. The difference, stated twice in this passage, is his authority, and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use it the way we might tend to use our 'little brief authority', to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom.

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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.

**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.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00pm 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 sick or unable to attend Mass regularly. Consider inviting an elderly neighbour to attend, who might not be able to drive themselves; alternatively please remind them to join with us via the parish webcam.

**Adult Altar Servers:** The Liturgy Committee invites adults to be Altar Servers at 10am weekday Masses. Training will be given. Please leave your name in the Sacristy or the Parish Office, if you are available. Please note Garda Vetting will be required for those who have not already received clearance.

### Anniversaries for the coming week

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30am: Tom Colgan.  
 Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Remembrance of all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.  
**Sun. 4<sup>th</sup>** ;  
 10.30am, Patrick Fleming (1<sup>st</sup>); May Lewens;  
 12 Noon: Sheila Lynch; Marcella Lawlor (1<sup>st</sup>).  
 The **Month's Mind** for Sean Dunne will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass

### Caring Group

The next meeting of the Caring Group will take place on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Room 3. Members visit parishioners who are in Nursing Homes or in their own homes and would like a visit. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please come along or let us know if there is someone who would like us to visit them. Contact Sr. Colette 087 – 6309 166.

### Scripture Course on St Mark's Gospel

Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSA, Academic Co-ordinator of Biblical Studies for the Diocese, is presenting a course on St. Mark's Gospel in the Parish Centre of St. John the Baptist Church, Blackrock on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. The course continues each Wednesday concluding with the final talk on 21<sup>st</sup>



### Camino Ways

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. Sheila O'Malley, is happy to chat to those considering the trip and will be available at the Thursday morning teas in the Parish Centre at 10.30am on 8th February to answer any questions you have.

### Catholic Schools Week begins today...

...and provides an opportunity to strengthen the links between the schools and the parish and enables schools to contribute to the life of the parish. This week, we look forward to welcoming pupils from our parish schools to 10am Mass on some days. As we prepare for the **World Meeting of Families** in August, this year's theme is **Catholic Schools – Families of Faith** and the daily themes are: "Our Family at Home. Our School Family. Grandparents: A special Part of Our Family, Our Parish Family., Our World Family.

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

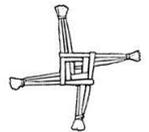
...many thanks to all those who called to the Parish Centre last weekend to inspect the plans for the forthcoming development of Booterstown Pastoral Centre, and to Fr. Gerry for speaking about the project at all Masses. If you have yet to see the plans please take time to do so as you leave the church or call in to the Parish Centre on weekday mornings, Mondays-Thursdays, when there is more time and space to study the drawings in detail. Brochures are also available from the church porch or the Parish Centre.

### 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.

### Prayer to St. Brigid

Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all that God has made. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into a greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit, Amen.



(Feast of St. Brigid, Abbess and secondary Patron of Ireland is celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> February).

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
<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
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		Marriages
Mass Times		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
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 – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223