

St Joseph's Church, Boyle

18th December 2022

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 19th December to Christmas Day

Monday 10a.m.	Rachel Morohan
Tuesday 10.00a.m.	James and Delia O' Gara
Wednesday 10a.m.	John Mc Pherson
Thursday 10.00.	Willie and Patricia Daly and The Deceased
	Family Members
Friday 10a.m.	Bridget and Thomas Cummins
7.30p.m.	Bridget Cassidy (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 10a.m.	Sheila Bohan (Months Mind)
9.30p.m.	Christmas Eve
Sunday 9.30a.m.	Christmas Day
11.30a.m	Christmas Day



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<u>Offertory Collection</u> amounted to €2022.87 on Sunday 11^{th} December. Thank you.

Joseph the Dreamer:

Pope Francis has spoken on several occasions about his devotion to St. Joseph. St. Joseph is his favourite saint, he says, because he shows us how God reveals his plan to us in our times of silence and rest.

He keeps a statue of a sleeping St. Joseph on his desk, placing prayer requests under it.

Speaking on a trip to the Philippines in 2015, he said: 'I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength.... Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. But like St. Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act.'

Today's Gospel recalls the central role played by St Joseph in the story of the birth of Jesus. A man of honour from the outset, the goodness of his character further highlighted by his response to God's voice. When he wakes up after hearing God's instruction in a dream, he immediately acts on it and takes Mary into his home. His openness to God's will is a crucial element in the story that follows: his partnership with and support of Mary, the birth of Jesus, his care for the child 'who is to save his people'.

Christmas is very near now, and we are busy and preoccupied with our preparation. A good time, perhaps, to pause in silence, to rest with God, and to listen to what he might have to say to us. (Triona Doherty) On Sunday at the 9.30a.m. Mass the new icon of St. Joseph (which is placed on the wall in the main porch) will be blessed.

Christmas Invitation:

An open invitation to all to join us in St. Joseph's for Christmas Masses, especially if you have drifted a bit, or got out of the habit of going. Christmas Eve at 9.30 p.m. with Blessing of crib and Choir singing. Christmas Day at 9.30a.m. Cantors leading us in carol singing and 11.30a.m. the Folkgroup singing.

Monday 26th December Mass at 12 noon.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – Manager of Community Service

<u>Programme</u>. Mo Chairde is currently seeking to recruit a full-time manager for their service based in Keadue.

Mo Chairde, is a Day & Activity Centre and a Community Food Services Programme who provide a vital range of social and health supports to older people and adults living with a disability to enable them to remain as independent as possible in their own homes and communities. For further details and job description, please see <u>www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/</u> recruitment

Email your CV and cover letter to <u>recruitment@ridc.ie</u> Closing date for applications is 3pm, Tuesday 20th December 2022