



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Solemnity of Pentecost

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.

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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel John 15: 26-27, 16:12-15

1. Jesus recognized that his disciples were not capable of taking in everything at once. Wisdom about life comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right' answer at the 'wrong' time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth if it is to have any impact. Perhaps you can recall some occasions when it was the 'right' time for you to learn a truth about life. Remember your experiences of growth in understanding.
2. The Spirit can guide us to understanding in different settings. Understanding may have come to you when you were praying or reflecting on your life. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about or saw on TV. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom in life.
3. The Spirit also speaks to us through 'the signs of the times'. The church has lived through a troubled decade or two, and society has been through a turbulent year with the pandemic. How do you think the Spirit is speaking to us at this time?
4. Wisdom is handed on from person to person, and from generation to generation, within families, within communities, etc. Are there any particular gems of wisdom that you cherish from what has been handed on to you? What wisdom would like most of all to pass on to those close to 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. Please note that there is **no 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 continue to broadcast Mass on the 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 allow sufficient time to be seated in the church and, if the numbers in the church reach 50, you will be directed to the Pastoral Centre.

Request: Occasionally, if there is a number of Anniversaries booked for a particular weekend Mass, some parishioners may be requested to attend Mass in the Pastoral Centre, to enable the families who have booked an Anniversary Mass to be seated in the church.

Baptisms may not take place during the months of May and June in light of the most recent government health advice. We will be informed when the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation can resume.

Parish Office Telephone: is 01 283 1593. **Email** [in-fo@booterstownparish.ie](mailto:info@booterstownparish.ie) The Parish Secretary and the Manager of the Pastoral Centre 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. **House required for a short-term period** for a group of young, Catholic students who are currently studying in this area. Quiet life style. Reasonable rent. Please contact parish 01-283 1593.

Anniversaries at this time:
Louis Hughes (21st A),
Richard Hargaden (5th A)
John Meehan.

Recently Deceased: James Woods, Dorothy Collins, Fr. Christy Regan, O.F.M.; Kevin McCoy, Brigadier General Jimmy Flynn, Eileen Duggan.

Vigil: Thanksgiving Mass for the recovery of Joan Albert (2nd Anniversary of her illness)

Remembrance: (9:00 am) for Denis O'Brien, of South Bend, Indiana who died recently.

Anniversaries this weekend:
11.00 AM Joseph Clancy, remembering his wife, Schira;
Annual Remembrance Mass arranged by the Sion Hill Past Pupils' Union..

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**.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place weekly on a **Tuesday** 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.

Pentecost: the 50 days of Easter conclude today with the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Pentecost: I Was There:

I was there when Peter barred the door. I watched the others silent in the gloom, each pair of eyes so sad and far away, each saddened heart remembering the tomb. Then Andrew said, 'Remember on the lake, remember how he called my brother out'; and Peter said 'My heart was light and free, and half way there it sank with fear and doubt'; and now the voices rang around the room as others told a tale from days gone by of lepers healed, the mad man soothed and still, a new day dawning in a blind man's eye, of children loved, a Roman soldier's hope, a lame man filled with joy at new-found feet. And with their hearts brim full of joy and peace they ran and brought that message to the street. I was there when hearts were opened, gladdened and set free. I sat in silence in the upper room. Yes, I was there that day, and so was He. *(Reflection on Pentecost from "Grow in Love" 6th Class, published by Veritas).*

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: 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