

## St Joseph's Church, Boyle

Jubilee Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope'

26th January 2025

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 27th to Sunday 2nd February 2025

Monday 10a.m.	
Tuesday 10a.m.	Martin and Mary Ann Mostyn
Wednesday 10a.m.	Anna Ennis
Thursday 10a.m.	Paddy Simon
Friday 10a.m.	Tom and Margaret McGrath, Peig Needham
7.30p.m.	Peter and Annie Keegan
	Tommy and Sean Regan
	Padraig and Kitty Cox, Eamonn and Cora Cox
	Mary Mulhern, Paul Cox
	Maureen Bushell
	Philomena, Eddie and Niamh Flanagan
	Regina and John Spellman
	Jimmy Mc Tiernan and The Deceased Members
	of the Tiernan Family
Saturday 10a.m.	
Vigil 7.30pm	Helen Slein, Paddy and Maureen Mc Geough
Sunday 9.30a.m.	Maura Beirne (1st Anniversary) Johnny Beirne
11.30a.m	Catherine Kelly

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**Offertory Collection** amounted to €2437.50 on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Today Jesus declares 'the year of God's favour'.

This is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament. If Jesus were running for president, this would be his campaign speech. The 'year of God's favour' refers to a Jewish concept of Jubilee where all debts are cancelled and there is a redistribution of wealth and property amongst the community.

In the Old Testament, this is said to have been declared every 50 years as God interrupts the human systems that create poverty. Imagine a community that lived in such a way.

When things went wrong or when people got into trouble, we declared 'Jubilee' and started afresh. Jubilee is so called after the ram's horn that was used to declare it. Jubilee was meant to dismantle structures of inequality. It shows us God's unending compassion, mercy, generosity and justice. It was a year of restoration.

Remember the year 2000 (Jubilee) 'Drop the Debt campaign'? Imagine a world where every few decades we declared the year of God's favour and all debts were cleared, slaves set free and wealth redistributed amongst the community. That is economics according to God. That is how the early Christians tried to live. And so we continue a reading of the Gospel of Luke – one that is concerned with justice, poverty and the rights of all.

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you.....

Show us how we may seek your kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world'. (Tony Singleton and Jane Mellet)

## **Grange National School Enrolment:**

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our School for the 2025/2026 academic year, please contact us on 071 966 3424 or email grangensboyle@gmail.com.

## **SVP**:

St. Joseph's Conference, Boyle wishes to sincerely thank all who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal.

During these difficult times, your generosity towards those who are less fortunate was greatly appreciated and will have eased the burden of many families in difficulty. Best wishes for the year ahead.