



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

24th June 2018

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Weekday Mass at 7.30am will resume on Monday, 25th June. The 7.30am Mass will not take place during the months of July and August.

Our Lady of Mercy Convent School Parents Association: are taking up a church gate collection this weekend (postponed from the weekend of 1st March due to the snow!).

Annual Collection for the Pope and Pontifical Charities (Peter's Pence) will be taken up at Mass next weekend and it will replace the usual Share (second) collection.

Associate Membership of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Many thanks to all those who became Associate Members of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Donations totalling €1,910 were received. A cheque has been sent to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office which will be of great assistance towards funding sick pilgrims to travel to Lourdes.

Parish Fundraiser:

Quiz Night in the Punchbowl
-this Thursday at 8pm.

This fundraiser for the Pastoral Centre Building Fund is being hosted and organised by **The Old Punchbowl**, (junction of Booterstown Avenue and Rock Road). €40 for team of 4. **If you cannot make up a team, please come anyway and teams can be made up on the evening.** Enquiries to infopunchbowl@gmail.com or phone Catherine on 087 2050 868. A raffle will also take place. Many thanks to the Punchbowl for arranging this Quiz

Nativity of John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin



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a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person. -Michel de Verteuil

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LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Tuesday, 26th June from 10.30am until 10pm but will not take place during the Summer months of July and August. Many thanks to all those who committed to Eucharistic Adoration as well as to those who visited the church regularly on Tuesdays.

Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to collect their July/August roster from the Sacristy as well as a copy of the Guidelines for Ministers of the Eucharist (which are attached to the roster). The rosters are also available on the parish website.

Blessing of Hands for Carers: takes place today, **Sunday, 24th June after 12pm Mass.**

Annual Blessing of the Graves – Deansgrange

The Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves will take place in Deansgrange Cemetery on **Sunday, 1st July at 3pm.** All welcome.

Legion of Mary

Frank Duff Prayer Group

Members and others interested in the cause of the Servant of God, Frank Duff, are invited to a short meeting and a cup of tea in Gleeson's on Tuesday, 26th June at 3pm. Prior to the meeting, from 2.30pm – 3pm, those who wish are invited to spend a time of silent adoration in the church.

Parish Social Group

Thursday Morning Teas are taking place temporarily in Gleeson's while the construction work on the Pastoral Centre is being carried out.

Saint Joseph's Young Priests' Society

...will meet on **Thursday 28th June** at the back of the church after 10am Mass.

Worried about Someone's Drinking?

A Public Al Anon Meeting will take place in St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan on **Tuesday, 3rd July at 7.30pm**. Call our confidential helpline on 01-873 2699 or visit www.alanon.ie

...An Exhibition of Paintings by the High Loft Painting Group will take place at Foxrock Pastoral Centre on Saturday 30 June 10am – 8pm and Sunday 1st July 10am – 4pm.

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 any questions about this please do not hesitate to

World Meeting of Families

Single Day Tickets for the Final Mass are free and will be available from the website <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/> on **25th June 2018**: At the moment the tickets for the final Mass in the Phoenix Park **are not directly available** on general release until we have completed our consultations with the relevant statutory agencies on capacity, transport, security, safety and other issues. 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 further information available in next weekend's newsletter.

If you wish to **Host a Pilgrim / Family**, you should contact the WMOF Office and register that you will host a pilgrim. Garda Vetting will be required for all household members. Visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostapilgrim

Garda Vetting

When volunteering for a church, state or non-governmental agency, it is essential to apply for Garda Vetting. It is a pre-requisite to complete a Garda Vetting Invitation Form prior to commencing work as a volunteer with one of our parish groups. During the quieter months of the Summer, you may wish to complete a Garda Vetting application form if you would like to become involved in the parish next term. **We are seeking parents from our parish schools, St. Mary's Boys' School and Our Lady of Mercy Convent School to assist at the Family Mass on Sundays.** Please contact the Parish Secretary, Therese on 01 283 1593 if you would like to be involved. Also, It is hoped that our new Pastoral Centre will be up and running in the late Autumn and we will need many new volunteers for the centre. Now is the perfect time to think about this! Please call to the Parish Office (52 Booterstown Avenue) and request a Garda Vetting Form.

Parish Pastoral Centre Manager:- As you may know, the old Parish Centre building is undergoing renovations and major redevelopment which will bring many new opportunities for activities in the community. With this in mind, we are seeking to employ a Parish Pastoral Centre Manager to help us develop and manage the centre. A full job description is available on the parish website www.booterstownparish.ie and is also displayed in the church porch.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Rev. Gerry Kane	P.P.	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
52 Booterstown 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
Booterstown Ave.	Tel. 01 288 2889	Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		<i>Marriages</i>
<i>Mass Times</i>		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
<i>Rosary</i>		(Mon - Fri: 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 – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223