

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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CORTOWN

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BOYERSTOWN  
17<sup>th</sup> July 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'.**

## **The art of listening to God**-The Sunday Gospel by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

The sisters, Martha and Mary, represent two ways of serving the Lord. Martha represents the active life, cooking the meal, helping, doing good for others. Mary represents the contemplative life, giving priority to sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to the word of the Lord. On that particular occasion, Mary chose the better part. But, there were other times when Martha's contribution was more important. For instance, when their brother Lazarus died, Martha seems to have coped much better than Mary. There is a time for giving and a time for receiving. The contribution of each one finds a place in the liturgy of Mass. Like Mary, we sit and listen to the word of the Lord. Like Martha, we offer the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands. Both of them are celebrated as saints.

There is a beautiful description of the prayer of listening in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The scene is the well in Samaria where Jesus chats with a local woman. "The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (2560)

For me, it was an eye-opener to read that my relationship with God doesn't start when I put some time apart for it. God was already waiting for me. All he asked of the Samaritan woman was her empty bucket. All God asks of me is some empty time. There are 86,400 seconds in a day. How many do I set aside for God? I fret and worry about so many things, yet few are needed. The Catechism quotes from the prophet Jeremiah: "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and have hewn out cisterns for themselves that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13). Jesus, at the well, asked the woman for her empty bucket.

"Whoever drinks the water that I shall give will become a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life" (John 4:14). In this digitised, noisy, crazy, pressurised world of today, silence is a rare commodity. Search for that quiet place within yourself. Shut the door. Leave your distractions outside for a few minutes. Relax your breathing. The Lord is here waiting for you, thirsting for you. Just God and you. Listen, think, remember, pray. Value this time when you are alone with God. Remember, you are God's work of art. You are precious in his eyes. God is with you. God is in you. Discover who you are. Learn to love this rich silence where you sit like Mary of Bethany at the feet of the Lord and listen to his word.



**REV. BARRY WHITE** will be ordained a priest today Sunday July 17th at 3.00 pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar by Bishop Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath and he will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of St. Louis and St. Mary, Rathkenny at 7.00 pm on Monday, July 18th. This is a very special celebration in the life of Barry, his parents Maree and Paddy and sister Niamh, his family, his native parish of Rathkenny, and for the Diocese of Meath. All are most welcome to attend these ceremonies.

*"I will raise for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him an enduring House and he will walk in the presence of my Anointed forever." 1 Samuel 2:35*

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Bohermeen Church**

Mass at 9.30am daily. (Funeral replaces daily Mass)

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Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> July in Boyerstown at 6.00pm-Owen and Mary Newman-Ann. Mass  
In Bohermeen at 7.15pm-Colm Boylan-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Paddy, Kathleen & Margo Travers & dec'd family members  
Thomas & Margaret Reilly (Neilstown)-Ann. Mass

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> July in Cortown at 10.00am-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 11.30am-for the people of the parish

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> July in Cortown at 6.00pm-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 7.15pm-for the people of the parish

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> July in Boyerstopwn at 10.00am-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 11.30am-Bernard M<sup>c</sup>Loughlin-Ann. Mass

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**Ministers of the Word:** Sat.16<sup>th</sup> July- Áine Keating                      Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> July- Kerrie Finnegan  
Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Majella Murray                      Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> July-Geraldine McHugh

**Eucharistic Ministers:** July 16<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Farrell & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill  
July 17<sup>th</sup> –Bridget Mackin & Cathal O'Reilly

PRAY for Jim Rennicks, Ardbraccan and Noel Lynskey, Greetiagh who died recently. 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

**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.
- 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 €803.00                      Priests Offerings €25.00  
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen - €288.00    Cortown - €83.00    Boyerstown – €215.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

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**BOHERMEEN CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

**INVITATION to YOUNG ADULTS (18 – 40) RETREAT,** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July starting at 10.00 am with Mass in St. Mary's Church, Navan and then to Parish Room at rear of Church. A prayerful informative day, with testimonies from people in various Christian vocations: Married life, Priesthood, Single life, Religious life, talk on discernment, Adoration, confession, personal help if desired, walk and chat. Cost DONATION (lunch & tea breaks) Finishes at 5pm Contact Sr. Úna 090 648 1666 E: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com) or John 087 247 8519

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022.** For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT MAINTENANCE VACANCIES**

Maintenance Person Vacancies available in Clann Mór Navan. This vacancy is through Community Employment (CE) for 19.5hrs per week with all free Maintenance & Health & Safety training provided. This programme is supported by The Department of Social Protection, which is funded by the Irish Government. For more information on the eligibility criteria of these vacancies call, Navan EDP CLG on 046 907 1938 or 086 347 0263 or email your CV to [navanedp@gmail.com](mailto:navanedp@gmail.com)