



St Joseph's Church, Boyle

18th April 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 19th to Sunday 25th April 2021

Sunday 18th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Monday 10am	Bridget Maguire (1 st Anniversary)
Tuesday 10am	Norrie, Jim, Packie, Tom and Annie Brehony
Wednesday 10am	John Mullaney
Thursday 10am	Thomas and Margaret Mc Loughlin
Friday 10am	Mary Murphy Patricia Phelan Patrick, Declan and Terese Mc Cormack Mary and Brian Battles Martin Fallon John Joe and Delia Keenan Kevin Mc Entegart Patrick and Julia Donnellan Frank and Mary Brogan
Saturday 10am	Jody Cassidy (Months Mind)
Sunday 10.30a.m.	Brian Mc Crann and Sandra Mc Crann Mary Mullaney (1 st Anniversary) Joan, Tom and Maura O' Dowd

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Parish Office Hours: 9:30 am. to 12:30 pm.

'You are Witnesses of these things' (by Jane Mellett)

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.

***'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'* (Joyce Rupp)**

Darkness Into Light:

Darkness Into Light Boyle will be taking place this year at sunrise on May 8th.

Sign up for Darkness Into Light and join Pieta House and Electric Ireland in any way you can for this year's One Sunrise Together.

Give the gift of hope to those impacted by suicide and self-harm.

Join in any way you can – walk, swim, bike or simply share your sunrise moment. Register now for this year's Darkness Into light.

Easter Collection:

A sincere thank you for your generosity towards the Easter Collection which goes to the Priests of the Parish.

Again many thanks to all who have left in their contribution envelopes. We are aware that it is a difficult time for many and we deeply appreciate your contribution to the upkeep of the Church.