



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

6th January 2019

Feast of the Epiphany

The Priests of the Parish Fr. Gerry Kane, P.P. and Monsignor Seamus Conway, P.E., wish parishioners and friends of the parish a very happy, blessed and peaceful New Year.

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie **The Parish Office** continues to be temporarily located at No. 52 Booterstown Avenue. The office will move to the new Pastoral Centre in mid-January.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Appeal: Members of our local conference extend their sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to their recent indoor church collection in response to the Annual Appeal. It is still possible to make a contribution to SVP if you did not have an opportunity to do so. SVP Donation envelopes are available in the church porch.

Mum & Baby Coffee Morning: Two local mothers, Sarah and Seanna have offered to host a Mum & Baby Coffee Morning in the new Pastoral Centre from 11 am—1.00 pm commencing Thursday, 10th January. They have recently had new babies and they would like to have a central meeting point for mums. Come for Tea/coffee & cake and chat! €2. Contact Sarah 087/661 2089.

Christmas Dues: Many thanks to all those who have sent in Christmas Dues, contributions to Parish Funds and donations towards the new Pastoral Centre. These will be acknowledged in due course.

Parish Pastoral Council next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8th January at 6.30 pm.

SEEING YOUR LIFE

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 2:1-12.

1. The magi came from the east, hoping to meet Jesus and guided by a star. On your life's journey what are the hopes that inspire you, and what stars guide your steps? Name them for yourself.

2. The magi travelled together. Who have been your companions on life's journey? What has it been like when you have realized that you had companionship along the road? What made you conscious of that companionship? How was it demonstrated?

3. The magi lost sight of the star for a while. What clouds obscure the star that guides your life? Think of those to whom you have turned to get a renewed sense of direction. Perhaps some, like Herod, gave bad advice, but others were wise guides. Remember with particular gratitude those who warned you about dangers on the road and helped you set off with confidence on the right road again.

4. Eventually the magi had the joy of meeting Jesus. In the Epiphany we celebrate God made visible to all humanity. What encounters have you had in life that left you with the sense that God was in what had happened? How did these



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LITURGY NOTES

Thank you: our church is looking really beautiful during this Christmas Season. Many thanks to all those who are responsible for this, especially our Sacristan Paul Lyng who designed and decorated the lovely Crib. Paul also erected the Christmas Memory Tree. He was assisted by the members of the Altar Society (church Flower Committee) who were also very involved in the decoration of the church and arranged the wreaths and the festive Altar Flowers. Grateful thanks to the Altar Society ladies for all their preparatory work preparing the Memory Tree nametags. Last November they began cutting out nametags and inserting the red ribbon ties in preparation for the many name tags required. There must be almost 1,000 names on the Memory Tree – each tag representing a loved one, living or deceased and at home or abroad. We have a committed group of church cleaners who can no longer do the heavy hoovering of the church and the organ gallery, but who clean the brass name plaques, and dust the church. We are equally grateful to you for maintaining our beautiful church.

Weekday Mass: the usual weekday Mass at 7.30 am will resume on 7th January.

Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to collect their new roster from the Sacristy.

Boosterstown Pastoral Centre Fundraising Committee invites you to support their fundraising campaign. This weekend, raffle tickets will again be on sale at the Reception Desk in the new Pastoral Centre for a **Car Draw!** The car is a **2019 Toyota C-HR Hybrid Sport!** The cost of a ticket is €100 and it will make a most original gift!- A Godchild, an unusual 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! The Raffle will take place on Sunday, 3rd March, the date of the formal opening ceremony.

Church Collections Explained:

Thank you for your support of the various church collections:

- **Collection for the support of priests:** the **First Collection** at Sunday Mass coupled with Christmas and Easter Dues goes to support all priests in the Diocese including sick and retired priests.

- **The Share (second) Collection** at Sunday Mass is for the Diocesan Development Fund SHARE and supports parishes in greatest need and pastoral services throughout the Diocese.

- **Parish Funds**” these are funded from regular contribution by parishioners, by Standing orders/ Envelopes or direct payments (Planned Giving). This fund pays for the day-to-day running expenses of the parish, costs for maintenance of the church and parish buildings and funding for the many pastoral activities throughout the parish.

Dublin Diocesan Directory 2019 edition the Parish Office has some copies of this book for sale at a cost of €10.00 each.

Eucharistic Adoration: “On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him”. Eucharistic Adoration will resume at the usual time on Tuesday 8th January.

Anniversaries next week: Sat. 12th January: Dermot O’Flynn, (5th A); Sheila Haniver (6th A); Sunday 13th January 10.30 am: Hilda Godson

Latest Developments in the new Pastoral Centre: Many of you will have had an opportunity to call in to the new Pastoral Centre before Christmas. The Café area looks very bright and welcoming with new tables and chairs and it is ready for business! Enquiries are very positive with a number of confirmed bookings for January including Ballet, Lego Club, Pilates, Stress-busting, Yoga and a number of Residents Associations meetings.

Sunday morning hospitality after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 13th January, the Feast of Our Lord’s Baptism. You are invited to have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit - a great opportunity to look around the new centre and to meet fellow parishioners and friends

The new Pastoral Centre café is open for business! Initially, the opening hours are from 10am-Noon from Tuesday-Thursday inclusive until more volunteers are available, have their Garda Vetting clearance and have attended the mandatory Information Session on Safeguarding. Commencing **8th January**, there will be a **€2 charge** for tea/coffee (including a heat-up and a biscuit!). We hope you will understand that we need to make this charge as there is outlay to buy tea/coffee/sugar and biscuits and the centre needs to be self-financing.

The Gate of the Year: And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.” So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East. So heart be still: What need our little life, our human life to know, if God hath comprehension? In all the dizzy strife of things both high and low, God hideth His intention. *M. Louise Haskins*

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Boosterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Boosterstown Ave.	Pastor Emeritus 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 & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@boosterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boosterstownparish.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 - Thurs: 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 – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223