



St Joseph's Church, Boyle

22nd November 2020

Sunday Mass Times: 10:30a.m. Sunday on Webcam

Weekday Mass Times: Monday - Saturday: 10:00am on Webcam

Feast of Christ The King

Mass Intentions for Week Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th November

Monday 10am	Pat and Mary Anne Beirne and The Deceased Family Members
Tuesday 10am	For All our faithful Departed
Wednesday 10am	Austin and Finola Deane and Deceased Family
Thursday 10am	Peter Mc Garry and Bea Morrisroe
Friday 10am	Kevin Mostyn Johnny Scanlon and The Deceased Family Members Michael and Mary Teresa Conroy and The Deceased Family Members Pat and Bridie Finn, Luke Flynn
Saturday 10:00am	Patricia Mc Namara (Months Mind)
Sunday 10:30am	May O' Boyle Agnes O' Connor (1 st Anniversary) Hugh Mc Hugh

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Thought: A different sort of king

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants.

We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairy tales, movies and TV shows – the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects. But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people – a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' (Jane Mellett)
'In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.'

Comfort My People: The First Readings of Advent:

With Fr Noel Rooney. (online programme) from November 23rd,
<https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/>

In Advent the Church selects readings to draw us more deeply into the mystery of the season. In these four short videos Fr Noel Rooney introduces each of the first readings, its context and characters, and helps us to connect it with our own Advent journey.

Advent Invitations for COVID Times:

Online Advent Retreat with Sr Finola Cunnane.

Amid the challenges of COVID and 2020 can we hear the words of Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing?" In this two-part retreat we will pay attention to how we are and open our hearts to Christ's life-giving invitations for Christmas and beyond. Part 1 recording available <https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/> from November 30th. Part 2 – Saturday, 5th December, 10.30am-1.00pm 'live' via Zoom. Cost €25 Details and booking: info@galilee.ie