



## St Joseph's Church, Boyle

12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**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 13<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday 10a.m.	Anna Ennis
Tuesday 10a.m.	James Cooke
Wednesday 10a.m.  7.30p.m	Gus and Christina Burke and The Deceased Family Members  Ann and Laurence Byrne
Thursday 10a.m.	Jody Cassidy
<b>Vigil 7.30p.m.</b>	Ann Ryan
<b>Friday 9.30a.m.</b> <b>11.30a.m.</b>	Pat Feely Winnie and Bertie Candon & Martina Sexton <b>'Feast of St. Patrick'</b>
Saturday 10a.m.	Kathleen O' Flaherty (Months Mind)
<b>Vigil 7.30pm</b>	Seamus O'Gara
Sunday 9.30a.m. 11.30a.m	Helen Feighan(1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Pat Feighan Bridie and Edward Harrington

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

Offertory Collection amounted to €2029.00 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### Thought:

The gospel story today tells of the gripping encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman, a woman who was despised even in her own community, as a Samaritan and as a sinner, this woman was on the margins, not someone with whom a respectable Jewish rabbi would converse. And yet here is Jesus, engaging her in this strange conversation about water. Pretty soon, you realise that he is not talking about water from the well, physical water that you drink, his thirst is deeper, and he knows that she thirsts.

Jesus thirsts for those who do not know the way, for those who are lost in life, for sinners, he thirsts for their faith. The woman has a thirst she does not recognise, the thirst for life, the thirst for truth, the thirst for God. She stands for us. And it is Jesus who promises to quench her thirst. Here, midway through Lent, he promises to quench our thirst too. In Lent, we experience thirst; at Easter, that living water is released.

There are so many unhappy people in our society, so many people searching, like the woman of Samaria. There are many like her, whose self-worth and self-esteem are poor, people who experience rejection, people who seem to have little purpose in life. To all of them and to all of us, Jesus, says, 'I know your thirst, and I thirst for you, I thirst for your love and for your faith. And I offer you living water.

Come, Drink and be satisfied.' (Fr. John Cummins)

**Feast of St. Patrick: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Feast of St. Patrick. Mass Times: Thursday Vigil at 7.30p.m.**

**Friday 9.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8p.m. in St. Joseph's Resource Centre.

**Confirmation Preparation:**

Confirmation preparation continues in Abbey Community College at 8p.m. on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Lenten Holy Hour:**

Every Sunday for Lent, a Holy Hour will take place here in St. Joseph's at 3p.m. Deacon Frankline will lead the Holy Hour and everyone is invited.

Deacon Franline will also continue with Lectio Divina on Tuesday's.

**Lenten Scripture:**

**Please note there will be No Lenten Scripture gathering on Thursday morning 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

Lenten Scripture gathering will continue on Thursdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March and on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April after 10a.m. Mass. (10.30a.m. to 11.45a.m.)