



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

18th March 2018

Fifth 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.

Monday, 19th March is a bank holiday. There will be one morning Mass after which the church will be closed. Monday is the Feast of St. Joseph.

Delivery of Easter Cards: Many thanks to all those who so kindly assisted with packing the Easter cards, including the timetable for Holy Week and Easter. They are available for collection from Room 2, Parish Centre. If you can assist with delivery in your area or in your apartment complex, please contact the Parish Office during the coming week. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Crosscare Youth Services: The Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, is holding their Annual Collection in aid of Crosscare Youth Services at Masses next weekend. This collection replaces the Share collection

Good News Stories

Our faithful and versatile Sacristan, Paul Lyng, will have completed 40 years as Sacristan in this church on **Sunday, 25th March**. On behalf of the parish, we extend our warmest congratulations and gratitude to Paul, Maureen and their family.

Our Lady of Mercy Convent School celebrated "Seachtain na Gaeilge last week. The pupils had a caifé and charged €1 to each pupil. The total proceeds amounted to €350 which na cailíní are donating towards the fundraising campaign for our new Pastoral Centre.

The Deep End—

We Should like to see Jesus

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's Gospel some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether. But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading, that in the words of the Pharisees, 'the world has gone after him'. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it crystal clear that saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles—including those Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent, and soon into Holy Week, let us listen carefully to those words of Jesus. He came for all. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Are our churches, parishes, communities and homes open to all, outsiders included? Are they places of welcome and inclusion, where all who enter experience God's love:

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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. "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

World Meeting of Families 2018:.....we are seeking volunteer families (including grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, grandchildren) to participate in the Liturgy at the **7.30 pm Mass on Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper**. Please leave your name and your contact details in the Sacristy or with the Parish Secretary if you are willing to take part.

Palm Sunday: If you can assist with the cutting of Palm in advance of Palm Sunday, please remain after 10.00 am Mass on Friday, 23rd March. The venue will be the back chapel, (the room behind the Altar). Please bring your own secateurs. Thank you.

Rest in Peace

We pray for all those who have died during the past week and especially Art Ó Colmáin, Grotto Avenue.

Anniversaries next week

Mon 19th March 11 am: John Bird RIP.

Tues 20th: Stella Kane

Wed. 21st 10 am: Jimmy Lyons (1st A) husband or our deceased choir director, Grace Lyons.

Sat. 24th: Joe King.

Sun 25th :

10.30 am: Dermot Ryan

12 Noon: Paddy McMahon (15th)

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.

St. Vincent de Paul—annual clothing appeal—postponed

We regret that the clothing appeal had to be postponed due to the inclement weather. It will now take place on the weekend of 4/5 August (distribution of bags) and 11th/12th August (for collection of bags). Please do not leave any bags of clothes in the church porch until then. Many thanks for your kind co-operation in this regard.

Legion of Mary—Frank Duff Prayer Group: the next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 20th March at 3.00 pm** in the Parish Centre, Room 3. Everyone welcome
Ógra School of Irish Dancing: Many thanks to Director, Ms. Pauline Daly and her pupils for their participation in the liturgy of the Family Mass on St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Breastplate: I arise today in the power and might of God. I call upon the Trinity, with faith in the Threeness and trust in the oneness of the great world's Maker. That grace abounding may be my reward. I arise today in the power and might of God. His eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need. His wisdom to teach, his hand to guide, his shield toward, his heavenly host to be my guard. That grace abounding may be my reward. I arise today in the power and might of Christ, his birth and baptism, his crucifixion and burial, his Resurrection, his Ascension, his coming anew to judge mankind. That grace abounding may be my reward. Christ me with me. Christ within me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ beneath and Christ above, Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left, Christ be with me waking, walking and sleeping. Christ in every heart thinking of me, Christ in every tongue speaking to me. Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

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.

World Meeting of Families 2018

The first part of the "conversations" which took place during Lent, has now concluded. The series will resume after Easter on **Tuesday, 10th April in Woodview at 8.00 pm**. The remaining talks are: Tuesday 10th April: Married Love—Growing to Maturity; 17th April—God's Mercy, No One Excluded and Tuesday. 24th April—A Gospel of Hope for our Families. All welcome.

| <i>Priests of the Parish</i> | | <i>Confessions</i> |
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| 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 |
| <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 - 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 |