

## Boyle Family Resource Centre (Family Life Centre)

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**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** in Aid of Boyle Family Resource Centre. Draw will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. 3 lovely Hampers, lines €2 each or 3 for €5. Available during office hours every day.

**BOYLE FOOD PARTNERSHIP** : Community FEAD and Food Cloud. If you and/or your family need food, we distribute food through these programmes at the Centre. Please text the word FOOD + your first name to 0860496467 to receive details. Distribution times are: Monday & Wednesday 2.30pm-4pm and Friday 3pm-4.30pm. The Centre will be closed from Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> until Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> – there will be no Food Distribution during this time.

**FAMILY SUPPORT DROP-IN CLINIC** : A drop in confidential space for parents/families to call in & receive support & a listening ear about issues & concerns you may have about you &/or your children. Every Wednesday morning during the school term. 9.30am-12pm in Boyle Family Resource Ctr. An interagency project together with Boyle FRC, Foroige & Tusla.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS with Maura Doherty** : Has finished for Christmas holidays and resumes on 6th February, 2018 at 9.30am in Boyle Family Resource Centre. Cost: €3/donation Lekcja języka angielskiego z Maurą Doherty zakończyła się w Święta Bożego Narodzenia i wznowia się 6 lutego 2018 r. O godz. 9.30 w Boyle Family Resource Centre. Koszt: 3 € / darowizna

Cursul de limba engleză cu Maura Doherty a terminat pentru sărbătorile de Crăciun și se reia în data de 6 februarie 2018, ora 9.30, în Centrul de Resurse pentru Familii Boyle. Cost: € 3 / donație

**CHILDSPLAY** : Every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10am–12.30pm Cost: Donation. A chance to meet and enjoy being with parents/carers where children can play together in a child friendly environment. **Bazz Art** as part of Childsplay, Tuesday December 12th, 10am-11am sharp. All welcome.

**COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY**: Please contact Marie on 0719663000 or Maura on 0719663841. All our programmes and services are confidential and professional.

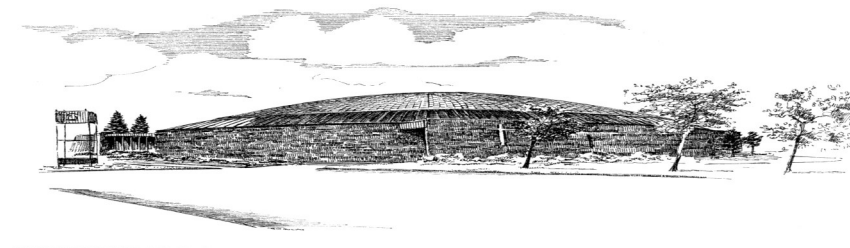
**BOYLE COMMUNITY CHOIR with Siobhan Cleary** :Join us for some musical song & fun, open to everyone and no experience required. We are focusing on Christmas Carol's at the moment. Monday afternoon's from 12.30pm-2pm. All welcome. Cost:Donation

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL ON ALL WORKSHOPS

Administration services at the Centre, photocopying, binding, scanning etc.  
For further information on any of our services please contact the Centre.  
Opening hours 9am-1pm & 2pm-5pm Monday to Friday.



## St. Joseph's Parish Newsletter Second Sunday of Advent 10th December 2017



### Sunday Mass Times

7:30 p.m. Vigil of Sunday & Eve of Holy Day  
9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Sunday & Holy days

### Weekday Mass Times

Monday To Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
Friday evenings only 7:30 p.m.



### Baptisms

Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (two weeks notice required)  
Application forms available from Sacristy

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10:25 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 7:00p.m. to 7:20 p.m.  
First Friday before all Masses

### Marriages

Minimum 3 Months Notice

### Parish Contact Numbers

Rev. Gerry Hanly P.P. ....96 62218

Rev. Tito Abuda C.C. ....96 62012

Parish Office & Sacristy .....96 62643      9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**24hr Emergency Number 086 8262643**

Parish e:mail [stjosephsboyle@eircom.net](mailto:stjosephsboyle@eircom.net)

Deadline for Newsletter notices is 12.00 pm Thursday.  
All notices to be left in to the Parish Office located at the Sacristy.

We are surrounded these days by the commercial ‘circus’ of Christmas shopping and ‘getting ready’. It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000 years ago who had a very special delivery. The story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for? Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing.

Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: ‘Where do I see God being born around me today?’ In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart? Have a more ‘aware’ Advent. Be mindful in all you do. Be aware in your rushing, be aware as you stand in that queue, be aware as you eat, be aware of your feelings, be aware of your thoughts.

By watching all of this we become more awake, more able to recognise our true selves and more able to see God being born continuously each day within us and around us. Our awe and wonder grows and we can be prepared for the coming of the Gift himself. How we prepare determines what will be.

(Jane Mellett)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR 16TH / 17TH DECEMBER:**

**7.30 p.m.** : Michael Costello, Alan Deane, Bridie Farrell, Pat Gannon

**9. 30 a.m.** : Teresa O’ Dowd, Melissa Beirne, Yvonne Bonnici

**11. 30 a.m.** : Amy Commons, Kathleen Cregg, Kathleen Candon, Catherine Davitt

*New Eucharistic Ministers Rota available from the Sacristy*

**READERS FOR 16TH / 17TH DECEMBER :**

**7.30p.m :** Gabriel Lavin

**9:30 a.m. :** Bernie Kemple

**11.30a.m. :** Noel Kennedy

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30p.m. in St. Joseph’s Resource Centre.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** The annual collection to replenish the funds for the local conference will take place at all Church doors at all Masses on this weekend **December 9th and 10th**

**Ecumenical Carol Service:** The Annual Ecumenical Service will be held here in St. Joseph’s Church on Thursday next 14th December at 8p.m. A collection in aid of Mayo / Sligo Hospice will take place.

**Penitential Service:**

Our Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will take place on Sunday 17th December at 7p.m.

**Christmas Reflection:**

Christmas Reflection on Thursday 14th December at 8p.m. In Galilee Community. ‘Christ the Saviour is Born’. Prayer and Refreshments. Contact : 071- 9664101

**New Church Lighting :**

A work in progress—some of the work is completed, lights shining on the walls are not complete and also some of the outside lighting. All will be completed in the New Year as we are waiting for some fittings.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Nora and Fank Hughes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	John Joe Mc Kenna
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Delia and Johnny Tivnan and Molly O’ Hara
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Michael Mc Dermott
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.00a.m. 7.30p.m.</b>	Maureen Heeran John Egan Seamus O’ Gara Margaret Lee, Phyllis Holder and Rita Gawley Bertie and Eileen Devine and Deceased Family Members Alice and Tom O’ Dowd
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Helen Scanlon (Months Mind)
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.30p.m.</b>	Paddy and Lily Mc Keon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Mary Henry, Annie and Jim Doddy

**Tawnynaskin Community Centre:**

Angela East Flower Arranging Night on Friday December 15th at 7.30p.m. This year will have a Christmas Party Theme. Ticket only event and they are on sale in ‘Adam’s Apple Fruit and Veg’, ‘The Bazaar’, Bridge Street. Also available from Ann or Mary on 086-8130005 and 085-1618420 and cost €10 which includes food etc. A great night assured.

**5k Fun Run/Walk:**

A 5k Fun Run/Walk in aid of children with Autism, will take place [on Wednesday 27/12/2017 at 2pm](#) in Lough Key Forest Park. Rapid Prompting Method Ireland Ltd. is a charity which is supporting Education and Communication to those living with Autism. Registration [from 1.30pm](#) 10€ for Adults, 5€ for Children, 20€ per Family. For more information please contact Majella on [086-8123594](#)

**Boyle Community Tennis Association :** would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to our Chuch Gate Collection last weekend. We are planning an open day at the Tennis Club in Spring 2018 and we invite you to come along and see here your donations are going. We hope to give a taste of future plans for the Tennis Association. More information nearer the event.

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND:** Is an Irish run Catholic Talk-Radio station. Their mission is to help spread the Gospel message of Joy, Hope, and Charity with a mixture of Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting sacred Music, Talks, Interviews ,and Testimonies- all commercial free. The station is on air 24/7. RADIO MARIA IRELAND IS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD free by App RADIO MARIA WORLD FAMILY to your phone or tablet. Free STREAMING just click LISTEN LIVE on [www.RadioMaria.ie](#). You can also hear it directly on phone no 01/4373277 for the price of a phone call. Also [www.radiomaria.ie](#)

**Advent Scripture Sharing Groups:** Reflections available to download @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/advent](#) and other prayer booklets available from Justin Harkin @ 087 6171526 / [justin@elphindiocese.ie](#)

**Offertory Collection** amounted to €2511.94 Sunday 3rd December. Thank you