



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

1st March 2020

First Sunday in Lent

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 10.30 am in the Pastoral Centre. 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 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.

Annual Collection of Accord – the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, was taken up on 15/16 February. Many thanks to all those who supported the Accord collection which realised a total of €2,990.00. A cheque for this amount has been sent to Accord.

Do not lead us into temptation

Lent is a Pilgrimage, a Journey, and it begins with Jesus being led into the wilderness of the desert by the Holy Spirit. The desert for the Jewish People is a very scared and symbolic place. It was in the desert that the Israelites encountered and experienced God. It was in the desert that God established the Covenant with them and said 'You will be my people and I will be your God.' But they grew tired, frustrated and impatient with God and built the golden calf and began to worship it rather than remaining faithful to God

On this, the first Sunday of Lent, Jesus willingly goes into the desert and there he will be tempted to turn his back on God in favour of power, wealth and fame. So, what will he do? Will he be like his ancestors and give into temptations or rely on God when he is offered, what on the face of it looks very attractive. His answer comes in three parts, all from scripture; Jesus has the courage and humility to turn to God when he needs help and strength the most; he does not rely on his own strength and willpower when tempted. He doesn't give up on God and God does not desert him. Our daily temptations may not be as dramatic as those of Jesus, but they are no less real or dangerous. Ours are more than likely to be far more ordinary and subtle. We will have another cigarette, another glass of wine, we will do or say something that we know to be wrong in order to protect ourselves. These may start out as small temptations, but in the end they all add up. When we are tempted, we have two choices; to rely on our strength or humbly turn to God as Jesus did and ask for help. God did not abandon Jesus and neither will God ignore us when we ask for help.

Br. Michael Moore OMI

Liturgy Notes: Eucharistic Adoration . During Lent we are called to Prayer. Why not make Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays, during Lent your Prayer Space? Experience peace and calm, in the Presence of the Lord, by calling into Eucharistic Adoration, between 10.30 am and 10.00 pm on Tuesdays.

Information on novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) - please see the HSE Information Sheet displayed in the church porch which is very helpful.

- Hand Sanitizers have been placed in the church porch and on the table near the Altar for Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Ministers of Holy Communion will hand-sanitize before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Holy Communion will be distributed into the hands only and not on the tongue.
- The chalice will not be shared with the Ministers of the Eucharist.
- Holy Water fonts will not be used.
- Hand Sanitizers have been placed in the Pastoral Centre also. Your respect and kind co-operation with the above arrangements is greatly appreciated

NET Youth Team has arranged "Lite Fever" – 2 Holy Hours to take place in the church every Friday from 5 pm-7 pm. Please note that Lite will not take place on 6th March.

World Day of Prayer – the resources for 2020 have been prepared by women from Zimbabwe. The Service will take place in **Monkstown Parish Church** of Ireland at 3.00 pm on Friday, 6th March. The service will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Pastoral Centre Activities:
Alpha Course will continue on Wednesday, 6th March at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. The theme for this week is **How Can I resist Evil?**

Boosterstown and Mount Merrion Men's Shed: meet weekly on Tuesdays after 10 am Mass in the Pastoral Centre Café. Please feel most welcome to join us over tea/coffee and chat any Tuesday. A donation of €2 towards the refreshments is appreciated.

Mount Merrion Historical Society, Mount Merrion Community Centre, present *The Untold Story of Richard Hayes: Codebreaker* - a gifted polymath and cryptographer will be presented by Mark McMenamin on Thursday, 5th March at 8.00 pm. Admission €4.00.

Minding the Mind – public lecture series 2020 will take place in St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan on Mondays 9th, 23rd and 30th March and 6th April 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. See poster in the porch.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Department will distribute bags next weekend, 7/8 March for clothes and household linen in good condition. The bags are flat packed, in an envelope, and will be available in the porch. Collection of the filled bags will be on 14/15 March.

Loyola Institute: welcome Professor John O'Callaghan, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame who will address the institute on the theme of *When Mercy Became Compassion*. Free public lecture on Monday, 9th March at 7:30 pm in the Loyola Institute,

Knitting and Stitching Group.

If you knit, crochet or do Tapestry, cross stitch etc, please join us for a cuppa and a chat. The March dates are Tuesday Mar 10th and Tuesday March 24. Don't forget to bring your project.



The Liturgical Season of Lent began on **Ash Wednesday**. At this time of the year we enjoy the extra daylight as the days grow longer. Our word "**Lent**" comes from "to lengthen" and was an old English word for Springtime. Lent is meant to be a positive journey of Faith and not just giving things up! Consider calling in to Eucharistic Adoration or attending the series of talks on Celtic Christian Spirituality. Trócaire boxes (enveloped) are available. In the church porch.

Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to collect their March/April rotas from the Sacristy.

Legion of Mary – Novena of Grace takes place from 4-12 March (the anniversary of the canonisation of St. Francis Xavier). The Novena Prayer will be recited after 10 am Mass each day and copies of the novena will be available in the church porch.

Parish Pastoral Council: has arranged that on 7th and 8th March parishioners and friends of the parish will be invited to call in to the Pastoral Centre, immediately after the Vigil Mass; 9.00 am Mass and 11 am Mass and visit the Café area where each parish group and ministry will have a representative available to speak about the work of their parish ministry or group. A number of the groups are seeking new volunteers and some groups seek occasional help for additional tasks at certain times of the year. Sheila O'Malley will speak at each Mass about this.

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 **8 pm**. (**No talk on 12th March**). The talks, which will be given by Stacia Davey, will be illustrated and feature some folios from the Book of Kells and some panels from the High Crosses of Ireland. All welcome.

Lenten Prayer: O God of the Poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth who are so precious in your eyes. God of Love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth. God of Mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you. Amen.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
	086 8220956	After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
Mgr. Seamus Conway, Boosterstown Ave.	Pastor Emeritus	Other times by arrangement with parish clergy
	Tel. 01 288 2889	Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@boosterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boosterstownparish.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 and 11.am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<i>Tue- Fri:</i> 7.30 & 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
<i>Rosary</i>		(Tue - 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 – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223