



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

28th October 2018

Thirtieth 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: Sundays should be holidays....rest is necessary because it is a tool for reinvigoration and for spending positive time with one's family.

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

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are taking up a church gate collection this weekend

The Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, invites you to attend the November Talks which take place in the Murray Centre (adjacent to church) at 8pm commencing on Thursday, 1st November with a talk by Fr. John Delany, on the topic "The Joys and Challenges of an inner city parish". See notice in the porch. Donation

Schools Midterm break: as the parish schools are on midterm break this week, there will not be a **7.30am** Mass on Tuesday 30th or on Wednesday 31st October .

Rest in Peace

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Organist, Mr. Kevin Sheldrick, whose brother, John, died in Canada. May he Rest in Peace.

Anniversaries next week

Wed. 31st Oct. 10 am: Paul Haugh;
Thurs 1st Nov 10 am: Bríd Walsh;
Sat. 3rd 10 am: Gerald Kane;
Sat, Vigil: Mossie Hennigan (3rd);
Sun 4th 12 noon: Tim, Queenie & Nora O'Keeffe; Paddy Dempsey (9th); Bill Trueick;

Who is blind?

Who is blind in today's gospel? The obvious answer, of course, is the blind man! Bartimaeus is blind and desperate. He has not been blind all his life, so he knows about the wonderful gift of sight he is now missing. His faith is strong, and his courage is stronger still; no matter how much he is scolded and silenced, he calls to Jesus all the louder. Though he is physically blind, he sees plenty.

Who sees Bartimaeus? Certainly not the followers of Jesus. They do not think of Bartimaeus as someone worthy of meeting Jesus. To the extent that they think about him at all, he is an irritation, a poor beggar to look down on, hardly a person. They are utterly blind to his needs.

I'm struck by the irony of the crowds summoning Bartimaeus with the word 'Courage'. He has already shown tremendous courage. Minutes previously Jesus' followers had been content to pass him by and silence his cries for help, but their master has given an order and they must obey. How they must have squirmed, calling him over.

The blind man sees Jesus, and Jesus sees the blind man. Everyone else is blind to both of them. Everyone else fades into the background of the story, just as Bartimaeus was pushed to the back of the crowds.

Perhaps it is time for an eyesight test. Do we see Jesus for who he really is? Do we pay attention to those around us, or are we blind to their needs? Do we hear the cry of the poor, or are we complicit in silencing them?

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LITURGY NOTES Eucharistic Adoration: Thank you for your understanding last week and this week in relation to the reduced hours for Eucharistic Adoration. We are optimistic that the hard drilling work has almost reached completion. On Tuesday, 30th October Adoration will commence at **4pm** and conclude at 10pm. We expect, all going well, to return to the regular time period for Eucharistic Adoration next week on Tuesday, 6th November.

Mass on Bank Holiday Weekends: The shortage of priests is affecting our ability to continue with **Bank Holiday Monday Masses** and, regretfully, commencing on **Bank Holiday Monday, October 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 at 10am and 12 noon and Blackrock at 11am).

Mass intentions next weekend continued: Sunday 4th at 10.30 am Month's Mind of Judy Reynolds, late of Mt. Merrion Ave. **At 12 Noon Mass** we will remember the Deceased Members of the parish Adult Choir:

An Esteemed Parishioner Retires

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our parishioner, Professor Gerard Gillen, one of Ireland's foremost church musicians, who has retired as Titular organist at the Pro-Cathedral after almost 43 years. Professor Gillen was honoured recently at a special Mass attended by President Michael D. Higgins and celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in the Pro-Cathedral who described the retired Professor of music at Maynooth as a "maestro" who has given "a life's dedication of service to the Church and to the beauty and dignity of music in the liturgy. We wish Professor Gillen a long and happy retirement.

Volunteering in the new Pastoral Centre

The recently appointed manager of the new Pastoral Centre, Ms. Adrienne Hughes, invites you to 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 and attend the Safeguarding Information Meeting on Tuesday, 13th November as publicised in this issue. Tel. 01 283 1593 for a Volunteer Application form and a Garda Vetting Invitation Form.

Fundraising Update: The current shortfall for the Pastoral Centre now stands at **480,137**.

Child Safeguarding – Training and 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 is mandatory at this session 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.

... Liturgy Notes continued

November is the month of the Holy Souls. During November we celebrate three specific feasts around the theme of death:

1st November, the Feast of All Saints, when we remember all the saints who do not have their own day on the calendar. These are the saints known to all of us but who might never be known to the world. **Mass times for this Feast** will be a Vigil Mass at **7.30 pm** on 31st October and on Thursday at **7.30am and 10am**.

Friday 2nd November – All Souls, when we remember all the dearly departed friends and family. We also remember those who have no one left to pray for them and those who have died alone, unknown to anyone. Mass will be celebrated at **7.30am and 10am**.

Tuesday 6th November – All the Saints of Ireland, when we specifically remember our own great heroes of inspiration, without whom the faith would not have survived and thrived in our own land and in our own homes.

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 is 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. This 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.

<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