



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in ordinary time

Welcome Back: It is almost a year since our last newsletter was published! With Lent approaching, the newsletter is the easiest means of publicising the various liturgies and resources which will be available. Some hard copies will be available from a table in the church and it will be on the website also. If you pick up a newsletter, **please take it home with you** and do not return it to the table for another parishioner or a visitor to handle. Thank you!

Booterstown Parish Website is updated weekly. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie to keep up to date with liturgical and parish news. Don't forget the **webcam** which broadcasts live the 10 o'clock Mass from Monday to Sunday inclusive. Thanks to technology, we have truly become a virtual parish community!

Confessions: Please contact Fr. Gerry Kane if you would like to make an arrangement to have Confession.

Parish Office Telephone: is 01 283 1593. **Email :** info@booterstownparish.ie The Parish Secretary is working behind closed doors from Monday – Friday, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm if you wish to book an Anniversary Mass, require a Mass Card or have queries we can assist you with.

St. Vincent de Paul: The monthly collection would normally be taking place this weekend. As this is not possible, envelopes, for this purpose are available in the church porch and contributions for SVP may be dropped into the Pastoral Centre letter box. Should you require assistance from SVP at this challenging time, please contact them in confidence 01-8550022.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Mark 1 : 40-45

1. Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.

2. 'If you choose, you can make me clean'. Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a positive influence on another?



3. Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracized being brought into family or community. Who was this Jesus person who helped this healing to take place?

The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were so filled with good news that you could not keep it to yourself.

Liturgy Notes:

Ash Wednesday: The Liturgical Season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, 17th February. Mass will be celebrated as usual at 10.00 am on the webcam. Unfortunately, it is not possible to 'physically' distribute Ash this year owing to the restrictions in place. The Liturgy Team suggests that you prepare your own "**symbolic Ash**" in advance of 10 am Mass – this can be Ash from the fire grate, some soil from your garden/window box or some compost from a potted house plant. Fr. Gerry will bless this over the webcam and you can make your Sign of the Cross on your forehead. **Ash from the church:** Small containers of ash will be available from the church between 11 am and 12.30 pm and between 2 pm and 2.30 pm if you wish to bring one home. A positive suggestion is to wear something "purple" or pin a black, home-made cross to your clothing on Ash Wednesday.

The Liturgy Committee, in conjunction with the Diocese, has plans to hold an on-line retreat for parishioners during the 3rd, 4th and 5th weeks of Lent. Small groups of 6 would meet on Zoom, led by a volunteer. It will only be possible to run small retreat groups on Zoom if there are sufficient volunteers available to facilitate each group. To assist the Liturgy Group in their planning, please email the Parish Office if you are interested in participating either as a volunteer to lead a group, or as a participant.

Accord is holding its annual appeal this weekend. The demand for their services is greater than usual at present. It is possible to donate on-line at www.donate.ie where you will find a “Donate” button. Some envelopes, provided by Accord are available in the church porch.

Trocaire’s Lenten Campaign:

This year’s Lenten campaign will explore the import of conflict on families in South Sudan. Through Trocaire’s resources we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Visit www.trocaire.ie

The Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre in the Diocese are presenting “**Let’s Live Lent**” on-line when they will bring the Gospels to Life. Join the Diocese for Pastoral Conversations on 5 Tuesdays, commencing Tuesday, 16th February at 8.00 pm-8.45 pm with the topics

- 1) Let it Go
- 2) Would you Lister to Him?
- 3) Song of the Sanctuary
- 4) Into the Light
- 5) Seeds of Hope

It is necessary to register for each session:

lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for older People: **ALONE** has 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.

Good News for the Thursday Morning Hospitality attendees: The Parish Centre Manager, Adrienne Hughes, successfully applied for a small grant from DLRCC. This will go towards the Pastoral Centre Thursday Morning Hospitality when a “Grand Reopening “ of the Café can be celebrated, post-Covid!

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) continues to meet monthly on Zoom. The council met on 9th February.

The PPC welcomes the appointment of Archbishop Dermot Farrell who has commenced his public ministry already with the celebration of Mass last Sunday in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballymun. The Archbishop’s Homily notes are published on www.dublindiocese.ie under the heading “Archbishop Homilies and Addresses”. The Archbishop has spoken about the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and of Confirmation and how he can understand the uncertainty that has arisen and how difficult it is to plan for the future. To alleviate the concerns, avoid doubt and so that people can plan accordingly, the Archbishop confirms that there will be no celebration of Confirmations in the Diocese before Easter. He wishes to allow time for the infection numbers to reduce, the schools to reopen, proper parish-based programmes of preparation for the Sacraments to be completed, and our churches to be once again open to public worship. When that happens, the priority will be to celebrate the sacraments for those children for whom that could not happen last year, then candidates for Confirmation, currently in sixth class and then children for First Holy Communion. Given the size of the church in this parish, it is likely that smaller, more intimate celebrations of these Sacraments will take place. The parish will, of course, be adhering to the NPHE guidelines of what is permissible

Anniversaries today: Hilda Godson and Declan Mannix, Iris Dowdall, remembering her husband, Cecil, Catherine Wyse, Margaret Brett, Des White and Anthony Breen.

Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who have died recently, including those whose Funeral Masses were celebrated in our church since January. Patrick (Addy) Murphy, Eamonn Hynes, Betty Mulleady, Marie Clifford, Maura Ryan, Conal Sills, Theo Kerkhoff and Mae Kelly.

Anniversaries next Sunday: Kevin O’Doherty, Ailsa O’Doherty (1st), Brigid Duff (5th); Joyce, Jimmy & Robert O’Sullivan, Muriel Roberts

| <i>Priests of the Parish</i> | | <i>Confessions</i> |
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| Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave. | Parish Priest 086 8220956 | 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 | | <i>Marriages</i> |
| <i>Mass Times</i> | | By arrangement, 3 months notice required |
| <i>Saturday</i> 10am | | |
| <i>Sunday</i> 10am | | Parish Secretary: Thérèse O’Donoghue |
| <i>Mon - Fri</i> 10am | | Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593 |
| <i>Rosary</i> | | (Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm) |
| | | Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586 |
| <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> | | St. Marys Boys School 288 6830 |
| | | Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223 |