



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

15th March 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Annual Clothing Appeal in aid of St. Vincent de Paul clothing section: Collection bags were distributed last weekend. The bags must be returned to the church porch this weekend by Saturday. The church is closed on Sunday and Monday. Thank you in advance for your co-operation

Exercise and Stretch Classes for Seniors will take not take place until further notice as activities are not taking place in the Pastoral Centre until further notice.

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Tuesday, 17th March, the Feast of St. Patrick.

Packing and distribution of our parish Holy Week and Easter Card timetable. It is hoped to pack these cards and timetables this week after 10 am Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Café area of the Pastoral Centre. Protective gloves will be supplied and seating will be placed well apart.

Legion of Mary – Frank Duff Prayer Group will not have their meetings on Wednesday and Thursday at 10.30 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.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 4: 5-42

1. Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman. Recognize her resistance to growth, her complacency, her evasions, and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. When have you made a similar journey in your relationship with God? With others? With your own self?

2. The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but for a very human motive: the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw it from the well.

We too can be attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest: belonging, community, security. What have been the motives attracting you to faith, prayer, religion, church? In what way have these been stepping stones to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus? Perhaps we can also see the same movement in the growth of some of our human relationships.

3. You can also enter the story with Jesus, the ideal leader, parent, teacher, or spiritual guide. Notice how he meets the woman where she is, needing her assistance, how he is patient with her, but also challenges her to grow to what she is capable of.



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Liturgy Notes: Arrangements for Sunday Masses

Due to measures introduced by healthcare authorities limiting attendance at public indoor gatherings to 100 people, the following arrangements will apply in Booterstown:

Sunday: (including Vigil) Mass cannot be celebrated in public. The church will remain closed. Fr. Gerry will celebrate one Sunday Mass at 10.00 am behind closed doors.

Feast of St. Patrick, Tuesday, 17th March. Fr. Gerry will celebrate one Mass at 10.00 am behind closed doors.

These Masses may be viewed live on the parish Webcam. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie and click on webcam.

Mass at 7.30 am will be celebrated publicly from Tues—Fri incl.

Mass at 10.00 am will be celebrated publicly from Tues—Sat. incl.

The church remains open for quiet personal prayer should you wish to call in at any time during the day. The church is closed on Mondays.

Important: please remember to hand sanitise on entering and leaving.

NET Youth Team has arranged “**Lite Fever**” – **2 Holy Hours** which takes place in the church every Friday from 5 pm-7 pm. It is envisaged this Holy Hour can be watched via the parish webcam.

The Parish Pastoral Council was very pleased with the response to the “Weekend for the Promotion of Volunteerism for Parish Ministries and Groups”. Members of the Council remarked on the great atmosphere and sense of energy that was evident in the Café. We extend our deep appreciation to the coordinators and to members of the groups who gave their time, energy and talents to setting up their “table”. A sincere Thank you to those who were present on the stands before and after the weekend Masses to discuss the work of their respective ministries and groups. A number of groups received expressions of interest and/or names of those who would like to join. While you may not have time at present, you might like to consider volunteering for finite tasks such as delivering the forthcoming Easter Cards and timetable or assisting with occasional evening reception duties in the Pastoral Centre.

Faith Formation & Spirituality Group Series of talks on Celtic Christian Spirituality on **Thursday** evenings, during Lent, in the McAuley Suite of the Pastoral Centre. The Talks will not take place for the present.. The talks may be re-arranged for a later date.

Knitting and Stitching Group.

If you knit, crochet or do Tapestry, cross stitch etc, please join us for a cuppa and a chat. We will keep you advised as to whether this activity take place on **Tuesday 24th March.**



Parish Office Telephone: remains at 01 283 1593. **Email** info@booterstownparish.ie **Booterstown Parish Website** is regularly updated. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie
Facebook: follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with events in the church and with events, classes and activities in the Pastoral Centre.

Pastoral Centre Activities:

Alpha Course the final two sessions will not take place continues on Wednesdays, 18th or 25th March.

Booterstown and Mount Merrion Men’s Shed: meet weekly on Tuesdays after 10 am Mass in the **Pastoral Centre Café**. **It is hoped this small group might meet after 10 am Mass on 24th March, depending on how the situation evolves.**

COVID-19 Support Line for older People: **ALONE** has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Support line is open Mon-Fri 8 am – 8 pm by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. *This prayer may be recited with the intention of receiving Holy Communion when one cannot attend Mass and/or when one is viewing Mass on the webcam.*

Memorare: Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it know that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your protection was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you O Virgin of virgins, my mother,, to thee do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer, Amen.

| Priests of the Parish | | Confessions |
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| 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, Booterstown 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 |
| 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 11.am | | Parish Secretary: Thérèse O’Donoghue |
| Tue- Fri: 7.30 & 10 am | | Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593 |
| Rosary | | (Tue - 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 – 10pm | | Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223 |