

# Boyle Family Resource Centre

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**Boyle Family Resource Centre  
wish You and Your Family  
a Very Happy and  
Peaceful Christmas  
& Best Wishes for the New Year.**



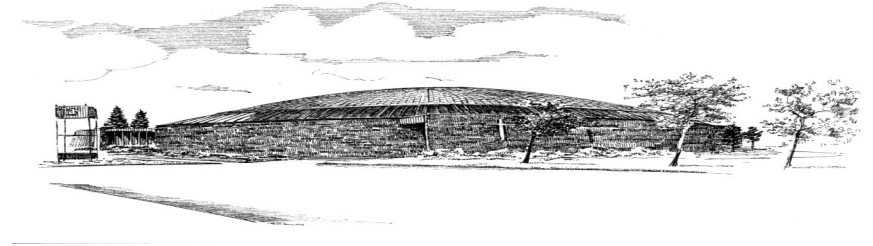
**The Centre will be closed from 1pm  
on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December until  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 9am**

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## **St. Joseph's Parish Newsletter Third Sunday of Advent 17th 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.*

### Light and Darkness

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again today, and in this account, from the fourth gospel, we hear John's voice and his testimony about Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light-bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'rejoice'; we light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. It might be a good opportunity to ask today: 'who have been the light-bearers on your own faith journey'? Who testified to the Light of God and passed the torch on to you? We thank God for them.

Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church ... We become cynical and settle for mediocrity. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light ... teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend ... they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome. (Jane Mellett)

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR 23RD / 24TH DECEMBER:**

**7.30 p.m.** : Geraldine Garvin, Eugene Halligan, Patricia Harrington, Breege Mulryan

**9.30 a.m.** : Kathleen Brennan, Maeve Brennan, Andrew Carr

**11.30 a.m.** : Martin Dolan, Nonie Lavin, Eamon Mullen, Betty Mc Dermott

#### **READERS FOR 23RD / 24TH DECEMBER :**

**7.30p.m :** Maree Millet

**9:30 a.m. :** Marie Mc Namara

**11.30a.m. :** Bernadette Mc Carrick

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.30 p.m.** : Danny Mulryan, Geraldine Mc Dermottroe, John Joe Mc Guinness, Regina Mc Loughlin, Maeve O' Reilly

**9.30 a.m.** : Breege Donoghue, Pauline Feely, Carmel Keenan, Marian Dwyer

**11.30 a.m.** : Mary Regan, Pamela Nutley, Carmel Regan, Brian Scanlon, Yvonne Shannon

#### **READERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY :**

**9:30 a.m. :** Mary O' Connor

**11.30a.m. :** Danny Tiernan

#### **Christmas Penitential Service:**

Christmas Penitential Service will be held here in St. Joseph's Church on today Sunday 17th December at 7p.m.

#### **Christmas Mass Times:**

**Christmas Eve at 9.30p.m.**

**Christmas Day at 9.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.**

**Tuesday 26th December Mass at 12 noon.**

#### **Area Collector's:**

Area Collectors are kindly asked to collect envelopes for Christmas Collection and calendars after all Masses this weekend.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Cathal Higgins
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Eileen Kearns
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Catherine O' Beirne and John Joe O' Beirne
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Jimmy Mullen
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Bridget and Thomas Cummins
	<b>7.30p.m.</b>	Phil, Mary and Billy Casey William and Patricia Daly
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Bernard Mc Guire (Months Mind)
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.30p.m.</b>	James and Delia O' Gara and The Deceased Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30a.m.</b>	Rachel Moraghan (1st Anniversary)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Joe Shannon

**Confessions** on Saturday 23rd from 2.30p.m to 3.30p.m.

#### **St Vincent de Paul Society:**

If you wish to make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society you can put your donation in an envelope and place in the basket on Sunday.

#### **Christmas Communion Calls:**

Fr. Gerry will make his Communion Calls on Friday 22nd December.

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**Grange National School** will hold their Annual Christmas Play "A Christmas Story" on Wednesday, 20th December, at 7pm in the school. There will be refreshments and a social afterwards. All welcome.

**Boyle Deanery Lourdes Pilgrims Fund:** Additional volunteers required for Bag Pack Fundraiser on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th December next in Supervalu Boyle. Funds raised help defray the costs of bringing assisted pilgrims from the area to Lourdes in 2018. Further details call or text Mary Clifford on 086-8164541.

#### **King House Tea Rooms:**

King House Tea Rooms are hosting full dinner from 1p.m. for those alone on on Christmas Day. Booking essential call into the Tea Rooms at King House or call Dorothy on 087-6430326.

**Carols by Candlelight Concert:** in Cloonloo Church, on today Sunday 17th Dec. at 7.30p.m. Music director soprano Roisin Egan, accompanist Leonard Dorrian.

Proceeds to *Niamh's Journey*

#### **GOAL Mile in Lough Key :**

Grab your coat and boots and come walk, jog or run the GOAL Mile in Lough Key Forest Park on Saturday 30th December at 11am to help raise funds and awareness for GOAL's programmes in the developing world.

**Offertory Collection** amounted to €1671.00 Sunday 10th December. Thank you