



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

8th April 2018

Divine Mercy Sunday

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Please visit www.booterstownparish.ie to keep up to date with news and events in the parish. Don't forget the **webcam** option which broadcasts live all ceremonies from our church.

Pope's Intentions for April: that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

The Priests of the Parish, Fr. Gerry Kane, P.P. and Msgr. Seamus Conway, P.E., wish to thank all those who have been sending in Easter Dues, contributions to Parish Funds and donations to the new Pastoral Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference members are taking up their monthly collection in the church grounds after Mass today.

Weekday Mass: the 7.30 am weekday Mass will resume on Monday, 9th April.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on **Tuesday, 10th April at 7.00 pm.**

A Church Gate Collection will be taken up after Mass next weekend by members of the Parents' Association of **St. Mary's Boys' School**, which is our local parish school

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

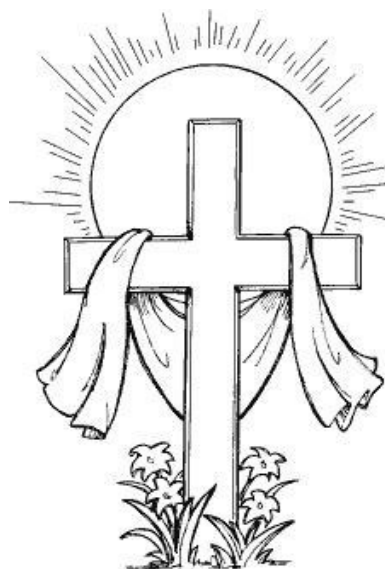
John 20:19-31

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.' That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able



LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. Due to the construction work taking place in the Parish Centre and the Back Chapel, we are not sure, at time of going to print, if it will be possible to have Eucharistic Adoration for the full day on Tuesdays as it may be noisy. It will be announced at Mass on Sunday as to what time Eucharistic Adoration will commence on Tuesday 10th.



Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who died during the past week and we extend our deepest sympathy to their families: Carmel Gallagher, Blackrock and Phyllis Devin, late of Seafield Crescent. May they Rest in Peace.

Anniversaries next week: Wed. 11th – 10 am: Edward Joseph Prenter; Sat. 14th 10 am – Harry McNally (1st); Sat. Vigil: Rosaleen Rowlette; Joan Feeny (1st)Sun. 15th noon: Elizabeth Brennan.
Month's Mind: Seamus Keenan Sat. 14th at the Vigil; Tim Murphy Sun. 15th at 12 noon

Thursday Morning Parish Hospitality: will continue to take place, as usual, after 10.00 am Mass – however the venue for the next few months will be **Gleeson’s at 10.30 am** and we hope that you will continue to join us for a cup of tea or coffee, a scone and chat!. We look forward to seeing our regular attendees and maybe some new faces also. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Art Exhibition will be opened on **Friday, 13th April at 7.30 pm** by Joe Little, RTE Religious and Social Affairs Correspondent. The venue is the Community and Arts Centre, Grotto Avenue (off Rock Road, beside the Punchbowl). This year the Committee has very kindly and generously decided to donate the proceeds to Booterstown Pastoral Centre building fund. The exhibition will continue on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm so please call in and enjoy! Admission is free. There will be a Charity Raffle with lots of prizes and a painting as 1st prize. Parking (free) is available in the grounds of St. Mary’s Boys’ School.

Faith Formation Group will continue to facilitate the series of 7 Parish Conversations in preparation for the **World Meeting of Families**. The series will recommence, following the Easter break, on **Tuesday, 10th April at 8.00 pm** in the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Woodview House, Mount Merrion Avenue (the entrance is opposite the shops at the junction with Cross Avenue). Car-parking is available! All welcome and it is not too late to join in. The 3 remaining sessions are:
 10th April – Married Love Growing to Maturity
 17th April – God’s Mercy – No One Excluded
 24th April – A Gospel of Hope for our Families.

Booterstown Pastoral Centre – Latest News! We had barely finished our Easter Eggs when construction work began on the new Pastoral Centre on Tuesday, 3rd April. The Parish Centre is unrecognisable as all the furniture, fixtures and fittings have been removed and the interior walls have been demolished! It will be worth all the hassle when we have a brand-new state-of-the-art Pastoral Centre which will meet the needs of all members of our community from the very young to our senior citizens. Many thanks to the parish ministries and groups for their patience and co-operation in relocating their meetings and equipment to other locations— and to the parishioners for their patience and understanding as we get used to our new, temporary Sacristy and Parish Office (No. 52).

The Pastoral Centre **Fundraising Committee** has been busy planning and the members are 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 May at 8.00 pm**. The fabulous **Habemus Choir** will provide support for what promises to be a very unique and enjoyable evening. **Tickets at E30** (cash or cheque only) are on sale after Mass this weekend. As our church only has a limited seating capacity, it is recommended that you buy your ticket (s) early!

World Meeting of Families: We are delighted to welcome volunteers, David and Majella, from World Meeting of Families Office to the parish this weekend. At previous World Meetings, a tradition has developed of hosting pilgrims and families travelling from distant places like Peru or the Philippines, in order to defray the cost of travel which can be quite significant. The presence of families from abroad is an important expression of solidarity with families here in Ireland, coming as they often do from countries with a strong missionary connection with Ireland. Offers of accommodation are now being sought in homes in the Dublin area for overseas pilgrims and in areas with good public transport links to the city centre, such as Booterstown! The World Meeting of Families will take place in Dublin from 21st to 26th August. Applicants interested in hosting pilgrims or a family in their home are invited to email volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie and place “Host a Family” in the subject line. Alternatively give your name to the WMOF volunteers, David and Majella, who will be at the back of the church after Mass.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane	Parish Priest	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
52 Booterstown Ave.	086 8220956	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 - Thurs: 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 – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223