



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

11th March 2018

Laetare Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 local conference of **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is taking up its monthly collection in the church grounds after Mass today.

Packing of the Easter Cards: we will commence packing the Easter cards on Monday, 12th March. If you can spare an hour after 10 am Mass, please come to the Parish Centre any weekday morning this week. Thank you, Therese.

Crosscare Youth Services: The Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, will hold their Annual Collection in aid of of Crosscare Youth Services at Masses next weekend. This collection will replace the usual Share (second) collection

Diocesan Collection for the World Meeting of Families: Many thanks to all those who supported the collection (second collection) on 25th February. A total amount of €2,350 was realised.

St. Vincent de Paul

Clothing collection – Booterstown

Due to the severe weather conditions, the society was obliged to cancel last weekend's clothing appeal in this parish. This collection has now been rescheduled for August (distribution 4th/5th and collection 11th/12th). The society regrets that it does not a date available before then. In the meantime, the society would appreciate if parishioners, who might have donations of good quality clothing, shoes, and household linen, could bring them to a "Vincent's Shop" – Dundrum or Dunlaoghaire being the most local. Opening hours are 10am – 5.30pm

Rejoice!

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St Paul: 'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.' Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more patient, more attentive to the needs of others – living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to be 'God's work of art'?

And in John's Gospel we hear: 'The [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' One question we might ask this Lent is: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent?

Triona Doherty

Athlone, Co Roscommon

Email trionad@gmail.com



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.

The Solemnity of St. Patrick: will be celebrated on Saturday, 17th March. Mass times will be as follows: **Vigil:** 6pm Friday. **Saturday:** 9am; 10.30am and 12 Noon. At all Masses we will be praying the responses as *Gaeilge* (in Irish). Leaflets will be provided to facilitate the participation of everyone. Please do not remove the leaflets from the pews as they are required at each Mass. **The Ógra School of Irish Dancing** under the direction of Ms. Pauline Daly, will participate in the liturgy at 10.30am. Please remain seated as the Irish dancing troupe will lead in from the rear of the church.

Vigil Mass for Sunday, 18th March will take place as usual (6pm Saturday)

Rest in Peace

We pray for all those who have died during the past week and especially Seamus Keenan, Cross Avenue.

Anniversaries next week

Mon 12th March 10 am: James, Ellen and Marie McDermott;

Tues. 13th 10 am: Mary O'Loughlin (1st);

Fri 16th 10 am: Theresa & James McCarthy;

Sat. 17th :

10.30 am: Paddy Spain, remembering his deceased wife, Mary;

12 Noon: Gerry (Gerard) Quinn (1st), Patrick Gallagher;

Sun 18th 10.30 Doreen & Dominic Keaveney.

MUSINGS

'A society without mothers would be an inhuman society, as mothers always know how to show tenderness, devotion and moral strength, even in the moments of greatest difficulty. Mothers often also transmit the deepest sense of religious practice ... It is a message that mothers who believe know how to transmit without much explanation; this arrives later, but the seed of faith is planted in those first precious moments. Without mothers ... faith would lose a good part of its simple, profound warmth.'

Pope Francis

(General audience, 7 January 2015)

Congratulations

We extend warm congratulations to our parishioners, Rosemary and Jimmy Sheehan, as Jimmy has recently been awarded the Papal Honour, Knight Commander in the Order of the Knights of St. Gregory.

The Papal Award will be presented to Jimmy at a special Mass on Friday, 23rd March at 6pm at which the Principal Celebrant will be Most Reverend Eamonn Walsh, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. Everyone is welcome.

Restoration through Friendship: Faith in a Secular Society

-Patrick Finn Lectures

St. Mary's Parish, Haddington Road:- Thursday, 15th March at 7.15 pm. Speaker: Dr. Ruth Patterson, a Presbyterian Minister and Director of Restoration Ministries, a non-denominational, Christian Organisation.

World Meeting of Families 2018

The below series of "conversations" 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.

13 Mar - God's Dream for Love (last talk before the Easter break)

10 Apr - Married Love Growing to Maturity

17 Apr - God's Mercy - No One Excluded

24 Apr - A Gospel of Hope for our Families.

Trócaire Romero Family Award

Trócaire is asking all parishes in Ireland to take on 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 solidarity 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 to register for this award or please email churchofficer@trocaire.org or telephone 01-6293333 for more information.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 22nd March at 10.30am. The venue will be the Parish Centre. If construction has commenced, the meeting will take place at the back of the church. The society extend their sincere gratitude to those who made contributions during 2017 which amounted to €760. All contributions assist students studying for the priesthood both at home and abroad. A member of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will distribute prayer cards in the church porch after 10.30am Mass at 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 18th March in honour of the Feast of St. Joseph on 19th March.

Reflection for Mother's Day

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
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
<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
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
<i>Rosary</i>		(Mon - Fri: 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 - 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223