



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

29th April 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 Annual Collection for the support of Dublin diocesan students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood was taken up at Masses last weekend and realised an amount of €2,205 which has been returned to the Diocese.

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.

Date for your Diary: the Annual Parish Golf Outing will take place on Tuesday, **19th June in Elm Park Golf Club**. The proceeds this year will be donated to the Pastoral Centre Building Fund. Please save the date! Booking Forms will be available shortly.

A Church Gate Collection is being taken up this weekend by members of Booterstown Parish Youth Club Committee. **The parish Youth Club**, Grotto Avenue, runs a programme of activities for primary school children during term-time as well as a very successful and fun-filled Summer Project in July.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, 1st May at 7.00 pm.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 15:1-8

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God? With your friends? With your family? With communities or groups to which you belong?

2. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis wrote: 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?

3. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.

4. God is glorified by our being fruitful. When has human fruitfulness reminded you of God at work in our world?



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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 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 do its best to inform you of any change in the timetable and we thank you for your understanding.

Booterstown Pastoral Centre – Latest News! Progress is excellent! We are almost settled into our temporary surroundings! the Sacristy has re-located to the opposite side of the Altar and the Parish Office has moved across the road to The Presbytery, 52 Booterstown Avenue and all is going well so far. We still need to resolve the technical problems associated with the webcam. Fr. Gerry's dog, **Missy**, is doing a wonderful job in keeping us updated with the construction work. You can follow her on **Facebook!** She is doing a great job keeping us updated with the progress on our new Pastoral Centre!

Anniversaries next week: Sat. 5th May Vigil: John and Peggy Quinn, Sunday 6th May at 12 noon: Willie Kelly, remembering his wife, Phyllis.

First Holy Communion Ceremonies will take place on 12th, 19th and 26th May at 11 am. **NB:** There will not be a **10 am Mass** on these dates.

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 biscuit or scone. We look forward to seeing our regular attendees and maybe some new faces also. Everyone is welcome.

Caring Group: the next meeting will take place on **Monday 30th April at 8.00 pm** in the **Convent of Mercy** (Boosterstown Ave. entrance). If you know of someone who is housebound or who is resident in a Nursing Home, please contact the Caring Group through the Parish Office at 01 283 1593. *(my sincere apologies for inserting the incorrect date in last weekend’s newsletter and for any inconvenience this may have caused. – Therese).*

St. Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society invite parishioners to join with them in a Novena to St. Joseph which will take place in our church commencing on **Tuesday, 1st May at 10.00 am Mass** and concluding on 9th May.

Our Lady of Mercy Convent School will host its annual **Grandparents’ Day** on Friday, 4th May 2018. Grandparents, both of girls in the school and in Boosterstown Parish, are cordially invited to attend 10 am Mass and then come to the school for a visit and some refreshments until 11.30 am. We look forward to meeting you then.

Child Safeguarding in Boosterstown Parish: A Training Programme will take place on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th June in Our Lady of Mercy Convent School Hall at **7.30 pm**. It is very important that those involved in volunteering with parish ministries or groups, whose work brings them into contact with vulnerable adults or children, attend this training on both evenings. The sessions will be given by Mr. Garry Kehoe, Training and Development Co-ordinator, Dublin Diocese. Certificates of Training will only issue to those in attendance.

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 from the Parish Office (or from Winnie’s Craft Café, Woodbine Park. It is recommended that you buy your ticket after Mass TODAY! so as not to be disappointed! Seating is limited! There will be a raffle at the concert. Proceeds are for the Pastoral Centre building fund.

A Discerning Church Listens: Gardiner Street Church invites you to engage with the questions raised by the forthcoming referendum on abortion at 3 evenings, each commencing at **8.00 pm**:

Tuesday 1st May: *What is the Church’s teaching on abortion, the informed conscience and the law?* Speaker: Emeritus Prof. Pat Hannon, Moral Theologian, Maynooth. Chair: Bishop Eamonn Walsh.

Tuesday 8th May: *What is the experience of women in Ireland facing challenging pregnancies?* Speakers: Ann-marie Lee, Health Nurse; D. Twomey, Obstetrician. Chair Pat Coyle, Jesuit Communications.

Tuesday 15th May: *What will be the likely legal consequences of a yes/no vote?* Speaker: Prof. Gerard Whyte, Trinity College, Dublin. Chair Brian Lennon, S.J.

Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference : the Irish Bishops has issued a Statement entitled “**Our Common Humanity**”. They are aware that the conversation about unborn life is sensitive, delicate and painful for many. They offer reflections with the greatest of respect for everyone, while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously. Copies of this Statement are available in this church porch for those who wish to take a copy. The Statement has also been uploaded to the parish website, www.boosterstownparish.ie

Position of Part-time Parish Finance Officer –we are looking for a person to join our team to manage the Finance function. This role will involve management of the day-to-day finance of the parish and will also include responsibility for the Pastoral Centre finances when it opens. If you would like to join our team, please submit your Curriculum Vitae with a covering letter by email to info@boosterstownparish.ie for the attention of the Finance Committee. Full details are on the parish website www.boosterstownparish.ie Closing date 28th April (next working day).

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Boosterstown 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, Boosterstown 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
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@boosterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boosterstownparish.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 - Thurs: 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 – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223