

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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CORTOWN

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BOYERSTOWN
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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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**Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus-Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM. The Irish Catholic**

My inspiration this week takes the Second Reading (Hebrews 12:1- 4) as a lead in to the Gospel of the day (Luke 12: 49-53). "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection." I have often taken this sentence as the theme of a retreat. Facing the complex questions of our time, St John Paul II wrote that we should not be seduced by the naive expectation that we shall find some magic formula. No, we shall not be saved by a formula but by a person. Steeping oneself in the Gospel Focusing on the face of Jesus commences with steeping oneself in the Gospels, pondering on his historical life, on how he lived, on the ideals he promoted, on his teaching, his stories and how he behaved. The rosary and Stations of the Cross are popular prayers based on the Gospels. My favourite place for praying the rosary is walking the fields around Rochestown, a rustic setting I must exchange for city life in two week's time. The rosary is like visiting the Mother of the Lord long after his Ascension. She brings out her treasured albums of photographs, one full of joy, one depicting his Passion, a third about his risen life, and the more recent collection of great moments of light.

**Bringing fire to the earth** As we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus in today's Gospel, Luke captures the passionate desire of the Lord to bring fire to the world. "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already." This fire would be seen at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire. In cooking, fire transforms the ingredients. The apostles were transformed by the fire of the Spirit. Our popular prayer to the Holy Spirit is a desire for fire. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the Faithful and enkindle within them the fire of your love." At Baptism the fire of Christ's light is symbolised in transferring light from the Easter candle to newly baptised's candle. "Let your light shine so that all may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven". But, as Pope Francis wrote in The Joy of the Gospel, **a person who is not convinced, enthusiastic, certain and in love, will convince nobody.** It is a small step from being lukewarm to having the fire extinguished.

**Facing opposition today** At the time when atheistic Communism waged war on religion, a priest from Poland visiting Ireland remarked: "We have the advantage of a visible enemy, while you have the disadvantage of an invisible one". Mind you, society has changed considerably in the intervening years. There are many instances now where it takes courage to be a Christian ... to be seen going to Mass ... to protect life in the womb ... to speak up for chastity in relationships ... to pray in public when the Government is considering banning prayer in certain places while at the same time claiming the right to freedom of choice! Opposition might come from colleagues, peers, friends, even family members. Let us keep our minds fixed on Jesus. Let him be for us the way, the truth and the life. Let us return to where we started this reflection ...today's reading from Hebrews. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he withstood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage." Remember the night of the apostles on the stormy sea. As long as Peter looked at Jesus, he walked on water, but when he looked instead at the waves, he began to sink. But, Jesus stretched out a hand to save him. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

## **Prayer**

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Son of God come down to save us.  
As we ponder on the Gospel, reveal yourself to us that we might keep our eyes fixed on you.  
Send forth your Spirit to kindle within us the fire of your love.*

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

**Bohermeen Church**

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

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug in Boyerstown at 6.00pm-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 7.15pm-Enda O'Reilly-15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Aug in Cortown at 10.00am-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 11.30am-Nancy Gibney-3<sup>rd</sup> Ann. and Jack Kerin-Ann. Mass

Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug in Cortown at 10.00am- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Bohermeen at 11.30am-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Christopher Reilly-Ann. Mass  
in Boyerstown at 6.00pm- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug in Cortown at 6.00pm-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 7.15pm- Nancy Lynskey-7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Aug in Boyerstown at 10.100am-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 11.30am-MM-Noel Lynskey

**Ministers of the Word:** Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug-Terry Connolly  
Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug- Helen Mallon

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Aug- Ray/Michelle Finnegan  
Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Aug-Pat Farrell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> –Jennifer Reilly  
Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> –Cathal O'Reilly & Margaret Farrell

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> –Joe Murtagh & Sheila Kenny  
Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> - Bridget Mackin & Julie Yore

**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 €239.00

Priests Offerings €702.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen - €554.17

Cortown –€30.00

Boyerstown – €145.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

**A Special Mass** will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in Bohermeen Church for Fr. Foncey Mackin and all those who died during lockdown. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Deenihan. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre.

**Bohermeen Active Retirement** are invited to the Races in Naas on 15<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested, please contact Nancy or Rosarria as soon as possible, so it can be booked.

**CE Vacancy:** Vacancy for maintenance person in Bohermeen Parish, 19.5 hours per week through Community Employment. Full health and safety training will be provided. For further information please call Kells CES on 046 924 1812 or send cv to [kellsces@gmail.com](mailto:kellsces@gmail.com)

**Cemetery Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.