

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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CORTOWN
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BOYERSTOWN
20th February 2022
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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'.

The Diocesan Phase of the Irish Synodal Pathway will take place during Lent on the following dates in the Community Centre Hall, Navan at 8.00pm.

- Tuesday 8th March** those involved in the liturgical life of the parishes (e.g. Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, choir members, organists, stewards/collectors, sacristans etc.)
- Tuesday 15th March** those involved in the administration of parish life (e.g. parish staff, members of the Parish Pastoral Councils, members of Parish Finance Committees, members of Baptism Teams, Safeguarding Reps, counters, etc.)
- Tuesday 22nd March** those involved in prayer and apostolic groups (e.g. Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Pioneer Association, Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, Teams of our Lady, Meals-on-Wheels etc.)
- Tuesday 29th March** those involved in schools (e.g. pupils/students, teachers and school staff, members of parents association, members of BOMs, etc.)
- Tuesday 5th April** Mass or prayer service of thanksgiving

For anyone who missed our Synodal Pathway meetings, the four questions are available on our facebook page and can be responded to there.

Today's Gospel - *Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate* by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap-The Irish Catholic

'The ideal that Jesus sets before us is that we should be mirrors of God's compassionate love' Ideals are like stars: we may never reach them but we chart our course by them. Certainly, some of the ideals of Christ are beyond our natural powers. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly." Jesus did not allow the wrongs of others to contaminate his love. He prayed for those who were crucifying him. The greatest proof of authentic Christianity is being willing to forgive.

Supernatural power Forgiveness is not easy. In fact, you could say that forgiveness is not natural. It has to come from a supernatural force... what we call grace. When we are faced with a problem of forgiveness, what can we do? Bitter memories, anger and maybe the desire for vengeance will burrow their way into the memory and heart. Darkness envelopes our thinking and a hard shell grows around the heart. There is no point in saying to someone, "Ah, forget it!" You cannot switch off memory like a tap. We do not have the option of remembering or forgetting. But the option we do have is how we remember. We can remember with bitterness or we can implore God to lift us up to a higher plane of thinking where our remembering will be more compassionate and forgiving. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers this advice: "It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offence, but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming hurt into intercession." The Holy Spirit can lift us up to the bigger picture. We begin to see that it was sickness of character that caused the offender to do wrong. I met an old lady who had just been robbed of her purse by a young man. Her immediate reaction was to pray for that sick person who would attack an old lady. Pity for any sick character turns hatred into compassion. And prayer for that sick mind replaces words of bitterness. Never forget the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. In his famous book, *The Art of Loving*, Erich Fromm says that love is more than infatuation, attraction or compatibility of character. Love resides in the will. It is a decision to be positive. It is a stance one takes for life. True Christianity is a powerful river of love that refuses to be polluted by the wrongdoing of others.

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 Sat. 19th Feb - Sun. 27th 2022

Bohermeen Church

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

Sat. 19th Feb. –Cortown at 6.00pm –

Bohermeen at 7.15pm -Francis Mallon-Ann. Mass

Tommy, Peggy & Kathleen Brady & dec'd family members

Paddy & Cissy Herward-Ann. Mass

Sun. 20th Feb.-Boyerstown at 10.00am-Phil Carolan-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am-Maureen, Shamie & Gerry McCormack-Ann. Mass

Sat. 26th Feb. –Boyerstown at 6.00pm-

Bohermeen at 7.15pm-MM-Dr. Richard Lynn

Sun. 27th Feb. –Cortown at 10.00am –

Bohermeen at 11.30am-Brendan Ryan-5th Anniversary

Ministers of the Word: Feb. 19th-Kevin McCormack

Feb. 20th –Terry Connolly

Feb. 26th –Kevin McCormack

Feb. 27th –Ray/Michelle Finnegan

Eucharistic Ministers: Feb. 19th – Bridget Mackin

Feb. 20th – Joe Murtagh & Sheila Kenny

Pray for Ann Reilly (nee Duffy), Balrathboyne, Cortown who died recently. May she rest in peace.

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 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 €599.00

Priests Offerings €478.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen - €557.00 Cortown - €94.00 Boyerstown – €142.00

PLEASE PLACE ALL ENVELOPES INTO THE BOXES AT THE ENTRANCES.

What is God Saying to the Church? As we slowly emerge into a post-pandemic world, we have an opportunity to recommit our energies in bringing the gospel to those around us. But, where do we begin? Where should our focus be? Join us for an in-person watch party featuring a live conversation with Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. James Mallon, and Revd. Nicky Gumbel for a conversation on 'What is God Saying to the Church?' This will be held at **Bohermeen Parish Centre on Tuesday 1st March at 6.00pm.** We look forward to seeing you at our watch party as we talk about this important topic in the Church today.

Adult Set Dancing classes resume in Boyerstown Community Centre on Thursday 17th February at 8.30pm. All welcome. **Set Dancing Ceili** in Boyerstown Community Centre on Sunday 27th Feb. Music by Joe Hughes and the Brian Boru Ceili Band. Dancing 5 til 8pm. All welcome. Admin €5.00

Volunteers needed for the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2022 which will be taking place in Mullingar from Sunday 31st July to Sunday 7th August 2022. Anyone aged 15 or over can volunteer (parental consent required for under 18s). For more information or to sign up to volunteer please go to the website www.fleadhcheoil.ie.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help beginning Friday 18th Feb and every Friday until Good Friday in St. Mary's Church, Navan at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Let Us Dream– Online programme with Siobhan Larkin CHF, hosted by the Margaret Aylward Centre. A thematic exploration of Pope Francis' reflections on the global pandemic in his book "Let Us Dream". These sessions may be of interest to those involved in the synodal process. Wednesdays from 7-9pm beginning 9th March for 5 weeks. Cost €25. To book please visit www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events or call 01 797 9364.

St. Brigid's NS Cortown PA Committee are organising a clothes collection fundraiser on Wed. March 2nd from 9-9:30am. Bags can be dropped at Cortown football pitch. Following items **only** accepted: Mens, ladies & childrens clothing. Paired shoes (tied together or with elastic bands) Handbags, ties, belts, hats and soft toys.