



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*First Sunday of Lent*

**Booterstown Parish Website** visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie) to keep up to date with the parish and with activities in the Pastoral Centre.

**Parent & Baby Group: Thursday mornings in Café 67** from 10.45 am – 12:00 pm. Call in for tea/coffee and chat. Meet other parents from the area and enjoying swapping baby stories!

**Newsletter** The Parish Pastoral Council agreed that a newsletter committee should be established to assist in the compilation of the weekly newsletter, in consultation with the Parish Priest, Parish Secretary, Liturgy Committee, Pastoral Centre Manager and parish groups, all of whom have newsletter items to contribute from time to time. If you are interested in assisting with the task, please let Therese or Fr. Gerry know.

**Therese's Retirement:** It was with mixed emotions that we heard of Therese's retirement at the end of March – we will miss her greatly and we wish her well in the next chapter of her life. The parish has organised the following when we can gather to say "thank you" to Therese. 1) **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March** in Café 67, after 10 am Mass; **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: 3 pm** Mass followed by a reception at 4:00 pm in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan. Parishioners need to register with Adrienne, Pastoral Centre reception, for this. Further details from Adrienne Hughes, Máirín Benson, Sheila O'Malley & Marion Simpson

**Seniors Exercise in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesdays at 10:30 am:** Gentle chair exercises with Conor every Wednesday. Find confidence in your movement. Increase comfort in sitting and lying down. Improve posture and balance. Reduce pain and anxiety. Free Introduction Class. For more information contact Conor Mulligan 086-839 1969 or Email: [mulligan.conor@gmail.com](mailto:mulligan.conor@gmail.com)

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

### Luke 4 :1-13

1. The temptations were a step for Jesus in his growing understanding of his mission and of his relationship with his Father. Can you look back at some painful experiences and acknowledge that you have grown through them, both in your knowledge of yourself, and in your relationships with others and with God? Give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit of God in these times.

2. Sometimes, as with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are tested by events outside our control. What did you learn about yourself during the pandemic? Is there some way in which you grew through the experience?

3. Behind each of the temptations in the gospel story is a basic temptation to lose trust in God. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on his Father. How have you come to recognise your life and the whole world as gifts from God?

4. One can enter into each of the temptations singly. There may be ones that you have experienced:

- the temptation to give priority to bodily needs and satisfactions
- the temptation to power
- the temptation to seek to be the centre of attention.
- How have you grown through wrestling with these temptations?



**Liturgy Notes: Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 10:00. During Lent, there will be an additional period of Eucharistic Adoration which will take place on **Thursdays**, commencing after Mass and concluding at 1:00 pm.

**Prayers for the forthcoming Synod:** May we remind you that every Friday, immediately following 10:00 am Mass, a short period of Eucharistic Adoration takes place, during which a decade of the Rosary and the Prayer for the forthcoming Synod are recited. It is important that we maintain our focus on the Synod, the success of which is very important for the Church.

**The Liturgical Season of Lent continues:** On Ash Wednesday, a large congregation attended Mass. We had not seen so many people attend since before the pandemic.; it is great to have a sense of life returning to normal. Fr. Gerry read aloud the words of Pope Francis, during his General Audience address last week, in which invited everyone to make Ash Wednesday a Day of Fasting for Peace in Ukraine. We continue to remember the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

**The Ceremony of Light** for the Confirmation Candidates from Our Lady of Mercy Convent School and St. Mary's Boys' National School will take place on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00 pm.

**Social Bridge returning soon!**  
Social bridge will resume in the Pastoral Centre at 2.00 pm on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. To register interest, please email [bridge67boot@gmail.com](mailto:bridge67boot@gmail.com) Registration is not essential; it is desirable for communication purposes. For further information, please see <https://bridgewebs.com/bridge67/home.html>

**Synodal Pathway Gatherings**  
We will host our Synodal Pathway Gatherings on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 from 9:45 am to 10:45 am** in Booterstown Pastoral Centre. Synod means “journeying together” and these gatherings will provide an opportunity to share and listen to each other’s experience of Church in an organized, respectful and prayerful manner. To learn more about the Synod, visit [www.dublindiocese/synod.ie](http://www.dublindiocese/synod.ie) where you will find information and videos.

**Parish Choir**

after a two-year absence, the Parish Adult Choir plans to return on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Rehearsals will commence at 10:15 in the choir gallery. Do come and join us. Newcomers will be welcomed



**Thursday Morning Hospitality and a Fundraising Event for the People of Ukraine:** A Tea/Coffee morning will take place **from 8:30 am until 11.30 am on Thursday, 10 March** in Café 67, the Pastoral Centre. The proceeds of the morning will be sent to the Irish Red Cross to enable them to buy food and medical supplies for the people of Ukraine. As Pope Francis said, his “heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine”. We hope that our practical help and our prayers will help in some small way towards relieving some of the hardship the people are enduring. If you cannot attend the morning, please call to the Pastoral Centre and tap your card, specifying that your donation should go towards the Irish Red Cross.

**We remember those who died recently:** Fr. John O’Connell, former Parish Priest of Holy Redeemer, Bray; Tom Moloney, Michael Barr, Anthony O’Loughlin, Clare; and Paul Dundon, **who is especially remembered at 9:00 am Mass.**



**Month’s Mind: At 11:00 am Mass** we remember Peggy Joyce who died on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Anniversaries: Vigil:** Martin Byrne (14<sup>th</sup> A); Dennis Whelan, Seamus Keenan, Therese Carrick (5<sup>th</sup> A).

**11:00 am:** Carmel & Patrick Canny; Maree Kenny (22<sup>nd</sup> A) & Gerry Kenny (9<sup>th</sup> A); Brigid Simpson.

**We remember those whose Anniversaries occur:** Carmel Creed (14<sup>th</sup> A); Felix Quinn and John Bird (4<sup>th</sup> A).

**Booterstown Parish – Post Covid:** We welcome the return of young people and their families to our church, as pandemic restrictions ease. **Formation** for children preparing for First Holy Communion will resume in the near future. It will take place in the Pastoral Centre for about 30 minutes, before 11:00 am Mass. **Active involvement** in the liturgy of 11:00 am Sunday Mass will be especially encouraged in the following ways:

- We are looking for young people of all ages to sing or play instruments in the Youth Choir. Please leave name, address & contact details with the Parish Office, attention of Faye Potts.
- Altar Servers are required. Please leave names & contact details with the Parish Office for the attention of Corinna Carrick.

We hope that each week **one family**, parents, children, grandparents etc. will act as Ministers of Welcome in the porch, read the Prayer of the Faithful, bring up the bread and wine in the Offertory Procession. Please leave names & contact details with the Parish Office for attention of Catherine Carroll. All activities are subject to strict Child Protection protocols & may only commence when the necessary requirements are fulfilled. The above activities will only take place if families volunteer to become actively involved. **Over to you!**

<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
Fr. Anastasius Ezenwata 087-092 1634		<b>Email &amp; Website</b> info@booterstownparish.ie www.booterstownparish.ie
<b>Mass Times</b>		<b>Baptisms</b> Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
Saturday: 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		<b>Marriages</b> By arrangement, 3 months notice required
Sunday: 9am and 11.am		
Tue- Fri: 10 am		
<b>Rosary</b> Tue – Sat at 9.40 am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O’Donoghue Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		(Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm) Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
<b>Synod Prayer &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</b> Friday after 10.am Mass—10.45am		St. Mary’s Boys School 288 6830 Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223