



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

9th December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

In Brief

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Visit 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 this weekend and will take up their annual indoor collection in place of the usual Share (second) collection.

Crosscare Annual Food Appeal: Many thanks to all those who kindly donated to Crosscare's Annual Food collected

New Pastoral Centre

The new Centre was formally transferred back to the parish on Friday and will be a hive of activity this week as we begin to move in! The parish groups have been very patient these past few months holding their meetings and activities in other venues and they can now take up residence and resume activities in new and warm surroundings. Hopefully the phone lines and broadband will be successfully ported over to the new offices! 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 in funding continues to reduce in size. ...**Win a car!**.....

Booterstown Pastoral Centre Fundraising Committee invites you to buy a Christmas Gift with a difference! This weekend, tickets will go on sale at the Reception Desk in the new Pastoral Centre for a **Car Draw!** The cost of a ticket is €100 and it will make the a most original gift!- A Godchild, an original birthday present, a special anniversary....there is a very good chance of winning in this small, exclusive raffle!.....and you have an opportunity to support your parish!

Make his paths straight

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home, perhaps a son or daughter from Australia or someone who has been off traveling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveler. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.



On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

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LITURGY NOTES

Eucharistic Adoration: "This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist." *St. John Paul II.* During Advent, why not come to Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays between 10.30am and 10pm.

Thank you to Evana Boyle & family for taking part in the liturgy at the Family Mass last week. We are delighted that three other families have indicated that they will each take part in future Family Masses and we look forward to offers from more families.

Advent Wreath: the Liturgical Season of Advent continues and you will notice that the colour of the celebrant's vestments, the Lectionary cover and the church banners is purple. The second (purple) candle of the Advent wreath, which symbolizes LOVE, will be lit at Masses. The **Jesse Tree** has been retrieved from storage and this week we add last week's symbols, The Sun and Moon, symbols of creation and Noah's Ark. This week's symbols are Abraham, (bell symbol), Isaac (boy symbol) and Jacob (ladder) symbol.

Advent Service of Reconciliation in this parish: Wed. 19th December at 7.30pm with visiting celebrants and the opportunity for individual confession.

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 tree will be erected later this week.

Rest in Peace

We remember those who have died recently and especially Gerrard (Gerry) Creedon, whose funeral took place during the week.

Anniversaries next week

Monday 10th 10 am: Michael & Ellen Lynam;

Friday 14th 10 am: Richard & Mary Sisk;

Sat. 15th Vigil: Jack & Florrie O'Hanrahan; John Padraig Dillon (1st);

Sunday 16th:

9am, Martin, Norah and Adrian Ryan;

10.30am, Noel Jones (9th); Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh (4th); Phil Carrick (6th)

12 Noon, Sean Dunne (1st); Daphne & Edward Finlay; Joseph & Mary Moran and Thomas Moran; Austin Cloonan (4th).

'An Irish Christmas'

Monkstown Parish Church

Friday 21st December at 7.30pm

..with Moya Brennan, Hazel O'Connor and Comhlta traditional music groups presented by Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh. Tickets €20/10 available from Hewetts, Carrickbrennan Road and Monkstown PO. Enquiries 086-813 9981. Proceeds towards the development of youth music groups of Craobh Phiarais Uí Gréagáin and the restoration of Monkstown Parish Church.

Advent Reflection

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in the darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say "Come Lord Jesus!". Amen.



Churches Together – Serving the Gospel

-Ecumenical Pathways to God

The first in this series took place last Thursday in the Church of St. Philip & St. James on Cross Avenue. See below the venues for the next two. Each pathway is one hour in duration, 8pm – 9pm. The series takes place across the three parishes:

Thursday 13th 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 20th 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 venues.

Packing of Christmas Cards and Dues Envelopes

I will be delighted if you can come to the Pastoral Centre this week, after 10 am Mass, to assist with the **packing** of Christmas Card envelopes. The envelopes are not being labelled with names and addresses due to GDPR. Please call in any weekday morning after Mass if you can spare an hour or two and tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. Many thanks in advance,

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Delivery of Christmas Cards If you can assist with delivery of the Christmas cards on your road / in your apartment complex, we will be delighted with your assistance. The cards will not be addressed in accordance with GDPR. During the coming week I will be in the Pastoral Centre for part of the morning, otherwise I will be in the temporary office at 52, Booterstown Avenue. Please phone 01 283 1593 or email info@booterstownparish.ie

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

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane, Parish Administrator 52 Booterstown Ave. Tel:		After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
		After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Pastor Emeritus 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
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		Marriages
Mass Times		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
Rosary		(Mon - Fri: 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Mon – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
Eucharistic Adoration		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10 pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223