



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

25th March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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.

Holy Week and Easter ceremonies: additional copies of the timetable are available in the church porch. (the card/timetable is in a white envelope with the church logo on the front).

Crosscare Youth Services, the Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, held their Annual Collection at Masses last weekend. The total amount realised was €920 and this has been transferred to Crosscare.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – the annual Advocate Collection for the **Sunshine Fund** takes place today. The Sunshine Fund (East), is a special works conference of St. Vincent de Paul. The fund provides Summer holidays for children from the Dublin area who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Many thanks for your generosity.

The World Meeting of Families 2018. The first half of the series of "conversations" has now been completed. The series will continue after Easter when there will be 3 further sessions, commencing on Tuesday 10th April.

Rest in Peace

We pray for all those who died during the past week and we extend our deepest sympathy to their families: Timothy (Tim) Murphy, Fosterbrook; Margaret Morgan, Clonfadda Wood and (Laurence) Dessie Murphy, formerly of Grotto Avenue and founder and life member of Booterstown Parish Youth Club.

Fair weather friends

*Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won.*

So begins Malcom Guite's sonnet 'Palm Sunday' (Sounding the Seasons, Canterbury Press, 2012), capturing the elation of the crowds that line the streets of Jerusalem to welcome Jesus. But their loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is soon deserted, betrayed, denied, and left to face humiliation and death alone.

*Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune.*

We can all see ourselves in the Passion. There are times, when things are going smoothly, when it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!' There are days when we struggle, when we are confused or upset and do not know what God expects of us. We can even turn our backs on him when the going gets tough, or when we cannot find the courage to stand up for our beliefs. This week we are the disciples walking with Jesus, on a journey that leads to the cross, and beyond.

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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. A volunteer is requested to join the roster for the period 4pm to 5pm each Tuesday. If you can help, please write your name and contact number on the register against that time slot. "*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.

The Lenten Service of Reconciliation will take place on **Wed 28th March at 7.30pm** with visiting priests and the opportunity for individual confession. Members of the Liturgy Committee will be in attendance on the evening.

Chrism Mass: Two members of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society have been requested to represent the parish at the Chrism Mass in the Pro-Cathedral, which is concelebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Diocesan priests on the morning of Holy Thursday. During the Mass, Holy Oils are blessed for all the parishes in the Archdiocese. The representatives, Pauline McHugh and Anne Hogan will bring back the holy oils for our parish and present them in the Offertory Procession, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Holy Thursday evening in our church.

Anniversaries next week

Tues 27th: 7.30am Alice Haugh;
10am: Jim Carroll;
Wed 28th, 10am: Beatrice Ryan
(1st);
Sun. 1st April 10.30am: Maura
Brennan (1st); Maureen and Pat-
rick and their son, Thomas Breslin.

Caring Group

The next meeting of the Caring Group will take place on Monday, 26th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Room 2. Members of the Caring Group 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 to a meeting or let us know if there is someone who would welcome a visit. Tel. Sr. Colette at 087-6309166.

New Pastoral Centre

Fundraising Committee

The Pastoral Centre Fundraising Committee is delighted to present "How great Thou Art", a very special evening of spiritual songs with the wonderful Mr. Red Hurley in concert

in our church on **Thursday, 17th of May at 8.00 pm**. The fabulous Habemus Choir will be providing support for what promises to be a unique and very enjoyable evening. A limited number of tickets are available at €30 each (cash, not card please) and will only be on sale after Mass at the back of the church on the weekend of 7th / 8th April. Raffle Prizes/refreshments will be available on the evening. We hope you can join us on the night!

Good News Story ...our faithful and versatile Sacristan, Paul Lyng will have completed 42 years as Sacristan in this church on **Sunday, 25th March**. On behalf of the parish we extend our warmest congratulations and gratitude to Paul and Maureen and their family.

Our Lady of Mercy Convent School

As part of the celebrations of **Seachtain na Gaeilge** 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 the new Pastoral Centre.

World Meeting of Families 2018

We are seeking volunteer families (including grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, grandchildren) to participate in the Liturgy at the **7.30pm Mass on Holy Thursday**. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy or the Parish Office if you are willing to take part.

Annual Way of the Cross

The 16th annual Way of the Cross through the Phoenix Park will take place on Good Friday, 30th March. Led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, it will begin at the Wellington Monument at **12.00 midday** and proceed to the Papal Cross. All are welcome.

Delivery of Easter Cards

If you can assist with the delivery of Easter Cards, including the timetable for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies, please contact the Parish Office on Monday, 26th March. Cards may be collected from Room 2, Parish Centre.

Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross

...takes place in our parish church with our neighbours from St. Philip and St. James Church of Ireland, Cross Avenue and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mt. Merrion Avenue on **Good Friday at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

At the Foot of Your Cross At the Foot of Your Cross I gaze up into your stricken face. You lift chin from chest gasping, silently a sunken self heaves up and down, as I watch shoulders rise and fall. And I feel your breath. Love listens. Love listens. Listens. Here I am, Lord holding on at the foot of your cross in tears. Splinters in skin as I grasp your feet, laying cheek on blood and dust. I hear last words from you strike me! "Father, forgive them" enters my soul, written on my heart in prayer your message as you exhale a last act of suffering. And I feel your breath. Love forgives. Love forgives. Forgives. I watch my Lord as you hang limp, alone, up against a dark sky. Slack against wood, bleeding still, I am nearly lost without you. Fallen to the ground I lie next to you, quiet. No space between my heart and yours, one we are now, your death saving me. Surrendering to each other, we will live on. And I feel your breath. Love gives. Love gives. Gives. *Lynn O'Gorman Latchford.*

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
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 - 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