



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 25 July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In brief: a limited number of newsletters and Sunday missalettes are available from the table in the church. If you handle these, **kindly take them home with you** and please do not return them 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.

The Parish Office is closed for annual leave this week and it will reopen on 3rd August.

Sunday Missalettes: we have changed supplier, commencing on Sunday, 1st August and we hope you will like the new missalette, with larger print and the words of the hymns.

Webcam Join our virtual parish community via the parish webcam which continues to broadcast live the 10 o'clock Mass from Tuesday to Saturday inclusive. The Vigil Mass at 6 o'clock and Sunday Masses at 9.00 am and 11 am are also broadcast on webcam. 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

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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 6:1-15

1. At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life, with which Jesus feeds us. Can you recall an experience of Eucharist that was especially significant for you? What was it that made it different? How did it influence your understanding of the Eucharist?

2. Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?

3. From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?

4. Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?



Liturgy Notes:

August Rosters for Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion are available on the parish website, under the section "Parish Groups", then click on Ministers of the Word or of Holy Communion. Copies are displayed on the porch noticeboard.

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., 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.

Recently Deceased: Ann Simington, late of the Elms; Msgr. Conor Ward, retired, formerly of St. Brigid's Parish, Cabinteely; Sr. Marie Sheerin, I.B.V.M., Arizona; Ted Woolhead, Harold's Cross; Thomas (Tos) Quinn, Athy; Fr. Raymond Hickey OSA, Nigeria & Mt Merrion.

Vigil: Month's Mind: Moira Bergin, the Elms.

Vigil: Anniversary: Joe & Lillie Byrne, their granddaughter and Una Carraher.

9.00 am: James O'Donovan **11:00 am:** Adrian Ryan, anniversary and birthday remembrance.

Anniversaries at this time: Desmond & Freda Carroll, Barney McErlean,

St. Michael's Church Dun Laoghaire – Summer Organ Concerts on Sundays @ 8.00 pm A series of Organ concerts is taking place in St. Michael's Church, Dun Laoghaire on Sunday evenings throughout the Summer Admission is €15 / €10. The poster giving details of the soloists and the programme is displayed in the church porch. For further details, email dun-laoghaireorganconcerts@gmail.com or www.dunlaoghaireorganconcerts.ie

Lectio Divina: the group has decided to take a break for the Summer. It will resume in September and we extend a warm invitation to any parishioner who would be interested in joining us to do so then. Please contact the Parish Office initially.

The Impact of Covid-19 on Funeral Rituals and Practices in Ireland:

Public health measures to deal with the pandemic meant that bereaved families have had to adjust to dramatically different circumstances. An on-line research study is being conducted by the Centre of Mission and Ministries at the Pontifical University of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The survey can be accessed at: www.maynoothcollege.ie/covid-19-and-funeral-rituals-and-practices-a-study

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

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Tuesday 27th July as usual, at 10.30 am and continuing until 10.00 pm. Adoration **will not take place** during the month of August. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who committed to Adoration during the past months, since the church re-opened and also to those who answered the appeal recently to ensure there were sufficient Adorers during the month of July, as well as to those who increased their time commitment. We wish you an **enjoyable and safe Summer break.**

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations - are not permitted at present Public Health advice is that these ceremonies should continue to be postponed for the month of July at least. Parishes are obliged to comply with Covid-19 guidance from the Public Health Authorities and Archbishop Farrell continues to support the Government in their decision. The Archbishop understands that children and their families have been looking forward to celebrating these sacraments and this further postponement is very upsetting, but the priority is to protect the child, their family and the wider community from this new Delta variant which appears to be highly contagious.

Boooterstown Parish Hall: Many of you will have heard about or read of the shortage of school places locally for children with Autism and St. Mary's Boys' National School in Grotto Place urgently needs an Autism Support Unit. There is a ready-made solution available to the Department of Education in the Old Parish Hall, Grotto Avenue, adjacent to the boys' school. The parish has been in contact with the Department in relation to the purchase of the hall. As you can appreciate, negotiations are at a sensitive state, so ask you to please pray for a successful outcome.

Mass Stipends: You will appreciate that we are receiving more Mass requests at present than it is liturgically possible to celebrate within this parish, given that we have 5 weekday Masses and 3 Sunday Masses. Mass intentions for those whose names are included are often shared with others and read out at Mass. This has been the practice for quite some time.

Resources for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday, 25th July 2021

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25th July 2021 on the theme "I am With You Always" (Mt: 28:20). Please see a lovely resource for children which is uploaded to our parish website "Resources for Grandparents Day". Children can compose a prayer, colour, write about their grandparents and write a word of appreciation for life and love. Copies are available on the table at the back of the church.



| <i>Priests of the Parish</i> | | <i>Confessions</i> |
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| 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 |