



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

26th January 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thursday Morning Hospitality** takes place weekly at 10.30 am in the Pastoral Centre. Make it a new year's resolution to 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 also most welcome for tea/coffee and chat from 11.15 am.

**Booterstown Parish Website** is regularly updated. Visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie) to keep up to date with news and events in the parish. Don't forget the **webcam** which broadcasts live all ceremonies and liturgies from our church.

**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.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Weekday Mass at 7.30 am** will not be celebrated during the coming week Tuesday-Friday incl.

**Parish Office Telephone:** remains at 01 283 1593. **Email** [info@booterstownparish.ie](mailto:info@booterstownparish.ie)

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**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.

**Lumen Centre: Adult Education Centre, Sion Hill** – brochures available for Spring term.

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23.

1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?

2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?

3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?

4. In v. 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?



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**Liturgy Notes: Eucharistic Adoration** takes place weekly on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. May we respectfully remind those who attend to remember to sign the register. Thank you.

**Sunday of the Word of God:** Pope Francis has declared today to be a special Sunday to be dedicated to the Bible. In future, this will be celebrated annually by the Church. It is intended to be the start of a year of increased engagement with the Word of God. Resources are available on-line, prepared by Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, a biblical scholar. [www.dublindiocese.ie/living-the-word-workshop](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/living-the-word-workshop)

**Catholic Schools Week begins today:** this week, we look forward to welcoming pupils from Our Lady of Mercy Convent School and St. Mary's Boys' National School to 10 am Mass. They always uplift us with their presence and lovely singing. The daily themes for the week are respectively: Living in Harmony with: God; our Neighbours; all Generations; the Earth; and in harmony together in our school. Visit [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie)

**Anniversaries next weekend: Vigil:** May Lewins; **Sunday 11.00 am:** Jack Fortune; Stella Scully (2<sup>nd</sup> A); Lynda Collins (9<sup>th</sup> A); Pat & Antoinette Fleming. A visiting choir, **Habemus**, will sing at 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 1st February.

**Change to weekday Mass:** There is no longer a 7.30 am or 10.00 am Mass on Mondays. The church, Parish Office and Pastoral Centre are closed on a Monday. NB: There will be no 7.30 am week day Mass this week as Fr. Gerry will be away. .

**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

**Legion of Mary: Frank Duff Prayer Group** will meet on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am in **Meeting Room 1**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please note new meeting day and time. **St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society:** meeting on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 am. Please check with Reception for meeting room venue.

**Caring Group:** next meeting will take place on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. Members visit parishioners who are in Nursing Homes or who are in their own home and would welcome a visit. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please make initial contact through the Parish Office on 01-2831593

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Thank you:** to all those who made the Inaugural Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity very special. There was an excellent attendance and all those who were present, of every age, were very impressed with the dramatization of the Shipwreck, including props and sound effects, performed by some children from the parish. We are very grateful to all those who supported the event by lending sailing tackle, participating in the service and assisting with refreshments afterwards—Thank you all.

**Anointing of the Sick:** will take place on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, after 6.00 pm Mass. The anointing is in conjunction with World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please convey this information to parishioners who may be sick or unable to attend Mass regularly. Remind those who are housebound they may watch the liturgy via the webcam.

**Day for Consecrated Life** is celebrated on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This year, the Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in this parish on **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 11.00 am Mass.**

**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, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

**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.

**Pastoral Centre Activities:**

**Computer Classes – on Tuesday mornings** commencing at **11.15 am** Bring along your laptop, Tablet or smartphone to this class which is free of charge and your tutor will guide you as to how to make the best use of your device. Please ensure devices are fully charged up. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee & a biscuit in our Café at 10.30 pm, before your class – donation €2.

**Alpha Course** continues on Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. The theme for this week is **Why did Jesus die?**

**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](mailto:centre@booterstownparish.ie)

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
<b>Fr. Gerry Kane</b> 52 Booterstown Ave.	<b>Parish Priest</b> <b>086 8220956</b>	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
<b>Mgr. Seamus Conway,</b> Booterstown Ave.	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> 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
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
<b>Sunday:</b> 9am and 11.am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<b>Tue- Fri:</b> 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