



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

Second Sunday of Lent

28th February 2021

In brief: a limited number of newsletters are available from the table in the church. If you pick up a newsletter, **kindly take it home with you** and please 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.

Webcam Join our virtual parish community via the parish webcam which broadcasts live the 10 o'clock Mass from Monday to Sunday inclusive. If you are not free to join the livestream at 10.00 am, a recording of the Mass can be played back later on in the day, at your own convenience. The recordings are retained for about 24 hours and then deleted. Visit www.churchservices.tv/ChurchoftheAssumption/booterstown

First Friday Remembrance: On Friday, 5th March, we will remember at 10.00 am Mass the names of all those who are on the Altar List of the Dead. May they Rest in Peace.

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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

1. Some special spiritual experiences are well nigh impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times?

2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.

3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?

4. Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused?



Liturgy Notes:

Lent: The Liturgical Season of Lent continues and it is uplifting to see the number of people calling in to the church for a visit throughout the day.

The Stations of the Cross: introduced by Greg and Sheila, take place each Friday in Lent via the webcam, commencing immediately after 10.00 am Mass.

Acts of Love: St. Joseph the Artisan Church, Bonnybrook has shared this lovely resource, which is available on our website, www.booterstownparish.ie Entitled "Acts of Love for Lent, this is illustrated and offers a positive reflection for each day of Lent. Remember to

The Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre in the Diocese continue their presentation of "Let's Live Lent" on-line when they bring the Gospels to Life. Join the Diocese for Pastoral Conversations on Tuesdays, continuing on Tuesday, 2nd March at 8.00 pm (until 8.45 pm) with the topic "Songs of the Sanctuary". Register by email to

Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who have died and whose funerals have been celebrated recently including Niall Browne, Cross Avenue; Maura Ryan whose Month's Mind occurred on 25th February and Marie Clifford whose Month's Mind is 28th February. Please see overleaf for Anniveraries.

St. Vincent de Paul: If you need some support and assistance with expenses such as heating, medical expenses, shopping etc., the St. Vincent de Paul Conference members request that you make initial contact with their Head Office on 01-855 0022 and leave your contact details. The Head Office will arrange for a member of the Booterstown Conference to get in touch with you.

A Prayer for Hope I hope that I will always be for each person what he or she needs me to be. I hope that each person's death will diminish me, but that fear of my own will never diminish my joy of life. I hope that my love for those will never lessen my love for those whom I do not. I hope that another person's love for me will never be a measure of my love for him or her. I hope that everybody will accept me as I am, but that I never will, that I will be open to change. I hope that I will always ask for forgiveness from others, but will never need to be asked for my own. I hope that I will always recognise my limitations, but that I will construct none. I hope that loving will always be my goal, but that love will never be

Bridge @ 67 The organisers of the Friday Bridge Game are remembering, with nostalgia, the fact that this coming Friday will mark a year since their last Bridge game took place in the Pastoral Centre. They remember all "The Regulars" and hope that you are doing alright. We all look forward to a time when Bridge games, in addition to all the other Pastoral Centre activities, can resume in safety. We miss welcoming each of you

Anniversaries today: Lily Bryan, Dennis Whelan, Ellie Brennan, Richard Rainsford, and Noirin O'Hanrahan.

Anniversaries at this time: Charlie Nicholson (23rd); Therese Carrick (4th); Tommy & Edith Fox; John & Kathleen Kirwan; Mona O'Reilly (16th).

Sacramental Preparation: Archbishop Dermot Farrell 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

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2nd Class and 6th Class 2020: A reminder to parents and guardians that **the closing date** for enrolment for these Sacraments is **Sunday, 28th February** (today). Please register using the email address, as advised in the letter circulated from the parish schools, for this purpose.

World Day of Prayer: R.T.E.1 is broadcasting the national **World Day of Prayer** at 11.00 am on Sunday, 28th February (today). World Day of Prayer is actually celebrated on Friday, 5th March, and our parish was due to host this year's service for the surrounding Christian churches. The theme for World Day of Prayer this year is "Build on a Strong Foundation" and the service has been written by the Christian Women of Vanuatu, an island in the South Pacific. Their faith has carried them through Cyclone Pam and the Coronavirus pandemic. The republic of Vanuatu is a string of more than 80 islands in the Pacific Ocean to the North East of Australia. It was formerly the New Hebrides and achieved independence from France and Britain in 1980. The majority of its peo-

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	By arrangement with Fr. Gerry Kane
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@booterstownparish.ie		By Arrangement
www.booterstownparish.ie		Marriages
Mass Times		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
Saturday: 10am via web cam		
Sunday: 10am via web cam		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
Tue- Fri: 10 am via web cam		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
Rosary		(Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
Eucharistic Adoration		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223