



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

7th March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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

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** in-fo@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 with.



Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 2: 13 –25

1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.

2. But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others).

3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.

4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?



Liturgy Notes: Lent: The Liturgical Season of Lent continues and it is uplifting to see so many 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 visit this site daily for an uplifting message – which is so important for us at this time.

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, 9th March at 8.00 pm (until 8.45 pm) with the topic "Into the Light". Register by email to lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

Rest in Peace: We pray for all those who have died and whose funerals have been celebrated recently including Mary Butler, Dornden Park.

Month's Mind: We remember Theo Kerkhoff, whose Month's Mind occurs today and whose birthday would have been on 8th March.

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.

Good News: We hear very positive reports from parishioners who have received their Vaccine, Part 1 and have already been notified of the date for their 2nd dose. Reports are of efficiency and a warm and reassuring welcome. While some people unfortunately had their date postponed, we did not hear about too many of these – so hopefully we have more certain times ahead.

We send warm

Congratulations to:

Donal Ó Colmain who celebrates being 96 years young today!

Archbishop Dermot Farrell celebrates the 3rd Anniversary of his episcopal ordination as Bishop of Ossory on 11th March and on Saturday, 13th March, Pope Francis will celebrate the 8th Anniversary of his election as Supreme Pastor of the Church. What wonderful leadership and compassion he has shown during this pandemic. May he continue to be blessed with good health and courage during this time.

Anniversaries today: Marie Kenny and Gerry Kenny; Patrick & Carmel Canny; John Grace (1st A); Brian Mathews (11th A).

Anniversaries at this time: Felix Quinn, Zebedee Massey (13th A); Seamus Keenan (3rd); Rita Mulligan (14th A).

Sacramental Preparation: Archbishop Dermot Farrell has contacted parishes in relation to some matters which required clarification:

The **Sacrament of Baptism** must be celebrated only in exceptional Circumstances, that is in danger of death.

Level 5: under current restrictions all religious services continue to take place on-line. In the interest of health & safety, priests and parishes ought not to succumb to requests to distribute Holy Communion before or after Mass, in or outside churches. Drive-in Masses are not permitted as no gatherings of people outdoors or indoors are permitted. Holy Communion can only be distributed in the church to mourners attending a Funeral Mass, to those celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage and to the essential ministers that make celebration of Mass online possible.

Arrangements for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation should not be made until Government/HSE/diocesan guidelines indicate that it is safe to do so.

Churches remain open for private prayer only, liturgies and devotions (exposition of the blessed sacrament, rosary, stations of the cross) can take place in closed churches, online only. Hopefully we will be able to return to public worship and the celebration of sacraments as soon as possible thus strengthening and supporting faith communities on our pilgrim journey.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2nd Class and 6th Class 2020: Registration forms for enrolment for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation have been emailed to register your child for First Holy Communion 2020 or Confirmation 2020. It can happen that an email may go to your spam mail, so please check that. **Closing date: for registration 19th March 2021 at 3.00 pm**

The Comfort of Others

Companion of the Suffering, the touch of your embrace comes to be in the gift of those who stand with me. How grateful I am for the compassionate ones who wrap me in their care, and console me with their kindness. Source of all Love, what encouragement is mine in those you have given me. Thank you for their thoughtfulness, their patience, their empathy. When they stand with me, I know in a certain way that you have not abandoned me. *Joyce Rupp*

<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 & 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>Tue- 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