



St Joseph's Church, Boyle

21st March 2021

Sunday Mass Times: 10.30a.m. on our Webcam

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

Mass Intentions for Week Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th March 2021

Sunday 21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday 10am	William and Elizabeth Ivers and The Deceased Family Members
Tuesday 10am	Mickey Beirne
Wednesday 10am	The Deceased Members of the Garvin and Toolan Families
Thursday 10am	Mary Reynolds (1 st Anniversary) Molly, Pat, Margaret and Rita Keville
Friday 10am	Kayleigh Regan Thomas and Pdraig Hayden Dermot, Thomas, Mary and Joan Mc Dermott Kathleen and Joe Hannon
Saturday 10am	
Sunday 10.30a.m.	Paddy Donnellan and Anthony Smith Winnie Candon (1 st Anniversary) Michael Mc Dermottroe

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Thought – ‘We should like to see Jesus’ by Triona Doherty

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including these Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent and soon into Holy Week, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Notwithstanding the current restrictions on gatherings and public worship, let us take this time to reflect on the world we would like to build when things open up again. Are we open to everyone, including 'outsiders'? Do our homes, parishes and communities radiate welcome, where all who enter experience God's love?

'For some, the good news is that there are insiders and outsiders and they are the insiders. For others, the good news is that there are no outsiders.' (Rachel Held Evans)

Palm Sunday:

Next Sunday 28th March is Palm Sunday and with Mass still online we invite you to take a branch from your own garden and we will bless those on the day.

Living with Addiction in the Family:

With Mick Devine, March 27th, 10.00am-12.30pm (via Zoom). Families that live with addiction experience shame, guilt and anxiety and feel it is 'all my fault'. Recovery is possible This workshop will offer positive tools for managing addiction in the family so that all family members can work towards greater wellbeing. Cost €10 or €20 per family. Register and link: info@galilee.ie All Welcome.