



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

13th May 2018

The Ascension of Our Lord

In brief:

Boooterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Please visit www.boooterstownparish.ie to keep up to date with news and events in the parish as well as providing links to other relevant websites.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: members of the local conference will take up their monthly collection in the church grounds after Mass today.

First Holy Communion ceremonies

will take place on Saturdays 19th and 26th May at 11 o' clock. There will not be a 10.00 am Mass on these dates.



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.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for May: that the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Anniversaries next week: Sat. 19th **Vigil:** Joseph Culbert; Sun. 20th : **10.30 am:** Desmond Vincent Cronin; Mary Ryan; **12 Noon:** Hamilton de Largy, remembering his deceased daughter, Jean; Sun 20th at 12 Noon: **Birthday Remembrance** John Taylor.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 16:15-20

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this, he commissioned them to bring the good news to the whole world. Witnesses to the good news do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement for us in this. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?

2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?

3. The Ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways: 'The Lord worked with them'. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?



LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration continues to take place on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families, let us consider the words of Pope Francis: "There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God". Each Tuesday, Eucharistic Adoration provides us with a space for Sacred Silence. Please join us.

Feast of Pentecost – 20th May: At the Masses for Pentecost, we hope to have the Prayer of the Faithful read firstly in a language other than English (and then read in English). We need volunteers, whose first language is other than English – so we can celebrate the diversity of language within our parish community. If you would be happy to translate the Prayer of the Faithful (which will be already written), into your native language, and to read it at one of the Masses on the Feast of Pentecost, please email the Parish Office info@boooterstownparish.ie and let us know. Thank you!

Pastoral Centre: Work is progressing well. The internal walls have been completely demolished and the interior is unrecognisable! Steel girders are being erected this week, providing support for the new mezzanine level – so the building is beginning to take shape! Follow our parish mascot, Missy, on Facebook for a visual tour and update!

Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference : the Irish Bishops have 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 www.booterstownparish.ie

Child Safeguarding in Booterstown Parish: A Training Session will take place on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th June in **Our Lady of Mercy School Hall, Rosemount Terrace at 7.00 pm.** It is very important that those who are volunteers with parish ministries or groups, whose work brings them into contact with vulnerable adults or children, attend **both** Training evenings. The sessions will be given by Mr. Garry Kehoe, Dublin Diocese.

Sandymount Gospel Choir will perform a charity concert in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital CMRF, Crumlin. The concert will take place on Friday, 25th May at 8.00 pm in Lansdowne Rugby Club (beside the Aviva Stadium). Tickets €10 at the door.

Blackrock Hospice – The Hospice Open Gardens Trail offers an opportunity to visit private hidden garden gems and support the Hospice. **Visit:** 30 Ailesbury Drive, Donnybrook on Saturday 19th May between 2 pm and 5 pm. Admission €5. More info: www.olh.ie/gardens

The Joshua Retreat (Growth in Spiritual Life) will take place on Sat. 9th – Sun 10th June at 9.30 am in Credim Centre, Leopardstown Road. Non-residential. Mass each day. Donation. Please bring a Bible and a packed lunch. Contact isoeirl@gmail.com 087/7429025.

A Final Reminder from the Pastoral Centre Fundraising Committee not to miss "**How Great Thou Art**", a very special evening of spiritual songs with the wonderful Mr. Red Hurley 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 €30** (cash or cheque only) are on sale after Mass today and from the Parish Office (mornings only) or from Winnie's Craft Café, Woodbine Park. Don't leave it too late!! A Raffle will take place on the evening. Great Prizes! Ice cream and water available at the interval. Bring a cushion for comfort!

World Youth Day – Panama 2019 : the Diocese has circulated preliminary information about World Youth Day. Pope Francis extends an invitation to young people from all over the world to join him in Panama. The theme will be "*I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to your word*" (Luke 1:38). The travel dates are 18 – 30 January 2019. To find out more or if you have a query Email wyd@dublindiocese.ie

A Discerning Church Listens: Gardiner Street Church invites you to engage with the questions raised by the forthcoming referendum on abortion. The final session in the series is at 8.00 pm on **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.

World Meeting of Families: the WMOF are encouraging 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 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.

Global Rosary Rally: the parish of Booterstown is participating in the Global Rosary Rally on Friday, 8th June. This event is acknowledged as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognize and bless the work of priests serving the faithful worldwide. The Rosary will begin at **2.30 pm** and members of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society invite you to join them in our church on **Friday 8th June.**

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown 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, Booterstown 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@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 - 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