



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

11th February 2018

World Day of the Sick

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In brief:

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Please visit 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.

St. Vincent de Paul members of the local conference will take up their monthly collection in the church grounds after Mass today

Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes: the treasurer of DDCP has sent an acknowledgement to thank the parishioners of Booterstown for their very generous donations to the church gate collection last weekend. A total of €3,879.32 was realised which will enable 6 sick children to travel to Lourdes at Easter for a week of fun and faith-filled enjoyment.

LOST PROPERTY in the church: the lost property drawer in the Sacristy is full to capacity! There is a large number of gloves, scarfs, umbrella, spectacles etc. Please call into the sacristy on a weekday morning immediately after 10 am Mass or on a Sunday morning and ask the Sacristan if you can check the "lost property". Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the month.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:40-45

1. Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.



2. 'If you choose, you can make me clean'. Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a positive influence on another?

3. Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracized being brought back into family or community. Who was the Jesus person who helped this healing to take place?

4. The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were so

LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration continues on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. *"Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a Friend who loves us beyond measure. Here is the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Him straight from the heart".*
St. Alphonsus de Liguori.

Ash Wednesday: The Liturgical Season of Lent will begin on **Ash Wednesday, 14th February**. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 am; 10.00 am and 7.30 pm. Ash will be distributed at each Mass. Trócaire boxes will be available in the church porch.

Day for Consecrated Life: is usually celebrated on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February), but for this year the Day for Consecrated Life, in this parish, will be celebrated at **10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 25th February**. We are fortunate to have so many religious orders resident in the parish. In addition to the work of their own mission, all play an active part in the life of our parish.

During Mass, members of the religious orders will be invited to renew their commitment to their mission. The congregation will be asked to support them in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Annual Collection of Accord, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at Mass on the weekend of 17 and 18th February. It will replace the usual Share (2nd) collection. Throughout the Diocese, Accord offers •Marriage Preparation Courses •Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships • a Relationship and Sexuality programme for schools.

Anniversaries for the coming week: Wed. 14th – Patrick Gildea; Thurs. 15th – Elaine Joy; Sat. 17th Vigil: – Fionán and Máire Moriarty; Denis O’Riordan; Sun. 18th - 9am: Irene O’Kelly; 10.30 am: Iris Dowdall (1st); Mary O’Brien (3rd); Michael Walsh (26th); 12 pm: Jack Fortune; Teresa and Michael Collins; Áine Curran.

God So Loved the World: Kieran O’Mahony OSA will present the Readings of Lent for Prayer and Preaching – for six weeks of Lent, commencing on Ash Wednesday in St. Mary’s Pro Cathedral from 11.15 am to 12.30 pm. Mass will be available at 10.30 am and 12.45 pm)

Reading Mark in Lent: “To See or not to See”: Walking the Way to Jerusalem. Presenter: Seán Goan on Saturday, 17th February from 10 am to 4.00 pm in Clonliffe College. Cost €50 including lunch. Non-refundable deposit €10. Booking Mary Dent. Tel. 01 8087533 or email mary.dent@dublin.diocese.ie

St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society: the next meeting will take place on Thursday, 22nd February at 10.30 am in the Parish Centre, Room 3.

Rest in Peace: We pray for those who have died during the past week including George Harnett, Hyde Park Avenue.

Faith Formation Group: are facilitating **7 Parish Conversations in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018.** The sessions will take place during the Lent and Easter seasons, commencing on Tuesday 20th February. Each session will be at **8.00 pm** on the dates below. The venue for the series is the **Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Woodview House, Mt. Merrion Avenue** (entrance is opposite shops at the junction with Cross Avenue). Car parking is available. Everyone is welcome.

- 20 Feb - Introduction of World Meeting of Families through the Icon and Logo. • 27 Feb -The Reality of Family Life Today
- 6 Mar - The Christian Vision for the Family
- 13 Mar - God’s Dream for Love
- 10 Apr – Married Love Growing to Maturity
- 17 Apr – God’s Mercy – No One is Excluded
- 24 Apr – A Gospel of Hope for our Families

Something Great is Happening in this Parish..... many thanks to all those who have inspected the plans for the forthcoming development of Booterstown Pastoral Centre, and to Fr. Gerry for speaking about the project. Plans are also on display on the church railings so please take time to have a look, or call to the Parish Centre on weekday mornings, Mondays-Thursdays when there is more time and space to study the drawings. Brochures are available from the church porch or Parish Centre.

Volunteers are required to assist with the delivery of Pastoral Centre Brochures to parishioners. Would you be prepared to deliver a bundle on your road or in your apartment complex? We would like to inform as many parishioners possible about this exciting development in the parish from which we hope parishioners of all ages will benefit in the future. If you can assist, please email tcreminhughes@gmail.com

Booterstown Parish Youth Club News: The Youth Club will be closed from 12—16th February. Local parishioner, Brian Hegarty, and his team have generously offered their time, skills and painting materials to give the Youth Club a much needed spring clean. Brian is undertaking a most beneficial community initiative which is much appreciated by both parents and children. Thank you Brian!

<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, Boooterstown 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 & 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