



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

12th January 2020

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Thursday Morning Hospitality takes place weekly at 10.30 am in the Pastoral Centre. Why not make it a new year's resolution and call into the Pastoral Centre any Thursday morning at 10.30 am for tea/coffee and chat. Everyone is welcome! Many thanks to the gracious hostesses for their delicious home baking. Mothers and Babies are most welcome for tea/ coffee and chat from 11 am.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul extend their sincere thanks to all those who contributed to their indoor church collection in December. The parish response to the appeal was very generous so the SVP will not take up their monthly collection this month.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: If you are experiencing difficulties with your living expenses, food and energy costs or medical expenses, especially at this time of the year, you can make a fully confidential approach to the Society at their Head Office – Tel. 01-8550022 and a member will respond to you.

Christmas Dues: Many thanks to all those who continue to send in Christmas Dues and/or Financial contributions to the Running Costs of the Parish. We are extremely grateful to you.

Parish Pastoral Council: next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th January @ 7.30 pm.

Parish Office Telephone:

01 283 1593. **Email:** info@booterstownparish.ie

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie

Facebook: please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with events in the church and with events, classes and activities in the Pastoral Centre.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.

2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?

3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?

4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?



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Liturgy Notes: : **The Eucharistic Adoration** committee welcomes back all our regular volunteers and visitors who come to spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration takes place weekly on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. The committee will be most grateful for some new volunteers, and particularly a number who could commit to the time period of **12.00 noon to 1.00 pm**. Please leave your name and contact number with the Parish Secretary if you can help. It is important that there is a minimum of 4 Adorers in the church at any one time. Please may we remind you to sign the attendance register. Thank you

Change to weekday Mass in the New Year: commencing on **Monday, 13th January**, there will no longer be a 7.30 am or a 10.00 am Mass on **Mondays**. The church, Parish Office and Pastoral Centre will remain closed on a Monday. **Weekday Mass** is celebrated in the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Merrion Road at 7.30 am; 10.00 am and 12 noon and in Church of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock at 1.05 pm. **New Sunday Mass times** in Church of St. John the Baptist, **Blackrock:** Vigil: 6.30; Sunday: 10 am and 12 noon. Saturday 11 am.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Inaugural Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place on **Sunday, 19th January at 4.00 pm** in Church of the Assumption, Booterstown. The theme is "Unusual Kindness". The Guest Preacher is Rev. Abigail Sines, Dean's Vicar in Christ Church Cathedral. Light Refreshments will follow the service.

Alpha Programme in the Pastoral Centre: Why not Pause Netflix and Try Alpha? Commencing on Wednesday, 15th January and taking place weekly, in the Pastoral Centre at **7.30 pm**. Alpha enables people to experience a purpose in life, explore the big questions of life in a loving, non-confrontational, trusting place. It explains how the Church can be a place of safety, joy, peace and love, a place where you can belong and where you can experience healing, restoration and unconditional love in a family/faith community. Alpha is free and it is open to all age groups. To register, contact Adrienne on -01-441 9303 or email

Parish Ministries and Parish Groups: co-ordinators are requested to email the Manager of the Pastoral Centre, Adrienne Hughes, with a list of the dates on which they intend to hold their 2020 meetings in the Pastoral Centre. Adrienne needs to know these dates, otherwise she is unable to allocate meeting rooms and you may not get your requested date/time. Please email centre@booterstownparish.ie

Dalkey Players: Beat the Winter Blues with an afternoon of laughs on Saturday, 18th January at 3.00 pm in the Studio, DLR Lexicon, Dunlaoghaire with “The Proposal” by Anton Chekov and “Still Growing Old Disgracefully” with Lua McIlraith. Tickets €10. Booking line is 087-9919261.

Open Day in Blackrock Further Education Institute (BFEI) located on Main Street, Blackrock on Wednesday, 15th January from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm for school leavers and mature students who would like to find out what courses are on offer for September 2020.

Unsigned Mass Cards and Greeting Cards are available from the stand in the reception area of the Pastoral Centre at a cost of €3.00 each.

Carbon Footprint Survey – don’t miss the publication of the results of the survey! These exciting and informative results will be released during the coming week. You are invited to the **Pastoral Centre on Thursday, 16th January at 8.00 pm**. The **Keynote Speaker** will be Professor Owen Lewis. Everyone is welcome! Admission is free! If you returned the Survey Form, you can see your carbon footprint on the chart, in our Pastoral Centre, using your unique reference number.

Men’s Shed in the Booterstown Area: Would you be interested in being part of a Men’s Shed?a dedicated, welcoming meeting place where men can come together, develop new friendships, share your skills and knowledge with others. Learn new skills and redevelop some old skills. If you are interested, please contact Ciarán on 087-6493420. An Information Evening will take place on Thursday, 30th January at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Archdiocese of Dublin Diocesan Directory: there is a limited number of copies of the directory available from the Parish Office. The cost is €10 per copy.

Pastoral Centre: A series of monthly talks, given by parishioners, will commence on **Thursday, 23rd January** in the Pastoral Centre at **8 pm**. It is hoped that these talks will familiarise the parishioners with their fellow members. The initial talk in “Know your Parishioners” series will be given by Jimmy Sheehan, Retired Orthopaedic surgeon and founder of the Blackrock Clinic. It will deal with his experience of over 50 years in healthcare. Please reserve a place with Adrienne at Reception/ centre@booterstownparish.ie

Baptism – Something to Reflect on: 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*).

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
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, Booterstown 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
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 and 11.am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O’Donoghue
Tues - Fri: 7.30 & 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
Rosary		(Mon - Thurs: 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 – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223