



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

6th May 2018

Sixth 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. Note! Follow Missy, our parish pet, on Facebook!

Public Holiday: As Monday, 7th May is a holiday, there will be one morning Mass at 11 o'clock after which the church will be closed.

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.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated in the parish at 11 am on Saturdays 12th, 19th and 26th of May so there will not be a 10.00 am Mass on these dates.

Parish Hospitality continues to take place on Thursdays, as usual, after 10.00 am Mass – in the temporary venue of **Gleeson's at 10.30 am**. We hope that you will continue to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or scone. Our regular attendees continue to enjoy their weekly get-together and are always delighted to welcome newcomers.

St. Mary's Boys' School: Members of the Parents Association of St. Mary's Boys' School wish to thank all those who supported their recent church gate collection which realised a total of €1,133.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 15:9-17

1. A commandment of love could seem a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another – a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife; a wave from a friend; words of comfort and affirmation – not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?

3. 'I chose you.' Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus to bear fruit through our love.



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 – 22nd 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 that 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@booterstownparish.ie

Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who have died during the past week and especially Dr. Joe Cummiskey, Sidney McDonald and Josie Anderson. **Anniversaries next week:** Sat. 12th: Vigil: Chrissie Griffin (3rd), remembering her husband, Seamus; Clóthra Ó Colmáin (2nd). **Sunday 13th:** 12 noon: Shaun McKiernan (40th); Donal Hamilton (23rd); Finbar Hazel (5th). **Month's Mind:** Paul Collins, Sat. 5th Vigil Mass. **Month's Mind:** Phyllis Devin Sunday at 10.30 am Mass.

Boosterstown Parish Youth Club: members of the committee are very grateful to all those who supported their church gate collection last weekend which amounted to €1,650.00.

A Discerning Church Listens: Gardiner Street Church invites you to engage with the questions raised by the forthcoming referendum on abortion. The sessions, each commencing at 8.00 pm are as follows:

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.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society: members have arranged a Novena in honour of St. Joseph, whose Feast Day occurred on 1st May. The Novena is said daily at 10 am Mass, however due to Funeral Masses this this week, the dates have been amended and the new Novena Date is from 3rd of May to 11th May inclusive.

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 the church porch for those who wish to take a copy. The Statement, written in clear and accessible language, has also been uploaded to the parish website, www.boosterstownparish.ie

Boosterstown Pastoral Centre – Latest News! Progress is excellent and as you enter the church car park you can see the old Sacristy being demolished! We are now well settled into our temporary surroundings! the Sacristy is directly opposite its original site, on the other side of the Altar, and the Parish Office in the Presbytery, 52 Boosterstown Avenue. We apologise for the technical problems associated with the webcam. Fr. Gerry's dog, **Missy**, is doing a wonderful job in keeping us updated with the progress on the construction work. You can follow her on **Facebook** where she has discovered an aptitude for Social Media!

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 May at 8.00 pm.** The fabulous **Habemus Choir** will provide support for what promises to be a very unique and enjoyable evening. **Habemus Choir** will sing at the **Vigil Mass** on Saturday, 12th May so you will have an opportunity to hear them in advance of the concert. **Tickets at E30** (cash or cheque only) are on sale from the Parish Office (mornings only) or from Winnie's Craft Café, Woodbine Park. Tickets will be on sale after Mass **next** weekend. There will be a raffle at the concert. Proceeds are for the Pastoral Centre building fund.

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 Boosterstown! 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 Place "Host a Family" in the subject line.

Child Safeguarding in Boosterstown Parish: Two Training Sessions will take place on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th June in the **Church of the Assumption**, (church building) at **7.30 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.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
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
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@boosterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boosterstownparish.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