

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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CORTOWN
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BOYERSTOWN
27th 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

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. 26th Feb - Sun. 6th March 2022

Bohermeen Church

Mass every weekday morning at 9.30am—(Funeral replaces daily 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

Mon. 28th Feb. Bohermeen at 9.30am—St. Joseph's Young Priests

Tues. 1st March Cortown at 8.00pm—Divine Mercy Mass

Wed. 2nd March -Ash Wednesday- Boyerstown at 9.30am
Cortown at 10.30am
Bohermeen at 11.30am and 7.00pm

Sat. 5th Mar. — Cortown at 6.00pm—Keith Smyth-6th Anniversary
Anna Cooney-6th Ann and dec'd members of the Cooney family

Bohermeen at 7.15pm—Dec'd members of the King family
Rose Duffy and dec'd family members

Sun. 6th Mar. — Boyerstown at 10.00am —
Bohermeen at 11.30am —MM—Helena Dallas

Ministers of the Word: Feb. 26th —Kevin McCormack Feb. 27th —Ray/Michelle Finnegan
Mar. 5th —Helen Mallon Mar. 6th —Ray/Michelle Finnegan

Eucharistic Ministers: Feb. 26th —Carmel McQuaid Feb. 27th —Joe Murtagh & Kathleen Keating

Pray for Pete Fitzsimons, Ardbraccan for who died recently. May he 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 €352.00 Priests Offerings €52.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen - €356.00 Cortown - €49.00 Boyerstown - €119.00

Bohermeen Parish Centre on Tuesday 1st March at 6.00pm. **'What is God Saying to the Church?'** Join us.

Adult Set Dancing classes in Boyerstown Community Centre on Thursday evenings 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

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.

St. Brigid's NS Cortown PA Committee are organising a clothes collection fundraiser on Wed. March 2nd from 9-9:30am at Cortown GAA Clubhouse.

Letter from Bishop Tom Deenihan on the Synodal Pathway

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Next Wednesday, we begin our celebration of Lent. It is now two years since the COVID pandemic struck our country and, as you know, COVID impacted heavily on our churches. For example, in April it will be three years since we will have had the opportunity to gather for the Easter ceremonies in our churches. As restrictions lift and are disappearing, there is an opportunity for the people of the Diocese of Meath to enter into the Season of Lent 2022 with a renewed sense of our identity as the People of God, joyful in our gathering in His name, confident in His mercy and hopeful in the power of His grace to transform our lives. That is what church is!

Our Lenten pilgrimage this year will have the added element of the Synodal Pathway. I echo the invitation of Pope Francis to each member of the Christian community in the Diocese of Meath to join in this moment of listening as we prayerfully discern together what the Spirit of God is saying to the Church in this diocese at this time. It is important that we have this discussion about the local church or what we call parish. This discernment must be relevant to our local parishes and influence our local parishes. This discernment must be practical, not theoretical, and must influence what we do in the years ahead. It will be a discernment guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in faith.

The synodal meetings that have been organised at deanery level throughout the Diocese on the Tuesday evenings of Lent are an opportunity for all the Baptised in the Diocese of Meath to have a meaningful say in the universal Synod that will be held in Rome in 2023. By asking us to reflect on our experience of *communion, participation, and mission* in the life of our Church at parish level, Pope Francis is calling each of us to play our part in bringing about a new springtime for our Church. I thank the priests in the deaneries and the many lay people who have accepted the role of facilitator for their work in making this possible.

To those of you who love your Church, I say, 'tell your story!' Do not be afraid to articulate how you experience belonging to the Community of the Disciples of Christ; do not hesitate to express how your faith transforms your life and offers you hope and meaning on the journey of life. Equally, do not be afraid to express in love your concern for the future of your Church, your fears for the faith of your children and your longing for a vibrant parish community that will sustain your faith.

To those of you who at best feel that you are on the margins of the Church, or at worst feel excluded from the Church, I say, "the Church needs to hear your voice!" I ask for your honesty. Do not be afraid to share your pain or to articulate that which you seek in the Church but do not find. You are part of the Church by your Baptism and in this synodal process the voice of every baptised person is equal. Ask the Holy Spirit who dwells in your heart to give you the words that your Church needs to hear.

May the ashes that will mark our foreheads on Ash Wednesday mark us out as the People of God on a journey, pilgrims seeking to discern God's will. And, may Mary, Mother of the Church and St. Finian, our teacher of the faith, guide our steps in the way of faith, hope, and love.

Bishop Tom