

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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PASTORAL AREA

NAVAN, BOHERMEEN, JOHNSTOWN, ORISTOWN

Fr. Andy Doyle. P.P.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Prisoner's Sunday)

12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025

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**'We are called to be a welcoming caring faith community who bring people to Jesus who sends us out with Good News for all'.**

## DISCOVER YOUR BLESSINGS

by *Silvester O'Flynn*

It's a lovely practice at the end of each day to recall just one blessed moment: a helpful person, beauty, wonder, music, a nice meal, birdsong, or somebody who put a smile on your face. Sometimes your blessed moment might have come from a difficult confrontation which initially upset you, but as the day went on, you found the grace to have compassion for that difficult person. Each night concentrate on just one blessing. Maybe note it in your diary.

Over time, this practice of gratitude will make you more aware of God's constant blessings. Quoting Pope Francis: *"The best way to discern if our prayer is authentic is to judge to what extent our life is being transformed by mercy" (The Joy of the Gospel, 105).*

Finding your blessings can transform you, making you less negative as a positive outlook takes over. Gratitude is the heart of prayer and the key to happiness.

## A Psalm of gratitude

O, praise the Lord, my soul: my soul, give thanks to the Lord. Never forget all his blessings.

O Lord, my soul is filled with your joy and my heart wants to break into songs of thankfulness and praise.

I have been to the vast and powerful ocean, and before its great power, all burdens were lifted from my mind.

I gazed at the ageless mountains and found how short-lived are my problems and how brief my passing clouds. I have gazed in wonder at the delicacy of a flower, and my life was lifted up to a higher plane of sensitivity.

How have I been so blind every day! How have I missed your handiwork in the world all around me! I allow myself to be swallowed up in the small world of my petty concerns and I fail to see your daily miracles of creation. Too often my prayers have been about myself.

Forgive me, Lord, for being so wrapped up in my own concerns that I have been insensitive to the beautiful messages you send every day.

You are great and glorious from all eternity. You are not depending on our praise. Our praise adds nothing to your greatness but is itself your gift.

Thank you, Lord, for the wonder of my being, and the wonders of all your creation.

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Mass Intentions Sat.11th Oct. to Sun. 19th Oct.

Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am (*Funeral replaces Mass*)

Sat. 11th Oct.

-Cortown at 6.00pm

-MM-Mary Murphy (née Rispin)

-Maureen Brennan-4th Anniversary

Sun. 12th Oct.

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Francis & Nancy Farnan-Ann. Mass

-Joe Reilly (Neilstown)-8th Anniversary

Mon to Fri. at 9.30am

Sat. 18th Oct.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Sunday 19th Oct.

Cortown at 10.00am

-MM-Chris Fagan

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Derek Brady-Ann. Mass

-Josie Rennicks, Castlemartin-Ann.Mass

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**PRAY** for Mairead Kavanagh (nee Rock), Durhamstown and Allan Ridsdale, Navan (father of Marie Reilly, Neilstown) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

## Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: DTiM Parent

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Terry Connolly

## Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Julie Yore & Geraldine Sheridan

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Tracy Mulcany-Cahill & Bridget Mackin

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SYCAMORE CONFIRMATION COURSE The next session of the programme will take place on **Monday 15th October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Bohermeen Parish Centre.**

If you were unable to attend last week, you are very welcome to join us on Monday 15th.

THE CHOSEN-SEASON 5 EPISODE 3 will be shown on Monday 27th Oct. at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

TABLE QUIZ - IN AID OF SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY fund. Friday October 17th at 8.30pm in The Silver Tankard. Table of 4 €40. Gather the gang and get competitive.

FINANCES - THANK YOU - We wish to acknowledge and thank all those who have sent in their Offerings and weekly envelopes and all those who pay by standing order. This really helps our finances. It is greatly appreciated. Offerings can be made by;

- leaving your weekly envelopes into the envelope boxes in the Churches or into the Parish Office.
- Tap to donate machine located in the Church
- go online and do a weekly/monthly direct debit to

Bank of Ireland, Navan,

IBAN IE04 BOFI 903509 8059 7424

BIC BOFIE2D (please include your box no.)

Building Fund €498.00 Priests Offerings €25.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€452.00

Cortown -€131.00 Boyerstown - €246.00

VOLUNTEERS - Help is needed in all areas of the parish within the three churches. If anyone would like to volunteer to read at Mass and become a **Minister of the Word** or to distribute Communion, a **Minister of the Eucharist** we would be delighted to have you join the team. Please contact Bohermeen-Anne 046-907 3805, Boyerstown-Bernie 087 988 4203, Cortown-Frances 086 822 3845.

Choir members needed both adults and children, no experience necessary! Please contact Bohermeen-Andrea 087-402 0787, Boyerstown Mary 087-981 0276, Cortown Geraldine 087-224 6532.

The **Altar Society** e.g. you might be in a position to help with arranging the altar flowers or even make a donation for flowers and upkeep, in any of the churches please contact the following people: Bohermeen- Breíd 086-603 2610, Boyerstown- Anne 086-102 0041, Cortown Laetitia 087- 973 0440.

The cleaning of the three churches is an ongoing job, if you could spare some time now and again it would be much appreciated.

Please contact with Fr. Andy or Anne in the Parish Office. 046-907 3805 or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (names at the back of the church) if you are interested in helping in any way possible. Let's try and lighten the load for all and to be part of something bigger than ourselves. We are so grateful for each of you, thank you.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER is a time for the faithful of the Church to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missions. **The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.** "Missionaries of hope among all peoples". www.missio.ie for further information.

ST. ULTAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, BOHERMEEN, is currently projecting school enrolments for the following years: 2027/2028 - 2028/2029 - 2029/2030

Our formal Admission Process for the next school year, 2026/2027 will commence shortly.

Please contact Tracy in the school office for a registration form.

T: 046 902 9037

email ultansns@gmail.com www.bohermeenns.ie

SET DANCING takes place in Boyerstown Community Centre on Thursday evenings from 8.30pm. All welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Please contact us on Freephone 1800 677 777 or through our website info.northeast@svp.ie. Strict confidentiality is guaranteed at all times.

BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE October €1000 draw takes place on Thursday Oct 16th at 7-30pm. You can still join either online or manually.

The Christmas market at the centre is on Sunday Nov 23rd and tables can be booked through 087 660 6197 or bohermeencommunitycentre@gmail.com

ST ULTANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY will once again produce its annual calendar and its 14th for 2026 and should be available approx Nov 23rd, also the society hopes to publish its 3rd Volume of Memories & Recollections in April 2026.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Friday 7th – Sunday 9th November in Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. For information and booking www.marriagecounter.ie

NAVAN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host a talk on Meath's Skane Valley in the Early 1920's in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on Thursday October 23rd 2025 at 8.00pm.

Speaker: Jim O'Leary. N&DHS members free
Non members €5

PRAYERS FOR THE PRE-SYNODAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: 31st Oct – 2nd Nov at Our Lady of Silence Abbey, Roscrea.

Prayer with the monks, inspiring talks, friendship in the faith, holy Mass, opportunity for personal guidance, confession, magnificent walks in beautiful grounds. A great opportunity to discern one's path in life.

Cost: Donation (Full board, own room)

Contact: Sr Úna 090 648 1666

or Michael 086 245 3123

or email: youthretreats@gmail.com