



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 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** 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.

Month's Mind: Vera Lanigan and Monica O'Byrne

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 15:1-8

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships

- o with God
- o with your friends
- o with your family
- o with communities or groups to which you belong?

2. Over the past year our usual relationships have been disrupted by coronavirus restrictions on social gatherings. How has this impacted on your family, parish, and other groups to which you belong? What creative ways have you, and others, devised to keep your social life alive?

3. In **THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL** Pope Francis wrote 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?

4. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.



Liturgy Notes:

Novena to St. Joseph the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker is celebrated on 1st May. Members of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society have arranged that a Novena is recited at 10:00 am Mass (via the livestream) from 1st May to 9th May inclusive. The Novena Prayer has been uploaded to the parish website and copies are available at the back of the church. Many thanks to the members of the Altar Society for adorning the Altar of St. Joseph in honour of his novena.

Feast of St. Philip and St. James: Monday, 3rd May is a public holiday. Mass, at 10.00 am will be celebrated via the parish webcam, as usual. The Feast Day of St. Philip and St. James, the apostles, is celebrated on Monday, 3rd May. St. Philip asked "to see" and, having seen, he tells the good news to others. He was born at Bethsaida. St. James, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62. We extend our warm wishes to Rev. Gillian Wharton and her parishioners in our neighbouring church of St. Philip and St. James on Cross Avenue as they celebrate the feast day of their church.

Recently Deceased: Sr. Una Dempsey, O.P., Sion Hill; Mary Pryce, Merrion; Aidan Tuffy, Co. Clare, Raymond Kelly, Philadelphia, Andrew Woods, Jim Hanlon, John Flannery, Thomas Fahy.

Task Force is the Diocese:

Archbishop Farrell attended the first meeting of the Task Force on a Church for the Dublin Archdiocese of Tomorrow which he has established under the title “**Building Hope**”. The task force is made up of 14 individuals, clergy and lay, male and female, and some consultants, who have a wealth of experience between them. The Archbishop has asked the task force to present an interim report by the end of June and to conclude its work by the end of the Summer. The terms of reference the Archbishop has given to the task force begin with an assessment of the needs of the people of the diocese emerging from Covid 19.

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. The local conference is most appreciate of donations.

Age and Opportunity: invite people to take part in their Fit-Line 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 fitline@ageandopportunity.ie You can also visit the website at <https://ageandopportunity.ie/active/fitline/>

Lectio Divina: we would like to establish whether there is interest in participating in Lectio Divina. Initially, this would have to take place on Zoom but, when the current restrictions lift and it is possible to meet in person, Lectio Divina could take place in the Pastoral Centre. Please email or telephone the Parish Office if you would be interested in participating. **Lectio Divina** (literally *Holy Reading*) is sometimes referred to as the Benedictine method of Holy Prayer. It was practiced by Christians long before St. Benedict (c 480-550), however by the Middle Ages it had evolved in to the method practised today which comprises 4 stages: Lectio (reading), Meditatio (meditation), Oratio (prayer) and Contemplatio (contemplation). Parish Office 01-283 1593

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.

CHY3 Forms were sent out in the post recently to some parishioners and we are most grateful to those who have completed and returned their form. If you are concerned that you did not receive a form, it is because we already hold a form on file for you. The recent forms were addressed to those whose forms were held since 2014 and need to be updated in order for the parish 2020 claim to be processed by Revenue

Archbishop Farrell has written to parishes and to primary school principals urging them not to be under pressure to set dates for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. There has not yet been clarification from the Public Health Authorities and from the Government as to when a return to public worship will be permitted. When clarification is issued, Archbishop Farrell will issue guidelines as to when celebrations of these Sacraments may take place.

Anniversaries at this time: Mary Ryan, Sidney McDonald, remembering his deceased wife, Maura; Wendy Vernon, Tessie O'Brien (1st A); Sean Murtagh, remembering his deceased wife, Bina; Robert Cathcart.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	After 10 am Mass & 6 pm Vigil Mass every Sat
		After 10 am Mass on Thursday before the First Friday
		Other 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		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		<i>Marriages</i>
<i>Mass Times</i>		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
<i>Saturday:</i> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
<i>Sunday:</i> 9am and 11.am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<i>Tue- Fri:</i> 7.30 & 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
<i>Rosary</i>		(Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Mon – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223