## Parish of St. Ultan

**BOHERMEEN** 

**CORTOWN** 

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BOYERSTOWN 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 www.bohermeenparish.ie 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'.

Pope Francis has invited everyone of the 1.37 billion Catholics worldwide, to set out on a Synodal pathway where we will 'walk together and reflect together' with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we discern what God is asking of us as a faith community as we face the future.

We are asked to 'scrutinize the sign of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel'.

We plan to begin this process in our parish early in the New Year and as PRAYER is central in this process, we are invited to say the Synodal prayer at Mass.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, As we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
Make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
And how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
Do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

So that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

**AMEN** 

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 BOFIIE2D (please include your box no.)

Building Fund €779.00 Priests Offerings €350.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen - €265.00 Cortown - €99.00 Boyerstown - €249.00

Mass Intentions Sat. 8th- Sun 16th January 2022

## **Bohermeen Church**

Mass every weekday morning at 9.30am–(Funeral replaces daily Mass)

Sat. 8th Jan. -Cortown at 6.00pm-for the people of the parish -Bohermeen at 7.15pm-MM-Loretto Barker

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. -Boyerstown at 10.00am-for the people of the parish -Bohermeen at 11.30am-Nellie (Ellen) Rennicks-1st Anniversary

Sat. 15th Jan- Boyerstown at 6.00pm - Jack & Cella Devine-Ann. Mass Bohermeen at 7.15pm- Betty, Paddy & James Shaffrey & Brendan Coyle-Ann. Mass Matthew & Breda Reilly-Ann. Mass Deceased members of Bohermeen Cycling Club-Ann. Mass

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Jan- Cortown at 10.00am-for the people of the parish Bohermeen at 11.30am-James & Bridget McMahon-Ann mass

Ministers of the Word: Jan.8th Áine Keating

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> Kerri Finnegan

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Áine Keating

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Geraldine McHugh

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> –Travy Mulvany-Cahill & Jennifer Reilly

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Brigid Mackin & Sheila Kenny

Pray for Noel Dolan, Ongenstown and Joe Brady, Portrane (formely of Cookstown, Kells) Dina Smith-Fitzsimons, Navan (formely of Bohermeen) and Mary Carolan Parnell Park Navan niece of Eddie Boyle May they rest in peace.

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.

Parenting Teens Programme on Zoom will commence on Wednesday January 19th at 8.00pm and continue for six weeks. We invite all parents of children about to enter or already in secondary school to participate. You can book a place by emailing the parish office on bohermeenparish1@gmail.com before January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 1st June 2002 for 8 nights. Spiritual Director-Fr. Sean Henry. Cost €1895.00 For full details see poster in Church or email Travalue.ie on info@navantravel.ie

## TODAYS GOSPEL FR SYLVESTER OFLYNN

Turning the tide Here in secularised Europe, the Church is experiencing a winter of recession. But it is important to remember that in other parts of the world the Church is flourishing. When Covid-19 is eradicated, how many will return to Mass? There are very few priests under the normal age for retirement and only a tiny number of seminarians to fill the gaps. The tide is still going out. When will it turn and flow in again? Will it turn? I believe it will. The ebbing tide has produced a world of addictions anxiety, boredom, suicide, lack of direction, living in a virtual or fictional world more than the real world.

The tide will turn when people see what faith has to offer, what direction, meaning and hope it offers. Nothing can stop an idea that has reached its time. The history of the Church shows that the lowest times produced the greatest saints and reformers. The Holy Spirit will inspire people.

Spirit-filled evangelisers Pope Francis calls for Spirit-filled evangelisers. "Jesus wants evangelisers who proclaim the good news with words, but above all by a life transformed by God's presence... How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelisation full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!" Dare to dream! Go forward in hope! "You are the light of the word", said Jesus, "let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5;16)