



## St Joseph's Church, Boyle

29<sup>th</sup> 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

### Feast of the Holy Family

"Think of the love the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children and that is what we are..."

I can think of two possible approaches to today's feast.

If we focus on the holy family of Nazareth, we will find ourselves trying to imagine a vastly different world with very little to go on.

We might fall back on traditional images of the boy Jesus at work in Joseph's workshop, while Mary is busy with domestic chores – a scene of domestic bliss in a small village in ancient Palestine. We might imagine that family at prayer or taking their place in the synagogue at the weekend.

Then we move from that to our 21<sup>st</sup> century experience of family life; internet and TV dinners, social media and pressures from a culture that makes little room for the things of God. Is there any connection between these two worlds?

Yes, because in this modern world we are still the children of God, who continues to lavish his love on us. We need to learn from Mary the art of pondering and treasuring the ways God continues to work in us, through us and around us. This is how she is presented in the Gospels of today – a woman who, in the midst of uncertainty, embraces the world that she finds herself in and who finds God right there and not in some other imaginary situation of blessedness.

Wherever we are, whoever we are, our condition is our mission and that is where God wants to meet us.

### Assylinn Cemetery Clean Up:

**A clean up in Assylinn Cemetery is planned for 2pm on 12th January.**

**Groves and bin bags will be provided.**

**All help will be much appreciated.**

### Mass Intention for week beginning Monday 30th December

<b>Monday</b>	10.00a.m.	Barbara Young
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00a.m.	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m.	
<b>Friday</b>	10.00a.m.	Margaret Barry
	7.30p.m.	Brian Egan
		Mary Kate Beirne
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 a.m.	Anna Suffin (Months Mind)
<b>Vigil</b>	7.30p.m.	Fr. Oliver McDonagh
		John Bertie McDonagh
		Bernard and Bridget McDonagh,
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30a.m.	Bridie Brennan (1st Anniversary)
	11.30a.m.	Fr. Michael Gethins
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.30p.m.</b>	Mary Mc Kenna

### Mass Intention for Week Beginning Monday 6th January 2025

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	
<b>(Epiphany)</b>	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Joe Masterson
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Francis and Bridget Lavin
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 a.m.	
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00a.m.	
<b>Friday</b>	10.00a.m.	Edward and Bridget O'Mara and The Deceased Members of the O'Mara and Waters Families
	7.30p.m.	James Glancy Sean McGuinn Sally Gaffney Mollie, Sean and John Roche Elizabeth, Patrick and John Egan Basil and Pauline Madden
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00a.m.	
<b>Vigil</b>	7.30p.m.	Liam O' Callaghan
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30a.m.	Michael Costello (1st Anniversary)
	11.30a.m.	Johnny and Nora O'Beirne, Luke O' Brien and The Deceased Members of the O'Beirne and O'Brien Families