



St Joseph's Church, Boyle

19th November 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 20th to Sunday 26th November

Monday 10a.m.	Michael Geoghegan
Tuesday 10a.m.	Patrick and Annie Tivnan
Wednesday 10a.m.	Sheila Bohan
Thursday 10a.m.	
Friday 10a.m.	Peter and Gretta Mc Garry and Bea Morrisroe
7.30p.m.	Paddy and Mary Gallagher James and Annie Jane Egan Johanna Battles Brendan and Peter Layden John and Evelyen Cuffe Edward and Mary Mc Dermott Breege Moran Agnes and John O' Connor and The Deceased Family Members
Saturday 10a.m.	Hannah Spellman (Months Mind)
Vigil 7.30p.m.	Joan, Tom and Maura O' Dowd
Sunday 9.30a.m.	Sheila Bohan (1 st Anniversary)
11.30a.m	Thomas and Mary Killalea and The Deceased Family Members

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

Offertory Collection amounted to €2653.00 on Sunday 12th November.

Rising to the challenge:

It is hard not to feel sorry for the third servant in today's gospel.

The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based in fear – he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given, he reasons. But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful – which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him – but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money, but is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly, some are much tougher than others. We are like servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each other. It is not the circumstances of our lives or natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen. (Jane Mellett)

'Talent is like electricity. We don't understand electricity. We use it.'

Tommy Fleming Christmas Concert:

Tommy Fleming special Christmas Concert here in St. Joseph's Church on Thursday 30th November at 8p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office here in the Church or www.tommyfleming.com/tickets.

Run Walk n Roll:

Thank you to each and everyone who helped participated and supported the 28th Run Walk n Roll in aid of the Irish Cancer Society Research Fund. Pupils of Abbey Primary School raised an amazing €4842.72. The overall total raised was €9737.52. Your help and support is very much appreciated. Thank you from the Regan family.

First Holy Communion / Confirmation Enrolment:

Enrolment forms for all pupils who are to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2024 are available from the Sacristy / Parish Office here in St. Joseph's.

Completed forms to be returned by weekend 2nd/3rd December.