



## St Joseph's Church, Boyle

20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

**Sunday Mass Times:** 7:30pm Vigil Saturday, 9:30am & 11:30am Sunday

**Weekday Mass Times:** Monday - Saturday: 10:00am  
Friday 10am and 7.30pm

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass Intentions for Week Monday 21st to Sunday 27th September

Monday 10am	Dolly and Martin Daly and Deceased Family
Tuesday 10am	Marie Burke
Wednesday 10am	Paddy Ryan
Thursday 10am	Dara and Rachel O' Callaghan
Friday 10am	Thomas Cummins
Friday 7:30pm	Anthony Vattakadan Ava May Roddy Harry Mullan
Saturday 10am	Michael Joe Rush (Months Mind)
Saturday 7:30pm	Tom Appleby
Sunday 9:30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 11:30am	Vincent Killalea

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#### **Thought - Unequal Opportunities:**

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers – those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the 'early birds' are put out by this – they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities – they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or 'handouts'? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life.

But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity – some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time. God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life. Sadly, we do not live in an equal world where everyone's dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world's poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction – damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others.

*'Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,  
and care for this world in which we live.*

*The poor and the earth are crying out.'*

*(Triona Doherty)*

#### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to all who made their First Penance on Thursday and Friday evening – a special time celebrating God's love and mercy.

We remember them as they prepare for First Holy Communion next weekend.

Congratulations also to all who were confirmed on Saturday.

May they be filled with the fruits of the Holy Spirit- Love, Joy Peace.

