



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

25th February 2018

*Second Sunday in Lent*

### In Brief

**Boosterstown Community & Arts Centre**, Grotto Avenue: **Social Sunday**: the Committee invites you to call in on **Sunday, 4th March** between 2.30 and 5 pm to see what is happening in the Centre: Find out about Pilates, Yoga, Montessori etc. Everyone is welcome!

**World Meeting of Families**: a collection to help defray the costs of hosting the World Meeting of Families, which will take place in Dublin in August 2018, is being taken up at Mass this weekend and it replaces the usual Share (second collection).

**Your support** will be appreciated at an important **Rally for Life** which will take place on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018** in Dublin City Centre at **2pm**. [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

**St. Vincent de Paul** – is seeking your help and support in relation to its forthcoming **Annual Clothing Appeal** in this parish. The appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bed-clothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be distributed outside the church on 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> March and will be collected on 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> March.

We respectfully request you to please not leave bags in the church before 10<sup>th</sup> March as there will be a Confirmation ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

### Rest in Peace

We pray for all those who have died during the past week and especially Ann Maxwell, Glenvar Park, Breda Raymond, and Juliette Valette, Glengearry and The Philippines.

### Anniversaries next week

Wed. 10 am: Lily Brian;

Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30 am: Altar List of the Dead, 10 am: Zebedee Massey (10<sup>th</sup>); Sat. 10 am: Gerard Fanning (Remembrance); Vigil: Martin Byrne (10<sup>th</sup>);

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March: 9 am, Sr. Bríd O'Donovan (1<sup>st</sup>); 12 Noon, Dennis Whelan; Carmel and Patrick Canny.

### Transfiguration

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from prayer or spiritual practice. These are really special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These 'aha' moments even move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. This is what is happening to the disciples in today's gospel: a very deep and significant 'aha moment'. Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an occurrence of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. No doubt these moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths.

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### LITURGY NOTES

**Eucharistic Adoration** We invite you, especially during Lent, to visit the Blessed Sacrament, on Tuesdays between 10.30am and 10pm. Pope Francis asks us to "visit the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in our churches – to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him". Everyone is always welcome.

**Do This in Memory Mass**: Children, accompanied by their families, who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May, will take an active part in the liturgy at 10.30am Mass next Sunday.

**Ministers of Holy Communion** are requested to collect their March and April rosters from the sacristy, which include the roster for Holy Week and Easter.

### Caring Group

The next meeting of the group will take place on Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the Parish Centre. 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 @ 087-6309166.

## MUSINGS

For some we [priests] are the door-keepers of a living tradition of faith-life that responds to the most powerful human commitment of all – namely, to the transcendent, to the absolute, to God. In this we might even be regarded as figures of holiness, generosity, paternal care, sanctity, virtue, benevolence, devotion, and so on. For others, however, we are viewed in an entirely different way: and we can be treated as power mongers, control freaks, and even parasites that belong to another time and to another world ... It is not easy to stand in a place that can evoke such diverse and powerful human reactions. There must be something visceral and, indeed, extraordinary about our lives, when others can see us through lenses of such polar opposition, and when they can project such powerful human sentiments onto us... In our culture we stand in the strangest of places, and we need, I believe, to understand this and our relationship to the institution that is the Church if we are to remain relatively at peace. *Michael Conway, The Furrow, September 2017*

### Annual Collection for Accord

Many thanks to all those who so generously supported last weekend's collection for Accord, which realised €3,700.

### Sion Hill Past Pupils Union Lunch and Bridge

This event will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in Blackrock Rugby Club, Stradbroke Road. Lunch at 1pm. Bridge will commence at 2pm. Tickets €15 inclusive of light luncheon. For information, please contact Dympna Beggs [dympna-beggs@yahoo.com](mailto:dympna-beggs@yahoo.com) or Helen Gahan [helengahan@gmail.com](mailto:helengahan@gmail.com) Proceeds go to the Sion Hill Benevolent Fund.

### Prayer for Guidance

Loving God, in baptism you call me to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. Strengthen me with the courage and generosity to respond to your invitation and guide me as I choose my path in life. May it always be one of witness, love and service to you and all whose lives I touch. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## World Meeting of Families 2018

The series of "conversations" detailed below are taking place during the Lent and Easter seasons on Tuesdays at 8pm on the mentioned dates. 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 until you reach the very large entrance gates at the end on your right hand side. Car parking is available. Everyone is welcome.

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

### 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. At this stage, you should have received a brochure in your letterbox. If not, please email [centre@booterstownparish.ie](mailto:centre@booterstownparish.ie) A big "Thank you" to all those who so kindly volunteered to assist with delivery.

### Ecumenical Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm 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 Good**". The resources have been compiled by the women of Suriname. You and your friends are warmly invited to attend.

### Trócaire Romero Family Award

Trócaire is asking all parishes in Ireland to take in the Romero Award as part of their preparations for the World Meeting of Families. Inspired by Blessed Óscar Romero and his concern for the poor and oppressed, the Romero Award aims to provide parishes, families, schools, the youth and individuals with an avenue to express their authority with their brothers and sisters who are suffering as a result of injustices and inequalities in our world. Please log on to [www.trocaire.org/parish](http://www.trocaire.org/parish) to register for this award or please email [churchofficer@trocaire.org](mailto:churchofficer@trocaire.org) or telephone 01-6293333 for more information.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Rev. Gerry Kane	P.P.	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
Mgr. Seamus Conway,	Pastor Emeritus	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
<a href="mailto:info@booterstownparish.ie">info@booterstownparish.ie</a>		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
<a href="http://www.booterstownparish.ie">www.booterstownparish.ie</a>		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