

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Johnny and Delia Tivnan and Molly O' Hara
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Maureen Heeran
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	John Joe Mc Kenna
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Mary Daly (1st Anniversary P.J. Daly)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	Michael Mc Dermott
	<b>7.30p.m.</b>	John Egan Margaret Lee and Phyllis Holder Rita Gawley Kathleen, Michael and Siobhan Byrne Shane Mc Cormack Alice and Tom O' Dowd Bertie and Eileen Devine Carmel, Ita, Michael and Elizabeth McGuire Liam Wynne (1st Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Hugh Mc Hugh (Months Mind)
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.30p.m.</b>	John and Molly Shanley
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30a.m.</b>	Frances McGee (1st Anniversary)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Mary Henry, Annie and Jim Doddy

**WIDOW & WIDOWERS SUPPORT GROUP**

Support for those grieving the death of their spouse. Thursday December 13th, 7.30pm-9pm in Boyle Family Resource Centre. Cost: Donation.

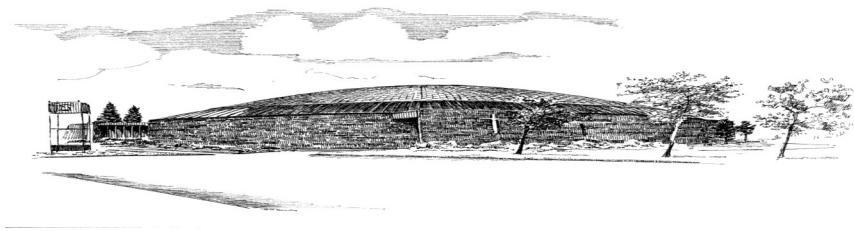
**BOYLE FOOD PARTNERSHIP** - Community FEAD and Food Cloud. If you and/or your family need food, we distribute food through these programmes at Boyle Family Resource Centre (FRC). Please text the word FOOD + your first name to 0860496467 to receive details. Distribution times are: Monday 2.30pm-4pm or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

**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.

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

**ROSCOMMON SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT LIAISON SERVICE** - This is a free & confidential service that provides assistance & support to families & individuals grieving the death of a loved one by suicide. Contact: Tiffany Jennings Walsh, Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer on 0857407856 or Boyle Family Resource Centre on 0719663000. This service is funded by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention.

***St. Joseph's Parish Newsletter***  
***2nd Sunday of Advent***  
***9th 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 & Sacristy .....96 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.*

### **Make His Paths Straight**

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia or someone who has been off traveling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveller. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.

On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation. Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind.

During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts. (Triona Doherty)

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR 15TH / 16TH DECEMBER:**

**7.30 p.m.:** Donal J. Farrell

**9.30 a.m.:** Mary Cryan

**11.30 a.m.:** Mary O' Connor

New Eucharistic Ministers Rota For Christmas and New Year available from the Sacristy.

### **READERS FOR 15TH / 16TH DECEMBER:**

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

**9:30 a.m.:** Laura Tighe, Kathleen Brennan Maeve Brennan

**11.30a.m.:** Kathleen Candon, Amy Commons, Kathleen Cregg, Catherine Davitt

### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 11th December in St. Joseph's Resource Centre.

### **Penitential Service:**

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

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal:**

The Annual Collection for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul **will take place at all Masses next weekend** Saturday & Sunday 15th/16th December 2018.

Thank you for your ongoing support to our local conference, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Offertory Collection** amounted €2602.86 on Sunday 2nd December.

Thank you.

### **Parish Youth Ministry Leadership Training Course**

The Diocese of Elphin is planning to run a Parish Youth Ministry Leadership Training Course in order to offer parishes the opportunity to have trained parish volunteers who will be in a position to support their priest and parish with youth and young adult ministry. As part of the promotion process there will be two Information Sessions for those interested, as well as Priests and Parish Pastoral Council Members. The details for these sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 29th January 2019 in Summerhill College Sligo at 7:30pm
- Thursday 31st January 2019 in Abbey Hotel Roscommon at 7:30pm

If you are interested please come along to one of these sessions and also let your parish priest know. For further information please contact: Frank McGuinness on 087 9880690, email: [frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie)

### **Dementia Social:**

There will be a Dementia Social Support gathering at Keadue Social Services Centre from 12.30p.m. to 3p.m. on Wednesday 12th December 2018.

If you have Dementia or are supporting someone with Dementia, you are invited to join us for lunch and a chance to chat. There will be music, activities and information available. To reserve a place please ring Julie on 086-1749816.

### **Ecumenical Carol Service:**

The Annual Ecumenical Carol Service will be held in Boyle Church of Ireland on Thursday 13th December at 8p.m. A collection in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice will be held on the night.

### **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.

### **ISPCC Church Gate Collection:**

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the above collection last weekend. The amount realised €946.20. Thank you also go to the volunteers who gave of their time to take up the collection.

### **Roscommon Solstice Choir:**

Curraghboy National School Christmas fundraising concert in St. Brigid's Church, Curraghboy, Athlone on Sunday 9th December 2018. Roscommon Solstice Choir and guests. Doors open 8 pm for 8.30 pm start. Great night guaranteed. Tickets available locally or email [cnsa1819@gmail.com](mailto:cnsa1819@gmail.com).

**Advent Resource for Busy People:** Short reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen / podcast @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections).

A great way to enter Advent season. All welcome to use.