



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

8th March 2020

Second 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: members of the local conference are taking up the monthly collection, in aid of the society, in the church grounds after Mass today. **Annual Clothing Appeal in aid of St. Vincent de Paul clothing section:** Distribution bags will be available in the church porch this weekend. Please take a plastic bag from the box in the church porch and fill it with good quality clothing, household linen or curtains. Bags may be returned to the church porch on the weekend of 14th & 15th March (not later than after 11 am Mass on Sunday, 15th March). Thank you in advance.

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.

Legion of Mary – Novena of Grace continues this week after 10 am weekday Mass and will conclude on 12th March.

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.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. It was also a moment of deep revelation for the disciples. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?



2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with God? Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.

3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?

4. After their special experience, the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?

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Liturgy Notes: 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. 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. Hand Sanitizers have been placed in the church porch and on the table near the Altar. Ministers of Holy Communion will hand-sanitize before and after the distribution of Holy Communion and it is recommended that you receive Holy Communion in your hand. Sanitizers have been placed in the Pastoral Centre also. Please respect the common good and follow these guidelines.

Adult Catechesis: will commence on Sunday, 15th March at 10.15 in the McAuley Suite—Fr. Gerry Kane will speak about "The Creed" and "The Apostles' Creed". The talk will conclude at 10.45 in time to attend 11 am Mass.

NET Youth Team has arranged "Lite Fever" – 2 Holy Hours in the church on Fridays from 5 pm-7 pm. Please call in any Friday, between 5 pm and 7 pm and spend time with the Lord. Quiet music/ soft lighting.

Pastoral Centre Activities: Continuing the “Know Your Parishioner” series: On Thursday, 12th March at 8.00 pm Professor Gerald Gillen will give a talk entitled “My Life in Music”. Professor Gillen is Emeritus Professor of Music, Maynooth University. He was titular organist in the Pro-Cathedral from 1967-2018, home of the Palestrina Boys’ Choir. Professor Gillen is currently Chair of the Irish Episcopal Commission Advisory Committee on Church Music and has given organ recitals worldwide. He has numerous publications to his name. If you wish to attend, please book with Adrienne at Reception or email centre@booterstownparish.ie

Alpha Course will continue on Wednesday, 11th March at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. This week’s topic is “Why and how should I tell Others?”

Booterstown and Mount Merion 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.

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. Poster in the porch.

Loyola Institute: 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, Room G16, Trinity College.

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.

Parish Office Telephone: remains at 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 Pasto-

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites you to call in to the Pastoral Centre Café area **immediately after Mass today** following the Vigil Mass; 9.00 am and 11.00 am Mass.

Coordinators of many of the parish ministries or groups, or their representative, will be present to meet you. They will engage with you if you wish to learn more about the work and ministry of a parish ministry or group. While you may not have the time at present, you might like to leave an expression of interest with the group coordinator – or you may wish to consider volunteering for occasional tasks such as delivering Easter or Christmas cards to homes in the parish, or assisting with occasional stewarding in the church at Christmas Masses. Volunteers to assist with some tasks in the Pastoral Centre will also be welcome. In some cases, groups are not seeking actual volunteers, but rather invite individuals to join them - for example the Rosary Group, Eucharistic Adoration, Meditation.

Christian Meditation Ireland (CMI): meets on a Monday evening from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Pastoral Centre (café area). Relaxing music is played from 7.00 pm. Those attending are expected to be seated by 7.30 pm. Meditation concludes at 8.00 pm. The leader is Eithne White.

Faith Formation & Spirituality Group: Statia Davey will continue the series of talks on Celtic Christian Spirituality on **Thursday** evenings, during Lent, in the McAuley Suite of the Pastoral Centre. The talks will be held on 19th, 26th March and 2nd April, all talks at 8 pm. (No talk on 12th March). The series will be illustrated and feature some folios from the Book of Kells and some panels from the High Crosses of Ireland. Everyone is most welcome to attend the series.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
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, Boooterstown 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
<i>Email & 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
Saturday: 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
Sunday: 9am and 11.am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O’Donoghue
Tue- Fri: 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