



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 13th June 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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!

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 17th June until Thursday, 1st July, inclusive for annual leave. If you require a Mass Card, please contact Adrienne, the Manager of the Pastoral Centre at 01-441 9303 or email centre@booterstownparish.ie A parish newsletter will not be published for the remaining week-ends of June.

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

Eucharistic Adoration Weekly continues on **Tuesdays** at 10.30 am and continues until 10.00 pm. Adoration will take place on Tuesday, 29th June, the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles, but will not continue during the Summer months of July and August.

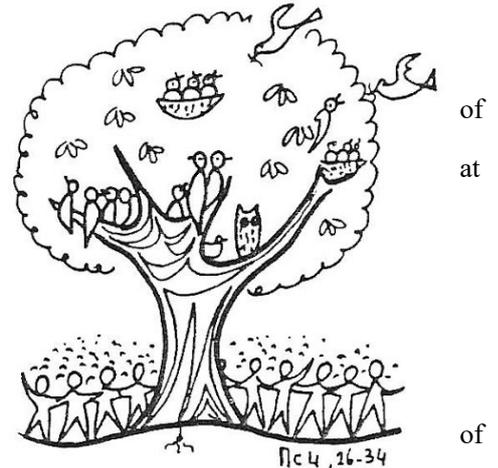
Confession: Please make initial contact with Fr. Gerry to make an arrangement.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Mark 4:26-34

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests. As we come out the Coronavirus lockdown you may have had the opportunity to rejoice the renewal of social life.

2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages such development in your life and give thanks.

3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'?



Liturgy Notes: Leaving Certificate Students 2021: we continue to remember the "Class of 2021" in our prayers as they sit their Leaving Certificate Examinations. The students and their families are remembered at daily Mass and on Sundays in the prayer of the Faithful. Archbishop Farrell wrote to all Leaving Certificate students, those who are going through the Predicted Grades System or sitting the written examination to wish them well and to extend God's blessings on them. The Archbishop's letter is published in the church porch and on the website.

Rosters for Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion: the most recent rosters are published on the parish website. Click on the section "Parish Groups", then click on Ministers of the Word or of Holy Communion. Copies are displayed in the church porch.

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.

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 **monthly outdoor collection** will be taken up after Mass this weekend. If you prefer to contribute by envelope, the SVP conference have placed some envelopes for this purpose in the church porch

Sunday Masses: Vigil at 6.00 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.

The Adoration Apostolate's Virtual Pilgrimage to Knock:

Earlier this year Pope Francis elevated Knock Shrine to an International Sanctuary of special Eucharistic and Marian devotion, placing it at the same level as Lourdes and Fatima. The Adoration Apostolate's Pilgrimage will take place on-line on Sunday 20th June at 2.30 pm (Rosary) and Mass will be celebrated at 3.00 pm. Visit Knock Shrine Live Stream- You Tube www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WMIT01ynVU

Recently Deceased: Dermot Gardiner; Jim Casey, John Coen, Mary Mooney. **Anniversaries this weekend: 9.00 am:** Maura O'Malley. **11:00 am:** Aiden Grennell. **Anniversaries at this time:** Clodagh Liddy (1st A); Tony McAuley. Peggy Claffey, Nancy Fahy, Martin Lonergan.

The Archdiocese of Dublin is in financial difficulty and Archbishop Farrell has recently written to parishes, acknowledging how communities and parishes have shown resilience and imagination in their responses to the challenges of the pandemic. He acknowledges that certain aspects of Church life have been severely impacted. One of these is parish finances. He further explains how the necessary restriction of public worship has profoundly affected the two essential Sunday Mass collections. The **first collection** supports clergy ministering throughout the diocese as well as sick and retired priests and priests working in other ministries throughout the diocese. **The second collection, the 'Share' collection** supports diocesan services to parishes, especially disadvantaged parishes. In the last financial year, the clergy collection decreased by 54% and the Share collection decreased by 65%. This year the situation is even more grave with a decrease of 80% and 86% respectively for the first quarter of 2021. This is not surprising given the character of the necessary lockdowns. The generosity of parishioners cannot be expected to address the deeper financial challenges which the Archdiocese faces. The Archbishop has therefore approved a proposal to hold a **new Summer Dues collection** to support the priests of the Diocese. This will follow the pattern of the usual Christmas and Easter Dues. The initiative of the Summer Offering will be launched on Sunday 20th June when Summer Dues envelopes will be available in the church porch. Your support for the clergy who continue to serve quietly week-in-week-out, while more and more demands are being placed on fewer and fewer clergy, is greatly appreciated. The full text of Archbishop Farrell's letter is on the church noticeboard and the website. Your generosity during these difficult times is truly appreciated.

Baptisms are not permitted at present Public Health advice is that special religious ceremonies, including First Holy Communions and Confirmations should continue to be postponed for the month of June. In line with the gradual re-opening of society, from 5th July onwards, these ceremonies, and Baptisms, may take place while complying with Covid-19 guidance, but ideally, where possible, should be re-scheduled for Autumn when it will be safer to do so. The Gov.ie Covid-19 website has been updated accordingly. Archbishop Farrell wrote to parishes on 2nd June. The Archbishop's letter is on the parish website and on the church notice boards. Archbishop Farrell appreciates that children and their families have been looking forward to celebrating these sacraments and that the postponement is upsetting, but the priority is to protect the child, their family and the wider community.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
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
<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> 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
<i>Rosary</i>		(Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Tue – 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