



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday December 19th 2021

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Booterstown Parish Website is updated weekly. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie to keep up to date with liturgical and parish news.

St. Vincent de Paul: Members of the Society extend their sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to their indoor Annual Christmas Appeal last weekend in place of the Share (2nd) collection. SVP envelopes may be returned to the Sacristy, the Parish Office, or the Presbytery and these will be passed to the local conference. Additional envelopes are available in the church porch. It is possible to make contact directly, and in complete confidence, with the SVP by calling 01-855 0022 and a member will respond to you.

Webcam: You are invited to join our virtual parish community via the parish webcam which continues to broadcast live the 10 o'clock Mass from Tuesday to Saturday inclusive. Sunday Mass is also broadcast: Vigil: 6 o'clock, and Sunday at 9.00 am and 11 am. If you cannot watch 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

Stewards and Ushers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses Volunteers have kindly agreed to assist us to ensure the Health, Safety and comfort of all those attending Mass. Please respect the safety guidelines that are in place in terms of sanitising & social distancing.

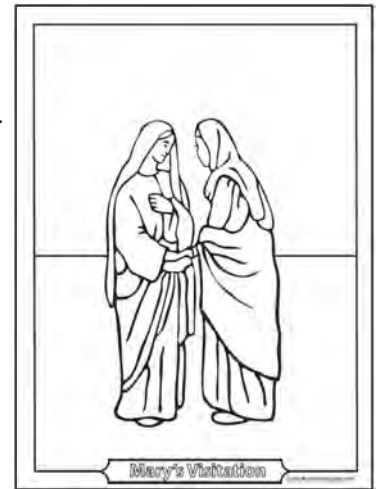
Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Luke 1 :39-44

1. The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb' is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy and birth is one of the most awesome human experiences. How have you experienced this for yourself or in someone close to you?

2. The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is a symbol of her willingness to look beyond her own needs to the needs of another. When have you witnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself?

3. Mary is praised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God's promises? What are God's promises that mean the most to you?



Mary's Visitation

Liturgy Notes:

The Liturgical Season of Advent continues today. The colour of the vestments, the Lectionary and the banners is purple. We light the fourth purple candle today which symbolizes **PEACE** and we re-light the candles of Love, Hope and Joy. Christ is the Prince of Peace, coming to reconcile us with God.

Memory tree tags are available at the back of the church. Please take a name tag, complete it at home and drop it into the "post-box" on the table at the back of the church. Members of the Altar Society will continue to hang the names tags on the tree during Advent. Please include all the names using both sides of the tag. This will ensure we have sufficient tags and tree space!

Advent Reflection O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, into the all the dark and dreary places of this world. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, into hearts that are broken and lives that are shattered. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, into sinful souls – my own included. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, bring to repentance all nations of the world. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, fulfil your promise of reconciliation. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, bring your healing love to all. Amen.

Recently Deceased: Brendan O'Malley, whose M.M. occurs (Vigil Mass)

9.00 am: Rita Moran

11.00 am: Pádraic Dillon (4th); Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh (7th); Sean Dunne (4th); Declan Burke (6th A); Anne Finlay, remembering



her parents, Daphne and Edward.

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur: Isabelle Hincker, Joe Connolly, Charlie Small (1st A), remembering his parents Gus & Joan and his brother Dan; Owen Mc Nally, Tom Devine, Gerry McNamara; Dan & Mary Cullen and their deceased relatives.

Christmas Dues: Fr. Gerry wishes to express sincere gratitude to all those who have sent in Christmas Dues! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Financial Contributions to

Boooterstown Parish: There are different means by which it is possible to contribute to the Running Costs of the parish. A Standing Order can be set up through your bank and a form can be emailed to you or collected from the Parish Office. It is also possible to contribute by cheque, payable to Boooterstown Parish. Another means of contributing is by the "planned giving" - this is by monthly envelope, enclosing a cheque or cash. If you would like to contribute in this way, a box of 12 envelopes for 2022 can be posted to you or taken from the box in the church porch., advising the Parish Office of the Box Number

Parish Christmas Cards/

timetables delivered in your area / apartment complex: We are sincerely grateful to all those who assisted with the delivery of Christmas Cards on their road or in their apartment complex. Thank you also to the very kind people who assisted with the equally marathon task of folding and packing and sorting the bundles of cards. We could not have managed without your help.

Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 10.30 am until 10.00 pm. Advent is a time for gentle prayer. It is a season that looks back and forward at the same time. We look back to the birth of Jesus in simplicity over 2000 years ago. We also look forward with hope to the unfolding of the kingdom of God as Jesus comes in tenderness and love to meet us face to face. What better time to reflect on this than at Eucharistic Adoration. **Eucharistic Adoration** will conclude on Tuesday 21st December and it will resume on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Many thanks to all our regular attenders and to the visitors who call in also.

Confessions: Fr. Gerry Kane and Fr. Anastasius Ezenwata are available, by request, to hear Confessions during the coming week.

Confessions in Merrion Road Church: on Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Christmas Masses in Merrion Road: Vigil: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm; 9:00 pm. Christmas Day: 8:00 am, 10:00 am; 12 pm

Public Health Guidelines: We respectfully ask that those attending Mass continue to exercise personal responsibility for their own health and safety and for that of their fellow parishioners: • Please wear a mask, • Please leave a metre space between yourself and the person sitting next to you, • sanitise your hands on entering the church and prior to Holy Communion, • when the church is full, you will be directed to the Gallery.

Important notice: due to the gravity of the current situation and in adherence to public health guidelines, latecomers to Mass cannot gain entry to the church, the gallery, or the Pastoral Centre once the celebration of Mass has commenced. **This will apply to Christmas Masses also.** Admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The doors will close when the church is full, similarly with the Centre.

Parish Hospitality: Thursday Morning Teas take place in the Pastoral Centre after 10 am Mass. Please feel most welcome to drop into the Pastoral Centre Café any Thursday morning and enjoy tea/coffee a biscuit and a chat! For the health and safety of fellow parishioners, please present your Covid Vaccination Certificate on arrival.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will meet on Thursday, 23rd December at 10:30 am.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane	Parish Priest	By Arrangement with Fr. Gerry Kane
52 Boooterstown Ave.	086 8220956	
		Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@boooterstownparish.ie		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
www.boooterstownparish.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