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| Monday | 10.00 a.m. | Cathal Higgins |
| Tuesday | 10.00 a.m. | Phil, Mary and Billy Higgins |
| Wednesday | 10.00a.m. | Margaret and Michael Hoare and The Deceased Family Members |
| Thursday | 10.00a.m. | John Joe and Catherine O' Beirne |
| Friday | 10.00 a.m | Jimmy Mullen |
| | 7.30p.m. | Willie and Patricia Daly Pakie and Virginia Battles Una Doherty |
| Saturday | 10.00a.m. | |
| Vigil | 7.30p.m. | James and Delia O' Gara |
| Sunday | 9.30a.m. | Mary Corcoran(1st Anniversary) and Michael Corcoran |
| | 11.30a.m. | Bridget and Thomas Cummins |

Advent Resource for Busy People:

Short reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen / podcast @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections. A great way to enter Advent season. All welcome to use.

Online Advent Calendar:

The Catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to bring you their online Advent Calendar again this year on www.catholicbishops.ie

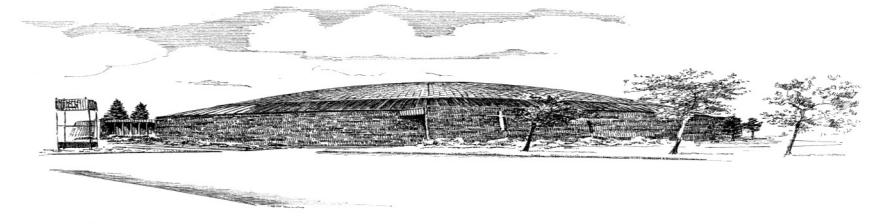
Camino de Santiago pilgrimage for young adults (18 -35) June 2019:

Dates: 23rd – 30th June 2019, Age Group: 18 – 35, Cost €650. Package includes flights, 7 nights' B&B, 20kg Check-in luggage plus hand luggage, transfers and insurance .For More Information: Please contact: Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, St. Mary's, Temple Street, Sligo, Tel: 087 9880690 Email: frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie

BOYLE FOOD PARTNERSHIP - Community FEAD and Food Cloud. If you and/or your family need food, we distribute food through these programmes at Boyle Family Resource Centre (FRC). Please text the word FOOD + your first name to 0860496467 to receive details. Distribution times are: Monday 2.30pm-4pm or Wednesday 2.30pm-3.30pm or Friday 3pm-4.30pm. Last day for distribution before Christmas is Wednesday December 19th.

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

***St. Joseph's Parish Newsletter
3rd Sunday of Advent
16th December 2018***



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 10a.m. and 7.30p.m.



Baptisms

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

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 & Sacristy96 62643

Parish Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

24hr Duty Phone Number 086 8262643

Parish e:mail office@boyleparish.ie

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

The Reason for the Season:

In his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis issues a warning that might resonate with us as we continue our Advent journey. Caught up in consumerism, he says, it is easy for us to forget what is truly important:

‘The great danger in today’s world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God’s voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.’

In the lead-up to Christmas we often get caught up in a flurry of ‘interests and concerns’. True, much of the joy of Christmas comes from giving to others, but there is so much focus on material goods and spending money that it can be difficult to remember the good news at the heart of the season. It is so easy to become distracted by the bright lights and advertising.

This Sunday is *Gaudete Sunday* – *Gaudete* means ‘Rejoice’. It’s the perfect time to recapture some of the ‘quiet joy’ that Pope Francis talks about. ‘The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus,’ he reminds us. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today’s Gospel. This is the reason for our joy – the reason for the season!

Triona Doherty

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR 22ND / 23RD DECEMBER:

7.30 p.m.: Danny Mulryan, Geraldine Mc Dermotroe, John Joe Mc Guinness, Regina Mc Loughlin

9.30 a.m.: Andrew Carr, Breege Donoghue, Marian Dwyer

11.30 a.m.: Martin Dolan, Nonie Lavin, Eamon Mullen, Betty Mc Dermott
New Eucharistic Ministers Rota For Christmas and New Year available from the Sacristy.

READERS FOR 22ND / 23RD DECEMBER :

7.30p.m: Theresa Feeney

9:30 a.m. : Moira Egan

11.30a.m. : Monica Gilmartin

Area Collector’s:

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

Penitential Service:

Our Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will take place this evening Sunday 16th December at 7p.m.

There will also be Confessions on Saturday 22nd in preparation for Christmas from 2.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. Please note there will be no Confessions on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Communion Calls:

Fr. Gerry will make his Christmas Communion Calls on Friday 21st December.

Fr. Tito will make his Christmas Communion Calls on Friday 21st December.

Archbishop Eamon Martin visits Iraq and urges support for Trócaire's Christmas Appeal.

Child Safeguarding:

Child Safe Guarding is an ongoing issue as we continue to learn and put into place best practice. There are some copies of Bishop Kevin’s letter re same available at the main door if you wish to take a copy.

Christmas Prayer and Social Gathering – Galilee

You are welcome to join us in Galilee Community on Thursday, December 20th at 8pm. The evening will begin with reflection on the mystery of Christmas.

We will conclude with a social hour, mulled punch and mince pies.

Grange National School Christmas Concert:

Grange National School Christmas Concert— "The Happiest Time of the Year", will take place in the School on **Tuesday, 18 December, at 7pm** with refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrims Fund Boyle Deanery.

Additional volunteers required for Bag Packing Fundraiser on 22nd 23rd and 24th December next in SUPERVALU, Boyle. The generosity of your time will greatly help our assisted pilgrims from the area to travel to Lourdes in 2019.

Further details to Mary Clifford 086 8164541

Flower Demonstration in Tawnytaskin Community Centre:

The very popular Christmas party Flower Demonstration will take place again this December on Wednesday 19th at 7.30p.m. Angela East as always will put on a great display. We will have ‘Flo’ providing the finger food with mulled wine and all the flower arrangements will be on offer for the raffle.

Our grateful thanks to Angela who never disappoints and is always so generous.

Admission €10 and tickets are available from Adam’s Apple (Boyle), Boyle Credit Union and any Committee Member. For further information contact Ann on 086-813005. Please BYOB. Limited seating so it is advised to get your ticket early.

Western Alzheimer’s Charity Walk – St Stephen’s Day :

The Roscommon Voluntary Committee of Western Alzheimers will hold their annual charity walk on St. Stephen’s Day starting from Hannon’s Hotel, Athlone Road at 12 noon. This will be a real family event with a choice of routes (5K or 10K). Entry is €10 per person or €20 for a family. Refreshments in Hannon’s Hotel and lots of entertainment on the day. We hope you can join us.

Boyle Community Tennis Club:

Boyle Community Tennis club would like to thank the people of the Parish for their generous donations at the recent Church Gate Collection. Improvements to our Pavilion are being completed allowing wheelchair access to the Pavilion and toilet facilities. Thank you again.

Offertory Collection amounted €2524.93 on Sunday 9th December.