



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

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. We regret that due to the construction work and the removal of the Parish Office to The Presbytery, the **webcam** option is not working at present. It is hoped that the technical teething problems will be resolved in due course.

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.

Legion of Mary Frank Duff

Prayer Group: next meeting on Tuesday 17th April at 3.00 at the back of the church (off porch).

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

Booterstown Annual Art Exhibition takes place this weekend on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm and the venue is the **Community and Arts Centre, Grotto Avenue** (off Rock Road beside the Punchbowl). The paintings at this exhibition combine real artistic merit with value for money so please call in and enjoy them, even if you don't intend to buy. 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.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 24:35-48

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?
2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?
3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.
4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after

LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration continues to take place on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. Adoration has resumed as normal and we welcome back all regular Adorers and, of course, the welcome visitors that call in throughout the day and in the evening time. As you can appreciate, we are doing our best to keep to the regular parish timetable, however there may be an occasional disruption. The committee will endeavour to inform you of any change in the timetable as early as it is possible.

Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who died during the past week and we extend our deepest sympathy to their families: Paul Collins, Sr. de Porres, O.P. and Joe (Joseph), Parker.

Anniversaries next week: Month's Mind: Thurs. 19th at 10 am: Una Byrne; **Sat. 21st: Vigil:** Joyce O'Sullivan (1st); Elizabeth, Jack and John Doughan; **Sun. 22nd** 10.30 am: Vourneen Doyle; **12 Noon:** Margaret O'Dwyer, remembering her son, Jim; Irma Beatty (1st A).

Patrick Finn Lectures: On Thursday 26th April at 7.15 pm, Philip McDonagh, diplomat, poet and playwright will give a lecture *Pope Francis and Religion in the Public Sphere*, at St Mary's Church Haddington Rd. Philip McDonagh's distinguished career as a diplomat included senior appointments to India, Russia and the Holy See. His work also included a significant involvement in the Northern Ireland Peace Process. He has published a number of books and translations of plays by Russian authors.

The Faith Formation Group continues to facilitate the series of 7 Parish Conversations in preparation for the World Meeting of Families on Tuesdays 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 2 remaining sessions are:
 17th April – God’s Mercy – No One Excluded
 24th April – A Gospel of Hope for our Families.

Unsigned Mass Cards are available from the book rack in the church porch. Please put cost of card, €1, in the moneybox beside the Legion of Mary paper rack!

Parish Hospitality: continues to take place on Thursdays, 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 and a biscuit or scone. We look forward to seeing our regular attendees and maybe some new faces also. Everyone is welcome!

Boooterstown Parish volunteers for World Meeting of Families: if you would like to volunteer as part of a group from Boooterstown Parish, please email the Parish Office,

info@boooterstownparish.ie for the attention of Sheila O’Malley and leave contact details. If sufficient numbers volunteer it might be possible to form a group from the parish who could then be assigned a particular role or function at the World Meeting of Families.

The Sunshine Fund (SVP) acknowledge with gratitude the amount of €3,214.63 collected on Palm Sunday, Advocate collection

Boooterstown Pastoral Centre – Latest News! Progress is flying along! The Sacristy has re-located to the opposite side of the Altar and our ever-versatile and helpful Sacristan, Paul is managing to keep everything going so smoothly. The Parish Office has moved across the road to The Presbytery, 52 Boooterstown Avenue and all is going well, apart from the initial technical problems incurred in moving premises: phone, internet and webcam – but it will settle down in due course. 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 need 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 the patience and understanding as we get used to our new surroundings.

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) as soon as possible so as not to be disappointed! There will be a raffle at the concert. Proceeds are for the Pastoral Centre building fund.

World Meeting of Families: Last weekend two volunteers from the WMOF office visited the parish and encouraged parishioners to consider **hosting a family** from 20th – 27th August Offers of accommodation are now being sought in families homes in the Dublin area for overseas pilgrims and in areas with good public transport links to the city centre, such as Boooterstown! 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.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Boooterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Boooterstown Ave.	Pastor Emeritus Tel. 01 288 2889	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@boooterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boooterstownparish.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