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# **St Joseph’s Church, Boyle**

2nd May 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 3rd May to Sunday 9th May 2021

**Sunday 2nd May 2021**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| Monday 10am | Catherine and John Wynne |
| Tuesday 10am | Kathleen Casey |
| Wednesday 10am | Eamonn Regan |
| Thursday 10am | Michael Mc Williams  Patrick and Rose Brennan |
| Friday 10am | Ann Mc Dermott (1st Anniversary)  Marie Coen |
| Saturday 10am | Tom Callan (Months Mind) |
| Sunday 10.30a.m. | James Cooke  Jim Brennan (1st Anniversary) |

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

**Opening of Our Church:**

An Taoiseach Michael Martin has announced that from May 10th we can open and return to a number of people able to attend Mass.

Mass will return here in St. Joseph’s at 10a.m. on Monday 10th May.

We ask you to keep Social Distancing. Please use Hand Sanitizer and wear Face Mask when you attend Mass.

This is in order to respect the well- being and care of others.

Thought: Stay Connected:

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics, we are measures by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else!

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don’t measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you?

But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: ‘abide in me’. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us. (Jane Mellett)

***‘People see the gospel in our lives; let them read our lives’ (Pope Francis)***

**Galilee Spirituality Centre**In the Age of the Spirit: An Eastertide Series,Tuesdays 4th and 11th May, 7.30-9.00pm, Galilee Spirituality Centre. All Welcome. Booking and link: [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie)   €5 donation.

**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.

Residents are asked to light up their area if they wish. It would be greatly appreciated.

**Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line**

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. It is a national free phone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday.