

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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CORTOWN

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BOYERSTOWN
21st August 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!'

SYNTHESIS

In the coming weeks we will include some of the main themes from the National Synthesis of the Synodal Pathway Consultation sent to Rome this week.

Abuse as Part of the Story of the Church

Physical, sexual and emotional abuse and its concealment by the Church in Ireland was described as an 'open wound'. This experience affects victims/survivors and their families at every level of their being, including their soul. The submissions relate and link this abuse to so many other areas – our understanding of sexuality and of power; the absence of women in decision making roles; transparency and accountability in governance; clericalism. The Church is invited to interrogate how its own structures and modus operandi contributed to this crisis. In this sense it is a lens through which all else needs to be viewed.

The scale of abuse within the Church has created a huge sense of loss which infused the responses in our consultation. This sense of loss coupled with continuing anger was expressed by survivors themselves and their families, lay faithful who have become estranged from the Church because of it, and many good priests and religious who also feel betrayed. Alongside the enormous amount of good work on safeguarding, we need to continue our efforts to provide times and spaces for lamentation, to grieve this shared loss. The contributions about abuse, therefore, represent a call for penance and for atonement at a national level. One submission noted: In our view nothing adequate has yet emerged from the Church nationally in terms of atonement or reparation:[5] while another remarked; Words that are carefully chosen and spoken with humility and sincerity help, but they are not enough. At the national presynodal assembly, gratitude was expressed for the willingness of survivors to engage with the process and it was agreed that their searing words be included in an appendix to the submission to Rome. Institutional abuse in contexts such as Mother and Baby Homes, Magdalene Laundries and orphanages is inherent to the deep hurt of this wound. Strategies of concealment of institutional abuse by the Church have further wounded survivors. Surprisingly, while abuse has contributed very significantly to the loss of trust in the Church in Ireland, there were some submissions which placed relatively low emphasis on the abuse crisis.

In summary, enormous gratitude to survivors for their engagement was expressed by many involved in the consultation process for the synod. There was a palpable sense that despite many efforts by the Church, a 'reckoning' had not yet taken place, and the synodal process generated a clear imperative to place this issue at the heart of any Church renewal and reform. A submission noted: We welcome, indeed rejoice in, the synodal path as one of dialogue and journeying with others. Another submission specifically linked this insight to the legacy of abuse: We must pledge ourselves to journey with survivors, to meet with them, preferably in small groups where dialogue is possible and opens us to the presence of the Spirit.

Bohermeen Active Retirement Group – Those members that are going to the Naas Races, can you please drop the money into Nancy or Rosarria before 26th August.

Cemetery Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd August at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.

Mass Intentions Sat. 20th - Sun.28th August 2022

Bohermeen Church

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

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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 10.00am-for the people of the parish  
In Bohermeen at 11.30am-MM-Noel Lynskey

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Aug in Boyerstown at 6.00pm-for the people of the parish  
Bohermeen at 7.15pm-for the people of the parish

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug in Cortown at 10.00am-for the people of the parish  
Bohermeen at 11.30am-Brian Murtagh-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

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Ministers of the Word: Sat. 20th Aug- Sinead Bennett

Sun. 21st Aug-Terry Connolly

Sat. 27th Aug- Helen Mallon

Sun. 28th Aug-Rachel McCormack

Eucharistic Ministers: Aug. 20th –Cathal O'Reilly & Margaret Farrell Aug. 21st - Bridget Mackin & Julie Yore
Aug. 27th-Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly Aug. 28th –Tracy Mulvany & Joe Murtagh

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**Pray for Patrick (Paddy) Connell, Ongenstown, Boyerstown, who died recently. May he rest in peace. Paddy's funeral will take place on Monday at 11.00am in Boyerstown.**

**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 €646.00

Priests Offerings €443.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €296.00

Cortown –€95.00

Boyerstown – €150.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

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A Special Mass will be held on Saturday 10th 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.

Choir for Special Mass

Singers from Bohermeen and Boyerstown choirs are warmly invited to join with the Cortown choir and organist to sing at the Special Mass on Saturday 10th September in Bohermeen Church. A combined choir practice, using well known hymns, will be held in advance in Bohermeen Church, with date to be included in future parish bulletin.

Get your focus right by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM-The Irish Catholic

The permissive culture of today resents being subjected to rules and dogmas. Don't put in on my freedom. It is my right to choose. As a result of permissiveness, people have taken their focus off the target of salvation. Life has become a succession of disconnected moments with no big picture to frame all together. There is no backbone to life and all hope can collapse in the face of a single crisis. It is significant that in this permissive age we hear of boredom, inertia, depression, chemical dependence and suicide. One moment of crisis and everything collapses. Faith gives us the big picture of where we have come from, where we are going, and how to get there. We have come from God our Creator and life is a journey of returning to God. Jesus once called himself the door. Focus on his way and enter by the narrow door. As we heard last Sunday, "Fix your eyes on Jesus, the beginner of our faith and the one who leads it to perfection".