



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

16th May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter Feast of the Ascension

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 continues to broadcast live the 10 o'clock Mass from Tuesday 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

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 past year has been very challenging for many people. Please do not hesitate to contact the Head Office of St. Vincent de Paul who will arrange for a member of the Booterstown Conference to get in touch with you in strict confidence.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this he commissioned them to bring the Good News to the whole world. Witnesses to the Good News do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement to us in this. The lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic prompted many to reach out to others in new and welcome ways.



To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?

2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?

3. The ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways. 'The Lord worked with them'. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?

Liturgy Notes:

We continue to welcome parishioners and visitors back to the public celebration of Mass and we rejoice in your presence in the church and the Pastoral Centre pod. It is great that we can meet again after more than four months of empty churches during times of Masses and religious ceremonies. Commencing Monday, 17th May, there **will not be a 10:00 am Mass on Mondays**, however you will be able to receive Mass on webcam from another church. Although we have returned to the public celebration of Mass, churches will continue to broadcast Mass on webcam for parishioners who might not be comfortable to return to the church just yet.

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil at 6 o'clock and Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please try to arrive in good time for Mass to sufficient time to be seated in the church or, if it is full, you will be directed to the Pastoral Centre.

Health and Safety precautions: Since the church has reopened for Mass, we are very impressed by the respect that those who attend show their fellow parishioners and visitors. Everyone is wearing a mask and maintaining their distance from others, (unless sharing the same home), and availing of the sanitizers. We are again indebted to our kind "Guardian Angel Volunteers" who ensure the health, comfort and safety of all those who attend daily and weekend Masses. We honestly could not manage without you

Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards: available at the Pastoral Centre Reception desk and from the Parish Office. Please phone in advance to arrange collection. Payment can be made using 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.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies for 2020 (and 2021) cannot take place until the Public Health Authorities authorise these celebrations. Archbishop Farrell is supportive of the Health Authorities in this respect.

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. Numbers at funeral services and weddings are **capped at 50**.

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

Facemasks must always be worn when entering the church for Mass, the Rosary, a private visit and Eucharistic Adoration.

Baptisms are not permitted at present however we hope to receive a positive update about this from the Archbishop by the end of the month.

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 with.

Eucharistic Adoration Weekly continues on **Tuesdays** at 10.30 am and continues 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 is a particular Adoration period which requires an additional volunteer: from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. If you can commit to this time, please phone (01-283 1593) or email the Parish Office info@booterstownparish.ie giving your name. If you wish to volunteer for another hour during the day, the Adoration Team will be delighted to hear from you and allocate you to your preferred time-period.

Recently Deceased: Veronica Hersey, Michael O'Rourke, late of Seafield Crescent, Laurence Keenan, also Peter Conlon (**for whom the 9.00 am Mass offered**).

Month's Mind Mass 11.00 am: offered for Betty Cusack who died on 13th April.

Anniversaries this weekend: Vigil: John McGeady & Margaret Breen.

9.00 AM Peter Maughan whose **10th (A) occurs on 17th May.**

11:00 Donal Hamilton.

11.00 AM John Taylor – **Birthday**

Remembrance

Anniversaries at this time: Joe and Maureen Mortimer, Evelyn Sheehan (4th A), Monica Costello, Bill Ronayne, Frank Cahill.

Lectio Divina: to date there is some interest in participating in Lectio Divina and it is hoped that it can go ahead. 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 as soon as possible 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).

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	By Arrangement with Fr. Gerry Kane
		Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
Email & Website		Baptisms
info@booterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.booterstownparish.ie		Marriages
Mass Times		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
Saturday: 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
Sunday: 9am and 11.am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
Tue- Fri: 7.30 & 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
Rosary		(Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Tue – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
Eucharistic Adoration		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223