



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

13th January 2019

*Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord*

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie)

The Parish Office continues to be temporarily located at No. 52 Booterstown Avenue.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Appeal:** Members of our local conference extend their sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to their indoor church collection in December in response to the Annual Appeal. The parish response to the appeal was very generous so the SVP will not take up their monthly collection in the church grounds this weekend.

**Archdiocese of Dublin Diocesan Directory for 2019:** there is a limited number of copies of this publication available in the church porch. The cost is €10 per copy. Please leave this money in the donation box in the wall, adjacent to the Irish Catholic paper rack. Thank you.

**Child Safeguarding Notice:** Parents and Guardians should be aware that the Pastoral Centre is a **public building**. Please ensure that your child does not enter the centre unaccompanied to use the toilet facilities or for hospitality.

**Sunday morning hospitality takes place after 10.30 am Mass TODAY!** You are invited to call in to “Café 67” and enjoy cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit – this will give you a good opportunity to view the new centre.

**Blackrock Community Garden and Men’s Shed**—Public meeting on Thursday, 17th January at 7.00 pm in Pastoral Centre, Guardian Angel’s Church, Newtownpark.

### SEEING YOUR LIFE

#### THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life’s journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?



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#### LITURGY NOTES

**Eucharistic Adoration:** “We have seen His star, when it rose and have come to worship him” (Matthew 2:12) Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. Many thanks to all those who commit to regular attendance. Please sign the roster.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>:** the theme is “Justice, only justice, you shall pursue” (cf. Deuteronomy 16-20). The resource material (available on <http://www.ctbi.org.uk>) originates in the Christian Churches of Indonesia.

**Catholic Schools Week:** will take place from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February. The themes are: Living Tradition. Welcoming Diversity, Intergenerational and Serving our Community.

**Anniversaries next week:** Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.30 am: Clare O’Callaghan; Tues. 15<sup>th</sup>. 10.00 am: Vincent Marren; Sat. 19<sup>th</sup>. Vigil: Bob & Pat Stavely; Eileen O’Malley (10<sup>th</sup>); Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. 9.00 am: Philomena O’Gorman; 12 Noon: John Murphy; Miriam Brassill (3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Ministers of Holy Communion:** new rosters available in the Sacristy.

**Commencing end of January! Social Bridge in the Pastoral Centre** Table Money €5. No partner required. Enquiries to [eddiemortimer0@gmail.com](mailto:eddiemortimer0@gmail.com) or Tel. 01-288 0261.

**Blackrock Further Education Institute (BFEI)**, Main Street, Blackrock, will hold an Open Day on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January from 10 am – 4 pm. School Leavers and Mature Students are welcome to attend to find out about full-time, level 5 and 6, pre-university and pre-employment courses starting in September 2019. BFEI also offers a variety of part-time courses. Further details on [www.bfei.ie](http://www.bfei.ie)

**The Challenge of Climate Change – Responding as a Community:** Fr. Sean McDonagh, SSC will give an illustrated talk with insights from the Encyclical of Pope Francis, **Laudato ‘Si**, on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. The talk will take place in the Pastoral Centre. Irish Colomban Missionary, Fr. Sean McDonagh, is known around the world as an eco-theologian who works to raise awareness of the connections between justice and peace issues, environmental sustainability and faith. Everyone is welcome.

**Baptism – Something to Reflect On** – today is the Feast of our Lord’s Baptism: Hush little baby, fear no harm. Shawl of white to keep you warm. Shawl of white, as bright as snow, like God’s great love who loves you so. Hush little baby, have no dread, soothing oil upon your head. We sign you with a cross to show God chose to love you long ago. Hush little baby, make no sound, your loved ones gather all around. Water sprinkling now to show God will always help you grow. Hush little baby, have no fear, the light of Christ is drawing near. This light will guide you every day and lead you always in God’s way. *Christy Kenneally*

**Latest Developments in the new Pastoral Centre:** We have had an exciting, busy first week of activities in the Pastoral Centre. Yoga with Helena McElroy commenced on Tuesday evenings. The Youth Club had their first Disney Dance Class on Wednesday afternoon with 15 little princesses in attendance! Secondary schools in the wider area were invited to view the Centre and see what is available for schools in terms of retreats and off-site events. A Residents Association meeting took place and on Thursday an informal Mother & Baby Coffee Morning was arranged by two local mums who would like to have a regular Get-Together for mums in the area. Parish meetings took place ... the Legion of Mary, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Baptism Team and Spiritual Reading Group – a busy start!

**The new Pastoral Centre café** is open for business! After thoughtful consideration, it has been decided that the café will be known as **Café 67**. This is “catchy” and appropriate, given that it is No. 67 Booterstown Avenue! Initially, opening hours are from 10am-Noon, Tuesday-Thursday until more volunteers are available, have received Garda Vetting clearance and attended the mandatory Information Session on Safeguarding. Commencing **January 2019**, there is 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/biscuits and the centre needs to finance itself.

**Booterstown Pastoral Centre Fundraising Committee** invites you to buy a gift with a difference: 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 present for a Godchild, a 21st birthday, an 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the date of the formal opening ceremony.

**Safeguarding of Children & Vulnerable Adults: An Information Evening** will take place in the Pastoral Centre on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. Any volunteer in the parish who has not yet attended an Information Session is invited to come along. No need to book in advance.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown 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, Boooterstown 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 &amp; 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
<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