



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

7th October 2018

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Brief

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New Pastoral Centre

-how its going!-

Please keep an eye on the new Pastoral Centre noticeboard on the front railings! We are using this to display our shortfall in funds, which at present is **€525,148**. The Fundraising Committee is delighted with the positive fundraising response so far, but as you can see there is a shortfall. If you would like to make a pledge, donation or bequest, or if you wish to host or help to host a fundraising event, please contact the Fundraising Committee care of the Parish Office. Meanwhile onsite, internal construction work is progressing well and, in addition, remedial work on the choir balcony in the church has now been completed with the installation of safety rails and an extension of the steps on which the Adult Choir stands (as these were rather steep). Access to the underside of the church roof has been completed with the installation of a retractable staircase.

Eucharistic Adoration

We apologise for the occasional noise, during Adoration, due to the building work on the Parish Pastoral Centre. To remain focused, you might reflect on these thoughts: Jesus was used to the noise from Joseph's carpenter's workshop. The hammering of nails into the hands and feet of Jesus during his Crucifixion. You might like to read the passage from Revelations, Chapter 21: Verse 9 to end: The building of the New Jerusalem.

Asking the wrong question

Today's gospel is challenging. It contains two instances of Jesus correcting a popular opinion of the time and offering an alternative way.

The first is one of the few times Jesus is presented as speaking about marriage. The question asked by the Pharisees is whether it is 'against the Law' for a man to divorce his wife. Note that they do not ask whether divorce is right, or just – only whether it is legal. They are testing Jesus of course. They know the answer and so does he: divorce was indeed allowed under the law. Divorce was relatively common in the society of the time, though there were different interpretations of the law.

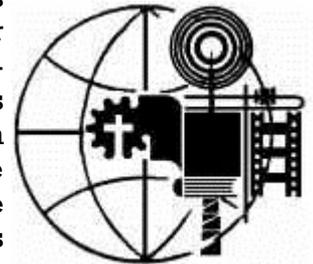
But Jesus, as always, is less concerned about the law than the rightness of a situation. He directs his questioners instead to God's plan for marriage and the unity between a married couple. When he delivers his strongest words about divorce, it is in the context of adultery; the sin is not the breaking of the legal agreement, but the betrayal of one's spouse. The Pharisees are asking the wrong question.

The second part of the gospel sees Jesus once again teaching people to look at things in a new way. Children at the time of Jesus, not unlike wives, were often viewed as property, without any rights of their own. The disciples fail to show any concern for them when they turn them away. But Jesus welcomes them, blesses them, and treats them with love and concern. He goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their faith and openness. Another surprising attitude!

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LITURGY NOTES

Family Mass: In the spirit of the World Meeting of Families, we are inviting families to take part in the liturgy of the 10.30am Mass (on the Sundays listed below) and act as Ministers of the Word, reading the Prayer of the Faithful or as Gift bearers at the Offertory. The dates are **25th November, 3rd February, 7th April and 12th May**. Families can mean any combination of parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts/uncles etc. You might wish to mark a special occasion such as a birthday, a wedding anniversary or the anniversary of a deceased family member. If you are interested, please contact Therese in the Parish Office to make a booking. You will get all the help and guidance that you need in relation to the preparation. A member of the Liturgy team or the Family Mass group will meet you beforehand to plan with you.

Children's Choir: If your child would like to join this choir, please approach Faye or Julia after Mass and ask them for a Parental Consent Form.

Anniversaries next week

Tuesday 9th at 10 am: Kathleen Treacy;
 Thursday 11th at 7.30 am, May Newport;
 Sat. 13th -Vigil: Bill Rogers, Máire Uí Mhaicín,
 Sun. 14th: at 9.00 am: Dr. Bernadette Nolan McMullan;
 ...at 10.30 am: Julian Vard, Julie Ryan;
 ...at 12 noon Phyllis Kelly, remembering her husband, Willie, Freda Dargan, Donal O'Donoghue.

A Flower Festival and Art Exhibition

...will take place in Christ Church, Taney this weekend. Come and visit Reflections of Harvest in Dundrum on Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Light lunches and refreshments available. Seniors and groups of 10 or more €8. Email taneyflowerfestival@gmail.com

The Lasso Singers and Piccolo Lasso

will sing at Mass at 6 pm on Sat. 13th October 2018
 Missa Brevis in C, K.259 by Mozart with Communion Motets. Conductor Ite O'Donovan. Organist Celine Kelly

Living with Loss

-Bereavement Information Evening
 This important event will take place on Thursday, 1st November from 5.30pm – 8pm at the Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street. Niamh Fitzpatrick, sister of Captain Dara Fitzpatrick, will address the gathering and speak on the theme "Living with Loss". Admission is free. Contact the Irish Hospice Foundation www.hospicefoundation.ie

**The Patrick Finn Lecture Series
 St. Mary's Church
 Haddington Road**

Chemical weapons, Blockades and Captivity: How the First World War redefined war norms

This talk will take place in the church on Thursday, 11th October at 7.15 pm and will be given by Dr. Heather Jones, a native of Dublin and Professor of Modern and Contemporary European History, University College, London.

Welcome to the Manager of the new Parish Pastoral Centre!

We are delighted that Ms. Adrienne Hughes has recently been appointed as the Manager of the new Pastoral Centre. At present Adrienne is familiarising herself with the current activities which take place in the parish. She is looking forward to meeting members of all the ministries and groups involved in the life of the parish. Every Pastoral Centre requires volunteers to ensure that it is a welcoming and vibrant venue, so please consider volunteering. It is always exciting to be part of something new and now is the time to become involved! As required for all volunteering activities, Garda Vetting and attendance at an Information Session is essential. Please apply for Garda Vetting as it takes a few weeks to get clearance. Please Tel. 01 283 1593 for the relevant forms.

Blackrock Gardaí – Safety and Security Public Event

In an effort to provide safety and security advice for older persons, An Garda Síochána is hosting a Safety and Security Public Event at the Talbot (Stillorgan Park) Hotel on Tuesday, 9th October from 10.30am to 1pm (tea and biscuits will be available from 10am). In the current climate where people feel vulnerable, it is important that they are offered reassurance and guidance. Topics covered: Crime prevention, home security and safety at home

The Dominican College, Sion Hill invites you to attend an Open Evening on Tuesday, 9th October from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. www.sionhillcollege.ie or phone 01-288 6791

Prayer to our Guardian Angel

O Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. O ever this day (night), be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen. We, each of us, has a Guardian Angel: An angel was assigned to you, on the day you were born; it watched you as a slumbering babe, and kept you safe from harm. It followed every childhood step, then guarded you as you grew; the dangers that you never saw, God and your angel knew. For the Father gave an angel a mission to fulfil; to keep and guard your every step was the Heavenly Father's will. To gently guide you on your path, to stand and do battle for you; a constant, holy companion, until life's journey is through. An angel was assigned to you, on the day that you were born; A Guardian sent to walk with you and keep you safe from harm. (Allison Chamber Coxey)

<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
<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 - 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