



## St Joseph's Church, Boyle

5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday 10a.m.	Thomas Mc Loughlin
Tuesday 10a.m.	Michael Mc Williams, Patrick and Rose Brennan
Wednesday 10a.m.	Elizabeth Powell
Thursday 10a.m.	Tessie, Patrick and Mary Kate Dolan and The Deceased Family Members
Friday 10a.m.	Mary and Frank Brogan
7.30p.m.	Lorraine Gunning Agnes and Michael Mc Crann Thomas Mc Tiernan and The Deceased Family Members James, Mary Kate, Kevin, Eamon and Pdraig Downes Marie Coen Patrick and Julia Donnellan
Saturday 10a.m.	Kitty Clohessy (Months Mind)
<b>Vigil 7.30a.m.</b>	Joe Beirne, Michael and Lily Sheerin
Sunday 9.30a.m.	Joseph Mc Glynn (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
11.30a.m	Michael Hannon

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

**Offertory Collection** amounted to €1953.83 on Sunday 28th April.

### Plato's Allegory of the Cave

In a cave, people who have spent their lives facing back to the light coming from outside, see only the shadows of animals, people and objects in front of them. These shadows are the only reality for these people who have never seen their true form.

One day, one of the people living in the cave is suddenly released. He encounters the world outside the cave. The eyes of this person, who are completely acquainted with the light, that is, the truth, experience almost blindness. Over time, he begins to realize that the shadows that he thought were real until now are not real and are just dark reflections of the truth. Realizing the truth of life, this person returns to the cave and tries to explain to other people that the shadows are fake and the real truth is outside.

However, these people, who have never seen the outside, cannot comprehend what is being said and they protest angrily... Plato wanted to exemplify the inability of the philosophers, who had begun to understand something in the cave allegory, that is, the analogy, to the public. This metaphor is still valid in today's world and order. Because people accept what they can understand and do not accept what is told beyond their own understanding.

That's why those who tell the truth are somehow suppressed in society. It is disturbing to see the truth in the light and to hear the truth. That's why the mind chooses darkness and bondage. Ignorance is bliss. It takes courage to face the truth and be free.

I wish everyone to be brave enough to get out of the cave one day.

### First Holy Communion:

A meeting for all parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion will be held in the Day Chapel here in St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30p.m.

### Darkness into Light Boyle:

Darkness into Light takes place next weekend on Saturday May 11th at 4:15am starting from St. Joseph's Hall. Walking in solidarity for all those who we have sadly lost & those looking for the light.

Enjoy a free painting workshop with Community Art Facilitator Veronica O'Connor in Boyle Library on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 3pm – 5pm as part of Bealtaine Festival 2024! All materials are supplied and the workshop is open to adults of all levels. Places are limited, so ring 071 9662800 or email [boylelibrary@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:boylelibrary@roscommoncoco.ie)