



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

18th February 2018

*First Sunday of Lent*

### In brief:

**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 Legion of Mary** sell the Irish Catholic Newspaper in the church porch weekly, as well as small religious items such as Rosary Beads and the Miraculous Medal.

**World Meeting of Families:** a collection to help defray the costs of hosting the World Meeting of Families will be taken up at Mass next weekend and will replace the usual Share (second collection).

**Ecumenical Women's World Day of Prayer:** Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3.00 pm in the Church of St. Philip and St. James, Cross Avenue. Members of the Christian Churches of Booterstown, Blackrock and Monkstown will present the service. The theme is *"All God's Creation is very Special"*. The resources have been compiled by the women of Suri-name.

**Loyola Institute: Does Common Good Mean Anything?** On Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm, Dr. Patrick Riordan, S.J., Dean of Discipline and Fellow in Political Philosophy and Catholic Social Thought, Oxford will give a talk on the above topic. His book, *Recovering Common Goods*, will be launched also.

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

Mark 1:12-15

1. Jesus he is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.
2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life?
3. Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?
4. There is immediacy about the call of Jesus: 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'



**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. Visiting Our Lord. Why not plan to visit during the Tuesdays of Lent?

**The World Meeting of Families 2018.** The sessions will take place during the Lent and Easter seasons commencing on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 **directly opposite** shops at the junction with Cross Avenue). Continue up the long driveway until you reach the very large entrance gates at the end on your right hand side. Car parking is available. Everyone is welcome.

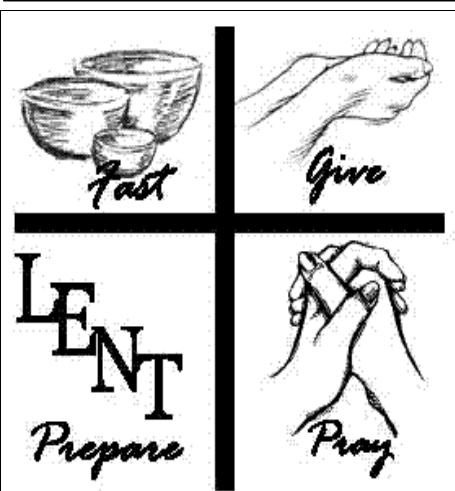
20 Feb - Introduction of World Meeting of Families through the Icon and Logo  
27 Feb - The Reality of Family Life Today  
6 Mar - The Christian Vision for the Family  
13 Mar - God's Dream for Love  
10 Apr - Married Love Growing to Maturity  
17 Apr - God's Mercy - No One Excluded  
24 Apr - A Gospel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

**Pope Francis** declared the First Friday of Lent, 16<sup>th</sup> February as a Day of worldwide prayer for **Survivors and Victims of sexual abuse**. The following text was sent to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin by a person who suffered abuse so that it could be shared as a prayer in parishes: Lord, we are so sorry for what some of us did to your children: treated them so cruelly, especially in their hour of need. We have left them with a lifelong suffering. This was not your plan for them or us. Please help us to help them Guide us, Lord, Amen.

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

**Legion of Mary - Frank Duff Prayer Group:** there will be a silent Holy Hour in the church on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. This is in place of the usual Frank Duff Prayer meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Lost Property in the church?** the drawer in the Sacristy is full to capacity! There is a large number of gloves, scarfs, umbrellas, spectacles etc. Please call into the sacristy 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 the annual SVP Clothing Appeal in early March.



**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**. 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. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February we will celebrate the Day for Consecrated Life. During Mass, members of the religious orders are invited to renew their commitment to their mission. The congregation will be invited to support them in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Annual Collection of Accord**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, is being taken up at Masses this weekend. It replaces the usual Share collection. Accord offers: ● Marriage Preparation Courses ● Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships ● a Relationship and Sexuality programme for schools

**Something Great is Happening in this Parish.....** many thanks to all those who have taken the time to study the drawings for the forthcoming development of Booterstown Pastoral Centre. Plans are on display on the railings of the church and also in the Parish Centre. Brochures are available from the church porch or Parish Centre. **Volunteers are required to assist with the delivery of Pastoral Centre Brochures:** throughout the parish. **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. If you can assist with delivery, please email [centre@booterstownparish.ie](mailto:centre@booterstownparish.ie)

#### Anniversaries for the coming weekend

**Vigil:** Joyce O'Sullivan (1<sup>st</sup>); Seamus Griffin (5<sup>th</sup>);

**9 am:** Carmel Creed;

**10.30 am:** Kevin O'Doherty; Therese Carrick (1<sup>st</sup>);

**12 Noon:** Peter and Cecelia Ward; Jack and Teresa Kelly and their deceased son, John; Mona O'Reilly; Charlie Nicholson.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
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
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
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
Rosary		(Mon - Thurs: 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 - 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223