



## St Joseph's Church, Boyle

13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Sunday Mass Times:** Sat. Vigil 7.30pm and Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am

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

Mass Intentions for Week Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Third Sunday of Advent

Monday 10am	Michael Mc Dermott
Tuesday 10am	John Joe and Catherine O' Beirne
Wednesday 10am	Phil, Mary and Billy Casey
Thursday 10am	Cathal Higgins and Thomas Horan Jnr.
Friday 10am 7.30pm	Eddie and Patricia Phelan Willie and Patricia Daly and The Deceased Family Members Carmel Coen                      John Joe Mc Kenna Michael and Mary Corcoran Johnny and Delia Tivnan and Molly O' Hara
Saturday 10:00am Vigil at 7.30p.m.	John Bosco Feely (Months Mind) James and Delia O' Gara
Sunday 9.30a.m. 11.30a.m.	Fergus Roddy (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Tim and David Lynch

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### A bearer of light – (Jane Mellett)

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth Gospel and in 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 which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter. Like John, we are called to be light-bearers. To carry Christ's love and light to those we meet in our daily lives. Our world needs light-bearers, especially in these Winter months. It might be a good opportunity to ask today 'Who have been the light bearers for me in these past months?' And also, 'To whom can I carry light to this week?' In this way we observe Christ's ongoing incarnation in the world today.

*'Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church. 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 shine's that darkness cannot overcome.'* (Michel de Verteuil)

### Christmas Masses:

Christmas is very near on the horizon and people are saying to me 'Isn't it great we're open for Christmas?'. That is true but then I think to myself yes we are open but for a limited number of people and that makes me sad but in the interests of health it is the best thing. Normally in our Church at the Vigil and Masses on Christmas Day we would have up to 2,500 people – this year even with an extra Mass we will be confined to about 370 people that is down over 2000 people. Therefore, there will be a need to pre-book – Mass times are 7.30p.m. and 9.30p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9.30a.m. and 11.30a.m. on Christmas Day. People may tune in on our live stream at boyleparish.ie or if you wish to book please ring the parish office number on **071-9662643**.

**Booking hours are as follows: Monday 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. Tuesday evening 7 to 8p.m. Please not no booking on Tuesday morning. Wednesday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.**