



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

4th February 2018

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**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.

**The Pope's Prayer Intentions for February 2018** – that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**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.

**Something Great is Happening in this Parish.....** many thanks to all those who called to the Parish Centre recently to inspect the plans for the forthcoming development of Booterstown Pastoral Centre, and to Fr Gerry for speaking about the project at Masses. Please take time to have a look at the plans or call in to the Parish Centre on weekday mornings, Mondays-Thursdays when there is more time and space to study the drawings. Brochures available from the church porch or Parish Centre.

**Anniversaries next week:** Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Fr. Jim Stone; Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Vigil: Billy Doyle (5<sup>th</sup>); Michael Kelly (2<sup>nd</sup>); 10.30 am: Hilda Godson (10<sup>th</sup>), 12 Noon: Peg O'Hara (2<sup>nd</sup> remembering her husband, John.

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:29-39

This passage contains three stories and there is food for thought in each of them.

1. The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?

2. The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?

3. The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider

a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?

B) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?



### LITURGY NOTES

**Eucharistic Adoration** continues on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. 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.

**Invitation:** The Liturgy Committee invites adults to act as Altar Servers at 10 am 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.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 pm 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, or invite an elderly neighbour to attend, who might not be able to drive themselves. Encourage them to come to the Mass, if they feel strong enough to do so, alternatively please remind them to join with us via the parish webcam.

**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 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill:** A series of 6 talks entitled “*Changing Concepts*” will take place in the Lumen Centre on Tuesday evenings from 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm. The series, to coincide with the preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018, will commence on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Booking essential. Single lecture €12. €65 for the series. Telephone: 01 2882075 [info@lumenop.ie](mailto:info@lumenop.ie) or visit [www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie)

**Rest in Peace:** We pray for those who have died during the past week and especially our parishioners: Christopher Kearns, McCabe Villas; James (Jim) MacSweeney, Willowmount; James (Jim) Harlowe, Booterstown Avenue; Stella Scully, Seafield Road and Margaret O’Mahony, Castledawson, whose funeral took place elsewhere.

**Parish Office Amended Opening Hours:** Effective from 1st January there is a change to the opening hours. The office is 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.

**Parish Finance and Administration Committee**.....members invite you to take a copy of the parish Annual Report (Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016) from the church porch

**A Church Gate collection** takes place today after Mass today 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.

**Feast Day:** The Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita (1868-1947) is celebrated annually on 8<sup>th</sup> February. St. Josephine Bakhita, a native of Sudan, was brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice. The Memorial marks the World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Each year about 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those engaged in trafficking, it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world.

**An Inter-Church Service** will take place in St. Paul’s Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 8 on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30 pm – 8.30. Through prayerful reflection, interactive drama and personal sharing, those attending will learn about Human Trafficking and call to mind all those who endure this crime against humanity. All welcome.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Pupils preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will participate in the Liturgy of the Vigil Mass. **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March** children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May will participate in the 10.30 am Family Mass (Do This in Memory programme).

**26<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick** will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018. A Mass of Healing will be celebrated in St. Agnes Church, Crumlin on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 3.00 pm at which the Principal Celebrant will be the Most Reverend Diarmuid Martin. Everyone is welcome.

**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, a veteran of the Camino, is happy to chat to those considering the trip and will be available at the Thursday morning teas in the Parish Centre at 10.30 am on 8<sup>th</sup> February to answer any questions you may have.

**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, so we can acknowledging it to you.

<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, Booterstown 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 &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
<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 - Thurs: 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