



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

17th June 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Brief

Boooterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Please visit www.booterstownparish.ie

Weekday Mass at 7.30 am will not be celebrated from Mon. 18th – Fri. 22nd June inclusive

Church Car Park: Commencing Monday, 18th June, the church car park will close at 11 am for the rest of the day. The closure is to facilitate the access of heavy trucks and deliveries to the construction site and to ensure that health and safety requirements are adhered to.

The World Meeting of Families Fourth National Collection is being taken up at Mass today and it replaces the usual Share (second) collection.

If you wish to become an **Associate Membership of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** and support the Pilgrimage please see Mrs. Kitty McHale, who will be in the church porch after Mass today (this weekend only) and will be taking the names and the offering.

Sale of Work

6th Class pupils in Our Lady of Mercy Convent School are holding a sale of work on **Tuesday 19th June** from **9 – 11.30am** in aid of their charities for this year, Crumlin Childrens Hospital and Merchants Quay Ireland. All support welcome.

Annual Parish Golf Outing

The Annual Parish Golf Outing will take place in **Elm Park Golf Club** on Tuesday. We wish everybody a most enjoyable day of golf on what promises to be a most a sociable parish community day. The event has been fully booked with a large number of teams entered. The proceeds of the Golf Outing will go towards the new Pastoral Centre Building Fund.

From small seeds

The parable of the mustard seed seems pretty straight forward at first glance, but as always there is more to it than first meets the eye. Jesus did not compare the Kingdom of God to a majestic tree. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted. It is wild, gets out of control, and attracts unwanted birds. The kingdom of God grows from something small to something large, but more than that, its growth is overwhelming and it will grow even where it is not wanted. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings.

People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, where the nations could build nests like the eagles do. Now that image may have gotten a few cheers from the crowd! Mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head again. The image we have here is of the birds who find a home in this little shrub which cannot be curtailed. It will grow even where it is not wanted. Watch out this week for glimpses of this 'mustard seed' kingdom quietly growing.



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Eucharistic Adoration continues on Tuesdays from 10.30am until 10pm.

Annual Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage took place last weekend. Many thanks to those who attended this lovely celebration. The Mass was very well attended by those celebrating significant wedding jubilees in 2018. Roses were distributed after the Mass and we are very grateful for the sponsorship from Marks and Spencers towards the lovely blooms.

The Blessing of Hands for Carers will take place on **Sun, 24th June** after **12pm Mass**.

World Meeting of Families Single Day Tickets for the Final Mass are free and will be available on <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/> from **25th June 2018**. At the moment the tickets for the final Mass in the Phoenix Park are **not directly available** on general release until the WMOF office has completed its consultations with the relevant statutory agencies on capacity, transport, security, safety etc. When these tickets become available, they will be free. We can appreciate that there are parishioners who may wish to attend, but who do not have access to the internet or email and we will endeavour to help you with this when further information is available. The possibility of arranging transport from the parish is also being explored. We hope to have more information in next weekend's newsletter.

Our Lady's Choral Society

...presents **Glorious Gounod**, celebrating the **200th Anniversary** of the birth of Charles Gounod, 17th June 1818 and the 125th Anniversary of his death on 18th October 1893. The performance takes place today, **17th June at 3.15pm** in the National Concert Hall. The conductor is Proinnsias Ó Duinn. Soloists Sinead Campbell-Wallace, Soprano, Andrew Gavin, Tenor, Padraic Rowwan, Bass. Tickets €25. Concession €20. The programme will feature Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cécile and Ave Maria as well as other well loved works of Gounod.

Quiz Night

Thursday 28th June at 8pm

The event is being hosted and organised by **The Old Punchbowl** and is a **Boooterstown Parish Fundraiser**. €40 for team of 4. Booking is essential by email to infopunchbowl@gmail.com or phone Catherine on 087 2050 868.

World Meeting of Families

Please note that if you intend to volunteer at the World Meeting of Families, whether through the parish or independently, it is necessary to register directly with the WMOF Office and also to complete THE Mandatory Garda Vetting form.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish, that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have questions about this please contact us the parish.

Volunteers needed for Aware

Aware, Ireland's leading organisation providing support, education and information services for people impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and related mood conditions, is urgently seeking new volunteers across 4 services – support line, support mail, support and self care groups and life skills online. No prior qualifications or experience is required as comprehensive training as well as ongoing support and education is provided by the organisation. For more information on each opportunity, please visit www.aware.ie/volunteering or phone Emma on 01- 237 4926

Pupils sitting State Examinations

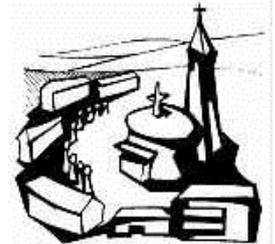
While we have been enjoying the lovely weather of these past few weeks, many of our young people have been sitting Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations. Most of them will have finished by now, but some individuals continue into their third and final week of exams, depending on their chosen subjects. We remember them at this time.

You are Precious to your family, to your teachers, to your friends. You have your own unique personality which brings something extra to any group or society or club you may belong to in the future. Don't underestimate yourself! And you are precious to the Lord, more precious than all the flowers in the fields! For the Lord loves you and wants to see you happy in life.

MUSINGS

Although Jesus' words may strike us as poetic, they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us towards another way of living. The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practise them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride.

Let us listen once more to Jesus, with all the love and respect that the Master deserves. Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live. Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word.



Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Rev. Gerry Kane	P.P.	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
52 Boooterstown Ave.	Tel: 086 822 0956	After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway,	Pastor Emeritus	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy
Boooterstown Ave.	Tel. 01 288 2889	Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@boooterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boooterstownparish.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 - Fri: 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 – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223