



St Joseph's Church, Boyle

15th December 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 16th to Sunday 22nd December

Monday 10a.m.	Jamesie Cox
Tuesday 10a.m.	Francis Gillespie
Wednesday 10a.m.	Josie Medland and The Deceased Family Members
Thursday 10a.m.	Declan and Tom Wynne
Friday 10a.m.	William and Patricia Daly
7.30p.m.	Phil, Mary and Billy Casey, Ann Cone Seamus O' Gara Eddie Phelan John Joe and Catherine O' Brie
Saturday 10a.m.	Thomas Battle (Months Mind)
Vigil 7.30p.m.	John McPherson
Sunday 9.30a.m.	Tommy Simon (1 st Anniversary)
11.30a.m	Vincent Harrington (25 th Anniversary)

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Offertory Collection amounted to €2022.41 on Sunday 8th December.



The Reason for the Season:

'The greater danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.'

In the lead-up to Christmas, we often get caught up in a flurry of 'interests and concerns'. True, much of the joy Christmas comes from giving to others, but there is so much focus on material goods and spending money that it can be difficult to remember the good news at the heart of the season. It is so easy to become distracted by the bright lights and advertising. (Pope Francis)

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday – Gaudete means 'Rejoice'. It's the perfect time to recapture some of the 'quiet joy' that Pope Francis talks about. 'The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus', he reminds us. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas. God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. This is the reason for our joy – the reason for the season. (Triona Doherty)

Ecumenical Carol Service:

The annual Ecumenical Carol Service will be held in Boyle Church of Ireland on Thursday 19th December at 8p.m. A collection in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice will be held on the night.

Christmas Confessions:

On Saturday 21st December there will be a number of Priests available for Confessions in the Committee Room here in St. Joseph's Church. Confessions will begin after the 10a.m. Mass and will continue until 4p.m. We invite you to avail of this opportunity.

What is Jubilee Year 2025? The Jubilee has its origins in an ancient biblical tradition (Leviticus). Every 50th year was celebrated as a time for setting slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing the land to rest. In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can celebrate it at least once in a lifetime. The theme for the Jubilee 2025 is 'Pilgrims of Hope' (*Spes non Confundit - Hope Does Not Disappoint*).