



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

2nd February 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

In Brief

Thursday Morning Hospitality takes place weekly at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. Why not make it a new year's resolution and call into the Pastoral Centre any Thursday morning at 10.30am 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 11.15am.

Booterstown Parish Website is regularly updated. Visit 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.

Weekday Mass at 7.30am will resume on **Tuesday**, 4th February.

Parish Office Telephone: remains at 01 283 1593. **Email** 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.

Baptism Preparatory Meeting

A Baptism Preparatory Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5th February at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre for families who have booked in for Baptism in February.

Unexpected moments

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.



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Liturgy Notes

Eucharistic Adoration takes place weekly on Tuesdays from 10.30am until 10pm. The weekend we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple in Jerusalem. We thank all our present day "Simeons and Annas", of all ages, who attend Eucharistic Adoration in our church. We hope that they will be joined by many more. May we respectfully remind those who attend to remember to sign the register. Thank you.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated last week.... and we were joined at 10 o'clock Mass by pupils from 2nd Class to 6th Class inclusive, from Our Lady of Mercy Convent School and St. Mary's Boys' National School. The pupils were accompanied by their teachers, the Principals and/or Vice Principals. They participated in the liturgy and they uplifted all of us with their beautiful singing. The celebrants of the Masses were Fr. Paddy Dundon and Fr. Myles Healy who made the schools very welcome. Fr. Paddy wished Second Class and Sixth Class well as they prepare for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively.

Anointing of the Sick: will take place on Saturday, 8th February, after 6pm Mass. The anointing is in conjunction with ... (continues overleaf)

Parish Changes

The church, Parish Office and Pastoral Centre are closed on a Monday.

Weekday Mass is celebrated in Booterstown at **7.30am** from Tuesday-Friday inclusive and at **10am from Tuesday to Saturday** inclusive.

Weekday Mass is available in the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Merrion Road at 7.30am; 10am and 12 noon and in Church of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock at 1.05pm.

New Sunday Mass times in Church of St. John the Baptist, **Blackrock**: Vigil: 6.30; Sunday: 10am and 12 noon. Saturday 11am.

-two Evenings for Teachers and Parents-

'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd'

'Caring for our Common Home'

-These two talks will take place in the Lumen Centre, Mt. Merrion Avenue, Blackrock.

On Tuesday 4th February from 7.30pm - 8.30pm Ms. Jo Culhane will talk on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-based Religious Formation Course for adults working with children aged 3-12.

On 11th February Sr. Colette Kane, OP will speak about Caring for our Common Home. Sr. Colette is director of the Ecology Course in the Dominical Ecology Centre, Wicklow.



Attention 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

Liturgy Notes Continued

... the 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. Please remind those who are housebound they may watch the liturgy via the webcam. **The World Day of the Sick Mass** will be celebrated in the Diocese on Sunday, 9th February in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue at 3pm. All are welcome.

Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated in the Church and Diocese today – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This year, the Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in this parish on **Sunday, 23rd February at 11am Mass** and members of the Religious Orders in this parish will be invited to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Pastoral Centre Activities

“What will Booterstown Parish look like in 2040” – is the title of a lecture which will be given by Mr. Tim Nichols in the Pastoral Centre on **Monday, 24th February at 8pm**. The lecture is dedicated to the memory of the late Rosemary Sheehan who died on 2nd August 2018. Registration is essential and booking must be made with Adrienne Hughes at the Reception desk in the Pastoral Centre.

Aware – Life Skills Group will run a series of talks in Booterstown Pastoral Centre on the following evenings: Thursday Evenings 6th, 13, 20th, 27th February and 5th and 12th March. If you have any queries or to book your place Tel. – 01-6617211 or email info@aware.ie

Jazz Soiree – 28th February at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre, Café area. Tickets are €20 and must be booked with Adrienne at Reception.

Professor Colman Noctor will give a lecture on the impact of technology and social media on our mental health, emotional wellbeing and resilience entitled **“Resilience in a Digital Era”** on Thursday, 20th February at 7.30pm. Places will be limited and booking is essential with Adrienne at Reception in the Pastoral Centre. The cost is €10 per person.

Computer Classes – on Tuesday mornings commencing at **11.15am** – 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 it is fully charged up. **If you would like a snack before the class, come to the Café at 10.30 am**. Tea/coffee – donation €2. It is essential to register for this class with Adrienne at Reception in the Pastoral Centre

Alpha Course continues on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. The theme for this week is **How Can I Have Faith?**

Priests of the Parish	Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane, Parish Administrator 52 Booterstown Ave. Tel: 086 822 0956	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 and 11am	Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
Tues - Fri: 7.30 (in term time) & 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