



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday March 14 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

**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](http://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](http://www.churchservices.tv/ChurchoftheAssumption/booterstown)

**Parish Office Telephone:** is 01 283 1593. **Email** [info@booterstownparish.ie](mailto: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 a query that we can assist you wish.

**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. The series will conclude on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 pm (until 8.45 pm) with the topic “**Seeds of Hope**”. Register by email to [lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie)

### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 3:14-21

1. Jesus speaks of himself being *lifted up*, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus’ gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was a sacrament of God’s love for you.



2. It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being *lifted up* by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.

3. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God’s love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a ‘Jesus person’ and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God’s love?

**Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and 6<sup>th</sup> Class 2020: A reminder to parents and guardians that **Registration forms** for enrolment for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation have been emailed to parents and guardians. The Registration Form should be fully completed and returned by the final registration date, **19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 3.00 pm** to the email address listed on the form.

**Feast of St. Patrick – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mass** will be celebrated at 10.00 am and will be available on the parish webcam.

Many thanks to a thoughtful parishioner who arranged to make pamphlets, **St. Patrick’s Testimony**, available to the parish. Please take one of these lovely publications from the table in the church. It includes Extracts from St. Patrick’s Confession. Copyright is by Evangelical Catholic Initiative, Dun Laoghaire, [www.evancat.org](http://www.evancat.org) The leaflet includes the following prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. Please forgive me. I now turn from everything which I know is wrong. Thank you that you died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. I now receive that gift. Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever as Saviour and Lord of my life. Thank you Lord Jesus. Amen.

**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. The **usual outdoor monthly collection** in aid of SVP cannot take place this weekend, however you may contribute by taking a pre-printed envelopes from the church porch, enclosing your contribution and dropping it into the Pastoral Centre letterbox.

**Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards:** are available from Reception, Pastoral Centre and from the Parish Office. Please phone in advance to arrange collection. Payment can be made using the Donate button on the parish website, the card machine in the Pastoral Centre or with cash. For those who may not wish to send a Mass card, we have some beautiful **sympathy cards** available. A thoughtful gesture could be to send a Sympathy card to a bereaved person and let them know that you lit a candle at one of the church shrines for their Loved One.

**Easter Cards and timetables:** these have been received from the printers and we are in the process of packing and making up bundles for delivery. If you can assist with packing and/or with the delivery of the cards, on your road or in your apartment complex, please contact Adrienne in the Pastoral Centre 01-441 9303 or Therese in the Parish Office at 01-283 1593. Cards may be collected on Thursday 18th or Friday 19 March 10.30 am-1pm.

**Anniversaries Sunday 14th March at 10:00 am Mass:** Neal Montgomery, Dara Fitzpatrick (4<sup>th</sup> A);

**Anniversaries at this time:** John Bird, William Creaven, Bridie Cahill (40<sup>th</sup>); May Lacey, James McDermott, Ellen McDermott and Marie McDermott, Kathleen Nugent, John Sheil.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** held their monthly meeting on Zoom during the week. Topics discussed were the successful pastoral outreach offering collection of Ash from the church on Ash Wednesday; the forthcoming celebration of Holy Week and Easter which will be behind closed doors for the second year and planning for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation which should have taken place in **2020**. The PPC discussed the future celebration of these Sacraments, which will be a partnership between home, school and parish. The schools will deliver the Catholic Primary Religious Education Curriculum, through the approved **Grow in Love** programme and prepare children to celebrate the sacraments. The parishes will have the responsibility to prepare the liturgical celebration of the sacraments. Both the school and the parish will support parents and guardians in nurturing the faith of their children within the context of the Community of Faith. Archbishop Farrell recently wrote a letter to all Principals and Boards of Management of Primary Schools extending his greetings and good wishes and acknowledging the great efforts of the school communities in providing education and support for children and their families when the public health guidelines required them to close their doors. Fr. Gerry and Marion reported on a recent Deanery meeting which addressed the age profile of priests in the diocese and the crisis in vocations to the priesthood. Forthcoming Information session on Zoom for Compliance and Good Governance for parishes in order to comply with the Charities Act.

**Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers on Mothers' Day** Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

**Rest in Peace:** We pray for all those who died recently, including May Moore, Glenomena Grove; Una Major, South Bend, Indiana; Rev. Dr. Eoin Cassidy, late of Haddington Road Parish and the Mater Dei Institute; and Paddy Darcy, Gorey.

**Month's Mind:** We remember Barbara Leonard, whose Month's Mind occurs today.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	By arrangement with Fr. Gerry Kane
<i>Email &amp; Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@booterstownparish.ie		By Arrangement
www.booterstownparish.ie		<i>Marriages</i>
<i>Mass Times</i>		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
<i>Saturday:</i> 10am via web cam		
<i>Sunday:</i> 10am via web cam		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<i>Mon - Fri:</i> 10 am via web cam		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