



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

21st October 2018

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Brief

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie to keep up to date with parish developments, news and events.

Wisdom from the Pope – Create Dignified Jobs for Young People – “Consumerism has brought us anxiety,” so parents need to set aside time to play with their children and make the most of their time together without distractions such as television.

Mission Sunday: is celebrated this weekend to help to support the work of missionaries overseas. The Annual Collection in aid of the World Missions Ireland is being taken up at Masses today and replaces the Share collection

Spiritual Direction: If someone would like to receive Spiritual Direction, there is an order priest who is available for spiritual direction. Please contact Fr. Manus Ferry, M.S.C. at 085-747 4245 for further information.

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary –will take up a church gate collection after Mass next weekend.

Avila: The Autumn programme of events in Avila is now available on www.avila.ie

Eucharistic Adoration: We apologize once again for the level of noise which was very invasive during Adoration last Tuesday. The building contractors are working flat out, behind the Altar (the new Sacristy) as they have deadlines to meet—so a decision has been taken to curtail Adoration for the next two weeks. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at **4.00 pm** on Tuesdays 23rd and 30th October and deposited at 10pm as usual. Please feel welcome to call in at any time during the day, remembering to sign the Visitor's book if you do so.

'Star of the Sea'

'... for over a thousand years, the Church has greeted Mary, the Mother of God, as 'Star of the Sea': Ave maris stella. Human life is a journey. Towards which destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by – people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her 'yes' she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. Jn 1:14).'

Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi 49



LITURGY NOTES

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on **Sunday, 11th November at 2.30pm**. At this Mass we will remember all those whose funerals have taken place from our church during the past year, 1st November 2017 – to the present. We will also pray for babies who died before or around the time of birth. A book will shortly be available in the church porch in which the names of loved ones, who have died in other years, or in other parishes during the past year, can be entered. The book will be placed on the Altar during the Mass.

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, Readers of the Prayers of the Faithful or as Gift Bearers at the Offertory: The dates are **25th November, 2nd December, 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.

Mass on Bank Holiday Weekends: The shortage of priests is affecting our ability to continue with **Bank Holiday Monday Masses** and, regretfully, as a result, commencing on the October Bank Holiday Monday, 29th, we will no longer be able to have an 11 o'clock Mass on Bank holidays and the church will not be open. Other practical reasons for this decision include the fact that Monday is the Sacristan's only day off and there is availability of Mass in neighbouring parishes: Merrion Road: 10 am and 12 pm; Blackrock at 10 am.

Rest in Peace

We pray for those who have died during the past week and especially Brian Kavanagh, Maureen Wheeler

Anniversaries next week

Sat. 27th Vigil: Ben Corcoran;

Sun. 28th: 12.00 Noon:

Francis Xavier Climax,

Gerry and Mai Kenny,

Máire Kirrane (3rd), remembering her deceased husband, Seamus.

Caring Group

The Caring Group will meet on Monday, 22nd October at 8pm in the Convent of Mercy. Caring group Volunteers visit parishioners who are resident in a Nursing Home or who are in their own home and would welcome a visit. If you know of someone who would welcome a visit, please contact the Caring Group, Sr. Colette on 087-6309166

Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI

We rejoice at the canonisation last weekend of Archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero. He knew that announcing the Gospel can also mean denouncing what is wrong—when justice is flagrantly abused causing repression and murder by a ruthless regime. He was assassinated while celebrating Mass on 24th March 1980. Also canonised last weekend was Pope Paul VI and a priest who worked among the poor in Naples.

Beyond Life's Struggle Now

How the seasons change, how certain it is that Summer gives way to Autumn and the falling of the leaves and the passing of so many things and the tears of one that grieves. Yet Winter gives way to Spring, new hope and life after suffering. Lord, so it is, and as certain too, the promise of new life in you after life's woes and pains. For our loved ones gone no more strains and suffering now. Beyond life's struggle there awaits the joy of your embrace. Thank you, Lord.



Welcome to the Manager of the new Parish Pastoral Centre

Adrienne Hughes has been appointed as the Manager of the new Pastoral Centre. She is settling in very well and she is enjoying meeting the parishioners and familiarising herself with the current activities which take place in the parish. She continues to contact the co-ordinators 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. Tel. 01 283 1593 for a Volunteer Application form and a Garda Vetting Invitation Form.

Boooterstown Pastoral Centre Update

Considerable progress has been made this week in the areas of the servery (kitchen), the Altar Society (Altar Flower Arranging Room) and the toilets, which have been plumbed in on each of the three levels. A very high standard of finish has become apparent in these areas with the beautiful worktops and panelling, which also give a substantial hardwearing appearance. The many floor levels required will be joined by three main staircases and a lift. This week the last of these staircases has been installed and consequently the full layout is now complete. The overall impression is of a very bright open building with high ceilings in the main areas. The Fundraising Committee is working hard, behind the scenes and is delighted with the positive response recently – however we cannot be complacent as the construction bills are coming in! **The current shortfall is €498,850**



Child Safeguarding and Information Evening

This Information Evening will take place in **Foxrock Pastoral Centre, Foxrock Church on Tuesday, 13th November at 7pm**. The Child Safeguarding Team in this parish requests that all those who intend to volunteer in the new Pastoral Centre attend this session. Attendance at a Training session is mandatory for all those whose work brings them into contact with children/youth and vulnerable adults. Parish volunteers who have not attended a similar session in the past three years are also obliged to attend if their ministry brings them into contact with children/youth and vulnerable adults.

<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