

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN

CORTOWN

BOYERSTOWN

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (MISSION SUNDAY)

24TH OCTOBER 2021

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Mon-Fri 9.30-1.00

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

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**Today's Gospel – The Jesus Prayer by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. The Irish Catholic**

The prayer of the blind man, Bartimaeus, is a model of prayer. It is full of reverence, simplicity, trust and perseverance. It is the basis of what is known as the Jesus Prayer. This has always been popular in the Orthodox tradition but forgotten in the West until recent times. The prayer of Bartimaeus is firstly an act of faith in Jesus and then a plea for mercy. The usual formula is "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me." Some people prefer to shorten the prayer...perhaps, "Jesus, mercy" ... "Jesus Lord" ... "Jesus Saviour" ...or "Jesus Friend".

Begin by repeating the words with your lips. Gradually move from your lips to the rhythm of your breathing. This is not a mechanical, meaningless incantation as if it were a magical formula. The prayer is not so much about the words as about the person of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Nor is the repetition like the hypnotic trance of a transcendental meditation mantra, which induces a mental emptiness. Blind Bartimaeus prayed to Jesus whom he could not see. Christian prayer develops an alertness, a constant loving attention to the unseen presence of the Lord Jesus. Great teachers of the spiritual life testify to the value of the Jesus Prayer in helping a person to advance from prayer as a series of isolated exercises to prayer as a constant state of loving attentiveness to the risen Lord Jesus within us.

**Miracle** "The Jesus Prayer aims at bringing us to stand in God's presence with no other thought but the miracle of our standing there and God with us, because in the use of the Jesus Prayer there is nothing and no one except God and us" (*Archbishop Anthony Bloom*). Bartimaeus was blind but he prayed, he persevered and he saw. And, in that new light he cast off the cloak of the old way and walked the road of life in union with Jesus Christ. PS: If the law about blasphemy had been taken seriously, half the country would be in jail for the blasphemous use of the sacred name of Jesus!

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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. Thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated.

Offerings can be made by;

- leaving your weekly envelopes into the Parish Office.
- 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 €595.20

Priests Offerings €0.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen - €522.13 Cortown - €188.96 Boyerstown – €193.40

PLEASE PLACE ALL ENVELOPES INTO THE BOXES AT THE ENTRANCES.

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**Tap to Donate** - We have a new Tap to Donate facility in Bohermeen Church. It is an easy, secure and confidential way to donate to our parish finances. The limit is set at €5.00.

**Mass Intentions** 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**Bohermeen Church**

Mass every weekday morning at **9.30am** (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am-St. Joseph's Young Priests)

*Funeral replaces daily Mass.*

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Sat. 23rd October – Boyerstown at 6.00pm – Jim Byrne & decd members of the Byrne & Halligan families

Bohermeen at 7.15pm – Derek Brady-Ann. Mass

Maura & James Finnegan-Ann. Mass

Sun. 24th October – Cortown at 10.00am – for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am- for the people of the parish

Sat. 30th October - Cortown at 6.00pm – Frank Battersby-1st Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm – Deceased members of Bohermeen Cycling Club

Sun. 31st October – Boyerstown at 10.00am – for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am – Tommy Griffin-2nd Anniversary

Ministers of the Word: Oct. 23rd & 24th DTiM Parents

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat. 23rd Oct. Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 24th Oct. Kathleen Keating & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Pray for Maureen Brennan, Martyr, Gerry McGauran, Roscommon (father of Stella Keyes) and Lillie O'Shea (née Brady, late of Ardracran, sister of Petie Brady) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Mission Sunday 24th October – Overseas Missionaries are in urgent crisis. If you are in a position to help, you can place your offering in the envelopes provided and place them in the boxes at the back of the church. Thank you.

List of the Dead - Masses on 1st Fridays throughout the year and on All Souls Day (2nd Nov.) are offered for our faithful departed. For the List of the Dead, we ask you to use the purple envelope and name sheet from your weekly box of envelopes. If you cannot locate this envelope, there are some envelopes and sheets available in the Church. The envelope should be returned with Mass offering to the Parish Office as soon as possible for inclusion in the Book of the Dead, which will be in all Churches during the month of November. The REMEMBRANCE TREE will also be in the Churches. You should write the names of your departed ones on the tags and hang them on the tree.

An Tobar Retreat & Spirituality Centre 8 week Mindfulness course MBSR. Starting Jan 13th 2022.

For information on this or any of our retreat days please contact the An Tobar office (Jackie) on 046 907 8973.

Bohermeen Athletic Club will promote the Meath senior cross-country championships at Ardracran cross roads on Sunday October 31st at 11.00am and will be followed by round 1 of the Meath juvenile cross-country league.

