



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

16th February 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Brief

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February.

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.

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 update. 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.

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.

The Annual Collection of Accord – the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family - is taking place at Masses this weekend. It replaces the usual Share (2nd Collection). Accord offers Marriage preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

The bare minimum

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos!

Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in,' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules,' we have



missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God.

Obeying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

Triona Doherty

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Liturgy Notes

Weekday Mass at 7.30 am is not celebrated this week as it is midterm break.

Eucharistic Adoration May we respectfully remind those attending Adoration to sign in, using their initials or as "visitor", in order that we can have a record of attendance for the security of all, especially the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you. Experience peace and calm, in the Presence of the Lord, by calling into Eucharistic Adoration, between 10.30am and 10pm on Tuesdays.

NET Youth Team has arranged "Lite Fever" – 2 Holy Hours to take place in the church every Friday (except 21st February) from 5pm until 7pm. Please call in to the church from 5pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer, Music, Reflection, Quiet Time – the perfect way to conclude a busy week after work or after study. Everyone welcome.

The Liturgical Season of **Lent** will begin on **Ash Wednesday, 26th February**. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am; 10am and 7.30pm. Ash will be distributed at each Mass. Trócaire envelopes will be available in the church porch.

Day for Consecrated Life: This year, the Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated, in this parish, on **Sunday, 23rd February at 11am Mass**.

Parish Changes

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

Weekday Mass is celebrated in Booterstown at 7.30am from Tuesday-Friday inclusive (during school term time only) 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.

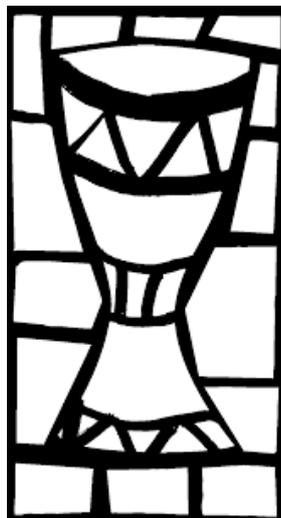
New Sunday Mass times in Church of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock: Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 10am and 12 noon. Saturday 11am.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The resources for the 2020 Women's World Day of Prayer have been prepared by women from Zimbabwe. The Service will take place in Monkstown Parish Church of Ireland at 3pm on Friday, 6th March. The service will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Faith Formation & Spirituality

The Faith Formation & Spirituality Group will host a series of four talks on Celtic Christian Spirituality on Thursday evenings, during Lent, in the McAuley Suite of the Pastoral Centre. The dates are March 5th, 19th, 26th and 2nd April, all talks at 8pm. (No talk on 12th March). The talks will be illustrated and feature some folios from the Book of Kells and some panels from the High Crosses of Ireland. 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. Just sit back and reflect as to the reality of this!** Will we have a priest resident in the parish to baptize our children and grandchildren? Who will perform their weddings? And, of concern to all of us, as we are all heading in the same direction.... who will celebrate our Funeral Mass? Will there be a queue for a celebrant? Is this the hour of the Laity? 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. Tim Nichols is the National Co-ordinator for the Tine Catholic Leaders' Network.

Jazz Soiree – 28th February at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre, Café area. Following a very successful concert last term, another Jazz soiree has been arranged. 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.

The Alpha Course continues on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. The theme this week is **Why and How should I read the Bible?** and on 26th February: **How does God Guide Us?**

The Frank Duff Prayer Group – invite you to join them and to attend their next meeting which will take place in the Pastoral Centre Meeting Room on **Thursday, 20th February, 10.30 am,**

Members of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will hold their next meeting in the Pastoral Centre on **Thursday, 27th February at 10.30am**

The next meeting of the **Caring Group** will take place on **Monday, 24th February at 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre. Members visit parishioners who are resident in nursing homes or who are in their own homes and would appreciate a visit. Please let us know, through the Parish Office, if there is someone you would know who would welcome a visit.

The Knitting and Stitching Group held a very successful inaugural meeting last Tuesday in the Pastoral Centre at 10.30am. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 25th February at 10.30am** in the Pastoral Centre Café. If you knit, crochet, or do tapestry, cross stitch etc, please join us for a cuppa and chat.



| <i>Priests of the Parish</i> | <i>Confessions</i> |
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| 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 |
| <i>Email & Website</i> | <i>Baptisms</i> |
| info@booterstownparish.ie www.booterstownparish.ie | Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon |
| <i>Mass Times</i> | <i>Marriages</i> |
| Saturday: 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm Sunday: 9am and 11am Tues - Fri: 7.30 (in term time) & 10 am | By arrangement, 3 months notice required Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593 |
| <i>Rosary</i> | (Mon - Fri: 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 – 10 pm | Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223 |