

*In every heart lies a Bethlehem,
an Inn where we must ultimately
answer whether there is room or
not.*



*St. Joseph's Parish
Boyle*



Christmas 2023

*'God awakes Himself before us as love.
Love radiates from God and instils the light of love in our hearts.'*

The incarnation does not mean that God saves us from the pains of this life.

It means that God-is-with-us.

For the Christian, just as for everyone else, there will be cold, lonely seasons, seasons of sickness, seasons of frustration, and a season within which we will die.

Christmas does not give us a ladder to climb out of the human condition.

It gives us a drill that lets us burrow into the heart of everything that is and, there, find it shimmering with divinity.

(Cardinal Avery Dulles)

Looking for God these days requires the willingness to investigate the small.

(Aztec poem)

**May you be blessed with the Spirit
of Christmas which is PEACE
the goodness of Christmas which is HOPE
and the heart of Christmas which is LOVE**



A Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

**May the grace of God's protection and his great love abide within
your home.**

Fr. Jonas

Fr. Gerry

Mass Intention for week beginning Monday 25th December

Sunday	9.30p.m.	Christmas Eve
Monday	9.30a.m.	Christmas Day
	11.30a.m.	Christmas Day
Tuesday	12 noon	St Stephen's Day
Wednesday	10.00a.m.	Marianne Funke
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Fergus Roddy
Friday	10.00a.m.	Barbara Young
	7.30p.m.	Des Kelly Michael and Mary Kate Hanmore Carmel Coen Basil and Pauline Madden Pauline O' Rourke
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Bernard Martin (Months Mind)
Vigil	7.30p.m.	Elizabeth, Patrick and John Egan
Sunday	9.30a.m..	People of the Parish
	11.30a.m.	Mary Henry, Annie and Jim Doddy

Please note : Mass at 12 noon on St Stephen's Day.

Adoration:

Adoration will close at 7p.m. on Christmas Eve and will re-open after Mass on New Years day.

St Stephen's Day Treasure Hunt

The traditional Treasure Hunt in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice takes place from 2.30pm on St Stephen's Day at Lough Key Forest & Activity Park. Make your donation and pick up your clues outside the Visitor Centre. Gather in Dodd's Bar afterwards to hand in sheets and debate the answers.

Walk / Run for Autism West:

The 10th Christmas 5k fun walk/run for RPM Autism West will take place again in Lough Key on Wednesday December 27th at 2pm registration from 1.30pm. All money raised is donated to RPM which pays for individual or group sessions with a trained RPM practitioner.

