



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

2nd December 2018

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Booterstown Parish Website** is regularly updated. Visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie) to keep up to date with parish developments, news and events.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Appeal:** Members of our local conference will speak at Masses next weekend and will take up their annual indoor collection in place of the usual Share (second) collection.

**Crosscare Annual Food Appeal:** Archbishop Martin seeks practical support for the Food Appeal which takes place throughout the Diocese this weekend only for the Crosscare Food Banks. Donations may be left in the church porch this weekend only for onward distribution.

### New Pastoral Centre

-latest news and developments

Progress on the Centre is moving at a great rate! Sundry equipment has been delivered this week and other furniture is on the way! Many thanks to all those who continue to send in donations and good wishes. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our parishioners and friends of the parish The shortfall is now down to **€443,540! Thank you.**

**Thursday Morning Hospitality** will resume in the new Pastoral Centre on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am.** It will take place in the **Coffee Dock Area** which will be open from 10am. We are all very excited about these first activities in our new Pastoral Centre!

**A Meeting of New Pastoral Centre Volunteers** will take place with Adrienne Hughes on **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in the New Pastoral Centre** of all those who have specifically signed up as volunteers in the new Pastoral Centre. Only those who have completed their Garda Vetting Form, Volunteer Application Form and attended the Safeguarding Information Evening should be in attendance.

### Be prepared ...

Have you ever heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper? It tells the tale of a grasshopper who has spent the summer singing and so is not prepared when winter comes, whereas the ant has been working hard all summer and has stored up enough food for winter. Like many of Aesop's Fables, it has a stark moral lesson, in this case about the virtue of hard work and being prepared for the future.

Of course, Advent is about looking forward to Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of preparation to welcome him anew into our lives. But today's readings remind us that Advent is also about looking ahead to another time, the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time. 'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning 'coming'.

The problem, of course, is that we have no idea when this will happen. Unlike the ant and the grasshopper, we have no way of knowing when the seasons will change. We don't even know when the sun will set on our own individual lives. All we can do is to be prepared and to 'stay awake' – to live now in such a way that when we meet Jesus, we will be ready. This readiness is less a practical skill than a condition, or a way of life. Look at how St Paul describes it: he talks about increasing our love for one another, and continually making progress in living the life that God wants. That is how we store up treasures here on earth to make sure we are ready for the heavenly things to come.



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**LITURGY NOTES:** **Eucharistic Adoration** continues on Tuesdays commencing at 10.30am and concluding at 10pm. Many thanks to all those who commit so faithfully to their roster and also to those who visit when they can.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be celebrated on Sat, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Mass times will be Vigil (Friday) **7.30pm** and **10am on Saturday.**

**Advent Wreath:** The Liturgical Season of Advent commences today and we enter into the start of a new Church Year, which is **Year C** of a three-year cycle. You will notice that the colour of the celebrant's vestments, the Lectionary cover and the church banners is purple. The first candle of the Advent wreath, which symbolizes HOPE, will be lit at all Masses.

**Memory Tree:** Once again it is time to remember our loved ones, at home and abroad and living and deceased. Nametags and pens, kindly provided by the Altar Society, are on the small table to the side of the Altar if you wish to record the name(s) of loved ones. The Memory Tree will be erected in the middle of December.

### Anniversaries next week

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7.30am Pauline McMahon;  
10am: Stephen MacNulty, remembering his grandmother, Leila MacNulty;

Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> 10am: Fr. Colm Kenny (2<sup>nd</sup>), former curate in this parish;

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 10am: Therese Heneghan (19<sup>th</sup>); Vigil: Charlie O'Farrell (1<sup>st</sup> A); Evelyn Corrigan (11<sup>th</sup>) Frank and Mary Cusack;

Sun 9<sup>th</sup>: 12 Noon: Margaret McKeon (3<sup>rd</sup>); Bridget & Michael Jennings; Aiden Austin.

### Pastoral Centre 'Taster'

We are delighted to tell you about "a taster" of some activities which will take place in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday next, 8<sup>th</sup> December as follows: Isabelle Ashe, Dance Classes (for children): Ballet and Dance from 9am - 9.45am Email [isabelleashe1@gmail.com](mailto:isabelleashe1@gmail.com) or tel. 086 4405504 to book for taster and Helena McElroy Yoga (adults) Stress buster Yoga from 10am – 10.45am. Email [helenamcelroy@hotmail.com](mailto:helenamcelroy@hotmail.com) or tel. 086 165 2436 to book for taster.

### "Joe Dolan Songs"

-presented by Ronan Collins

**This Christmas Concert** will take place at the **Church of the Guardian Angels** Newtownpark Avenue **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm** with Tickets €20 available from the Good News Stand in the church, the Texaco Service Station on NTP Avenue or the NTP Pastoral Centre.

### Laudato 'Si

#### Citizens' Lobby Day for Climate Change

Laudato 'Si Working Group will be participating in the forthcoming Citizens' Lobby Day for Climate Change on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December in Buswell's Hotel, Molesworth Street. Faith based groups will be in attendance with information and advice encouraging you to meet your TD. TD's will be invited to sign the Laudato 'Si pledge. Representatives of Trocaire and Friends of the Earth will also be present. It is necessary to register for the event so please visit <https://www.stopclimatechaos.ie/takeaction>

## St. Mary's Boys' National School Parent's Association – Annual Christmas Fair

The St. Mary's Boys School annual Christmas Fair takes place today, Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, from 11am until 2pm. Please **note the venue** is Our Lady of Mercy School Hall (girls school). The fair is guaranteed to bring cheer and festive fun to all those who attend – and the opportunity to shop locally! All proceeds in aid of St. Mary's BNS. Please respect the church car park which is reserved for parishioners attending 12 noon Mass. If attending the Fair, kindly park your car on Booterstown Avenue or on Rosemount Terrace.

### Churches Together – Serving the Gospel

You are invited to participate in three different ecumenical pathways to God on the three Thursdays leading up to Christmas. Each pathway is one hour in duration, **8pm – 9pm**. The series takes place across the three parishes:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, Taizé Prayer –St. Philip & St. James' Church, Cross Avenue when there will be Taizé chants and silence to reflect and to pray.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Lectio Divina at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mt. Merrion Avenue offering an opportunity to reflect and meditate on a passage of scripture.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Church of the Assumption, Booterstown – offering a short introduction to Christian Meditation followed by a period of Christian Meditation. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please note the respective venues for each of the three sessions.

### Packing of Christmas Cards and Dues Envelopes

It is hoped that we can commence the above task during the coming week. We will need access to the new Pastoral Centre in order to do the packing. Hopefully we can manage to do so, once the cards and envelopes have been delivered. It will be announced at Mass when we can commence the task and I will be glad, as always, of your most welcome help! *Therese*

**NET Ministries:** The NET Team have started up a **Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting** on Wednesdays in the church from 7pm – 8pm for 16 – 35 year olds where you are invited to gather for an hour around Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There is a time for silence, prayer, music, Scripture and reflection. NET look forward to welcoming you any Wednesday from 7 pm, - 8 pm.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
<b>Fr. Gerry Kane, Parish Administrator</b> 52 Booterstown Ave. Tel:	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
<b>Mgr. Seamus Conway, Pastor Emeritus</b> Booterstown Ave. Tel. 01 288 2889	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email &amp; Website</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
info@booterstownparish.ie www.booterstownparish.ie	Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Marriages</i>
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm <b>Sunday:</b> 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon <b>Mon - Fri:</b> 7.30 & 10 am	By arrangement, 3 months notice required Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue 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 Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10 pm	