



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

28th March 2021

Passion (Palm) 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.**

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

Confession: Please make initial contact with Fr. Gerry to make an arrangement.

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 wish.

Sunshine Fund: The Annual Advocate collection, due to take place annually on Palm Sunday, has unfortunately been cancelled. The Advocate Team will be very appreciative if those who would like to contribute can donate online at www.sunshinefund.ie The fund provides annual holidays for children & young people who, otherwise, would not have the benefit of a holiday.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

1. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

4. For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?



Liturgy Notes for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday is celebrated today. Palm crosses, blessed at 10:00 am Mass, will be available for collection in the church during the day until 5:00 pm. The crosses will be individually laid out on the benches in the church. Please handle one cross only and take it home with you.

Mass at 10.00 am will be celebrated on Monday-Wednesday, 29th – 31st inclusive. No morning Mass from 1st -3rd April inclusive.

Lenten Penance Service will take place, behind closed doors, on **Monday, 29th March following 10.00 am Mass.** The webcam will remain switched on after Mass, and we invite you to keep your smart phone, I-pad etc switched on following the Final Blessing. The **Penance Service** resource is available on the parish website www.booterstownparish.ie

Chrism Mass: Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the Chrism Mass in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral on **Wednesday, 31st March at 7.30 pm.** Following the current Pandemic restrictions and health guidelines, only a very small number of people will be physically present. You may wish to join in this celebration via webcam (www.procathedral.ie). During the Mass Archbishop Farrell will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and will consecrate the Holy Oil of Chrism for use in the sacraments throughout our Diocese in the coming year.

Rest in Peace: Denis O'Brien, South Bend, Indiana; Terry Culbert.

Anniversaries today: Nance Costello (2nd), Monena Nagle (2nd), Frank Reidy, Jim Carroll.. Hettie Rossiter.

Anniversaries at this time: Katherine Beryl Conroy (1st); Patricia Trueick, Thomas Lyng, deceased members of the Newport Family, John Lohan, Connell O'Brien.

Alpha Course is available on Zoom for those who would like to participate. Please give you name to Fr. Gerry or to the Parish Secretary if you are interested.

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 do 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 have lit a candle at one of the church shrines for their Loved One.

Age and Opportunity: are inviting people to take part in their FitLine initiative. FitLine is a volunteer telephone line designed to help older people who want to feel a bit healthier, but perhaps don't have the motivation, confidence or information on where or how to take that first step. The service is completely free.

Those who are interested are invited to **free phone 1800 303 545** or email fit-line@ageandopportunity.ie. You can also visit the website at <https://ageandopportunity.ie/active/fitline/>

Liturgy Notes (Continued)

Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated via the webcam at 7.30 pm on Holy Thursday followed immediately by Tenebrae, the resource for which is available on the parish website.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross for Families (Resource is on the parish website if you wish to download a copy) is at **12:00 noon** and will be led by Marion Simpson and Máirín Benson. The Stations will be on the parish webcam. **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion** will take place at **3:00 pm** and will be on webcam. **Easter Vigil:** will be celebrated at 8.30 pm and will be available via the parish webcam.

The Holy Week and Easter timetable has been distributed to all homes in the parish. Additional copies for visitors and for those who live outside the parish boundaries are available (enveloped) on the table at the back of the church. The timetable is on the website. Adrienne and Therese extend their sincere appreciation to all those who assisted with the marathon task of packing the Easter Cards, timetable, and Easter Dues envelopes. We are very grateful to the volunteers who delivered the envelopes to all homes in the parish.

St. Vincent de Paul: If you need some support and assistance with expenses such as heating, medical expenses, school 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.

Reflection for Good Friday: The clear light of day grew black – the sun expired! The stars appeared and against the blackness they flickered like emeralds. Then came a noise like thunder and they were extinguished. Disconsolate, the moon disappeared. The earth shook. The seas, the lakes and rivers boiled, the grasses of the fields trembled. The oak-wood rustled. The forests bowed down. The apple blossom shook and the catkins of the birch tree. The dry stump snapped. Prostrate, arms outstretched in the shape of a cross...the Mother of God lay at the foot of the cross. *Aleksej Remizov*, Good Friday People, Sheila Cassidy.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane	Parish Priest	By arrangement with Fr. Gerry Kane
52 Booterstown Ave.	086 8220956	
<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