



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

9th May 2021

Sixth 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**. 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, when the church re-opens for Mass will continue to broadcast live the 10 o'clock Mass from Monday to Saturday inclusive, and Sunday Mass at 9 and 11 am. If you are not free to join the livestream, 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

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.

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

We extend our sympathy to the parish of Mount Merrion on the death of Canon Ardlie MacMahon retired former Parish Priest of the Parish of Mount Merrion. R.I.P.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 4: 7-10

1. A commandment of love is something of a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another

- o a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife;
- o a wave from a friend;
- o words of comfort and affirmation

not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also, in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?

3. 'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are - chosen by Jesus to bear fruit through our love



Liturgy Notes:

Welcome back to the public celebration of Mass from Monday, 10th May at 10:00 am. We rejoice that we may begin again after more than four months of empty churches during times of Masses and religious ceremonies. Commencing on Monday, 10th May, we will be in Level 3 of restrictions and can welcome a congregation of 50 persons to daily Mass at 10 o'clock (50 in the church/50 in the Pastoral Centre) and to weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil at 6 o'clock and Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please God we can return safely and that the road to social recovery will be more secure now that the vaccination programme is well underway. We ask parishioners to exercise vigilance and respect for their fellow parishioners: please wear a mask, maintain 2 metres' distance from others, unless you share the same home, avail of the sanitizers and respect the rules of movement when attending the church as a congregation. We are again indebted to our kind "Guardian Angel Volunteers" who will ensure the health, safety and comfort of all those who attend daily and weekend Masses. We could not manage without you.

Recently Deceased: Deirdre Hegarty, Paul Vincent Montgomery, David (Daithi) O'Donoghue, Kenneth Rohan, José Maria Gonzalez Diaz.

Anniversaries today: Noreen Barry (1st A); Dennis Murphy (1st A); Willie Kelly, remembering his wife, Phyllis.

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. The public health advice is that ceremonies such as these should not take place at present, due to the continuing threat posed by circulation of the virus. Archbishop Farrell envisages that engagement with the public authorities will enable the position to be reviewed in due course.

Celebration of Funerals: Archbishop Farrell confirms the increased risk of transmission of the virus where families and communities come together following the death of a loved one. Therefore numbers at funeral services **is capped at 50**. Notwithstanding the increase in numbers permitted, funerals are still considered private family events and all notices re funerals should be clear about this.

Baptisms: We have not yet received permission to resume the celebration of Baptisms .

Weddings: Attendance at weddings is also capped at 50 people.

Congregational and Choral Singing in Churches is not permitted. Solo singing with an accompanist is permitted subject to compliance with the detailed guidance given to soloists.

We extend our sincere thanks to all those who have been sending in Easter Dues and/or Contributions to Parish Funds. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. In addition to these, some people are donating to the Sunday collections which have not been taking place. Fr. Gerry and the Diocese are most grateful for your constant and loyal, financial sup-

Volunteer Steward is needed for 10 am Mass on Saturdays. There are sufficient stewards for the other weekdays. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration Weekly on Tuesdays will resume on 11th May at 10.30 am and continue until 10.00 pm. Those who were already on the Roster of Adorers have been contacted, however the Eucharistic Adoration Team will be very grateful for some new volunteers to ensure that there will always be 3 or 4 Adorers present in the church throughout the period of Adoration. Visitors are most welcome to call in. There are some Adoration periods which require additional volunteers. These are: 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm; 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm; and 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. If you can commit to one of these times, please phone (01-283 1593) or email the Parish Office info@booterstownparish.ie giving your name and the preferred time period.

Rosters (updated) for Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion have been reissued by the respective co-ordinators and are available on the parish website and displayed in the church porch.

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 into the method practised today which comprises 4 stages: Lectio (reading), Meditatio (meditation), Oratio (prayer) and Contemplatio (contemplation).

Anniversaries at this time: James McGovern (1st A), John Joe O'Donnell (1st A); Maurice Duff (1st A), Mary O'Connor (5th A), Conn O'Malley, Mary Burke, remembering her husband, Barry;

Parish Office Telephone: is 01 283 1593. **Email** info@booterstownparish.ie The Parish Secretary & Pastoral Centre Manager are 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.

<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