

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

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'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.

(iv) Lay Ministry

Baptismal calling is at the heart of who we are as Christians. That calling is manifested in a variety of ways, one of which is lay ministry. On the one hand, some respondents see that carrying out the mission of the Church is largely the responsibility of the clergy, while others recognise a call for greater participation of lay people in the life of the Church. Throughout the submissions, we heard similar calls that lay people, *should be involved in other more significant leadership and teaching roles ... not just because it will take some burden off the priest, but because it is part of each person's mission as a baptised Catholic.* However, there are challenges. These include the perceived passivity of the parish community or wider Church when it comes to lay ministry. There was an overarching thread evident throughout the consultation that the gifts of lay people were under-utilised by the Church. At the national pre-synodal assembly, it was noted that the Church should support lay people in their role as disciples, while a need was felt by some for lay people to take greater personal responsibility for their role in the Church. A submission from returned missionaries who had worked overseas highlighted that much was learned from working with lay colleagues in the various communities in which they served. *We had no option but to trust and train lay leaders who gladly undertook the various ministries. In retrospect, it is clear that it was*

the actual shortage of ordained ministers that enabled the laity to take their God-given role. While many efforts have been made to enhance the role of lay people in ministry, much remains to be done to encourage, support and provide a training dedicated to enabling lay people in their calling to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in their faith communities. A call for such training was evident in much of the consultation. It was also acknowledged that while we often speak of an aging clergy we also have an aging laity.

Bohermeen Active Retirement will resume on Tuesday 13th September at 11.00am in Bohermeen Community Centre. All welcome.

The bus for NAAS races will depart from Bohermeen Community Centre at 11.45am on Thursday 15th September.

Cemetery Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th Sept at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.

PRAY for Sinead Ball, Neilstown, Sr. Veronica Cooke CSJ, Canada (sister of Ramona Mulligan, Boyerstown), Jimmy Moore, Rathmore (brother of Eileen Carolan) and Brigid Brennan, Navan who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Meeting for parents/guardians of First Communion 2023 pupils will take place on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Church.

We warmly welcome Bishop Tom to our parish this weekend to celebrate Mass for Fr. Foncey and all who died during lockdown.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES The Diocesan Pilgrimage will travel to Lourdes tomorrow, Mon 12th Sept led by Bishop Deenihan. The opening Mass for the pilgrimage will be celebrated at the Grotto on Tues Sept 13th at 7.30am (Irish time) and will be available on the Lourdes webcam. We wish a safe journey and every blessing to the people from the parish who are going on the pilgrimage.

Mass Intentions Sat. 10th - Sun. 18th Sept 2022

Bohermeen Church

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

Sat. 10th Sept.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-Tommy Rogers-9th Ann.
-Brendan Rogers-4th Ann.
-Michael Buchanan-3rd Ann.

Bohermeen at 7.15pm
-Mass for Fr. Foncey Mackin and all who died during lockdowns

Sun. 11th Sept.

Cortown at 10.00am
-Patrick & Mary Ellen Barrett-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Dec'd members of the Farnan Family
-Anne Thornton-12th Anniversary

Mon. 10th Sept at 9.30am-

Kevin & Josephine Gorman. Ann. Mass

Sat. 17th Sept.

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Jean & Alan Quigley-Ann Mass
-Patrick & Annie Rennicks-Ann Mass

Bohermeen at 7.15pm-MM-Oliver O'Reilly

Sun. 18th Sept.

Boyerstown at 10.00am-MM-Paddy Connell

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Marion Flanagan-19th Anniversary
-Tom & Ann Fitzsimons & Alice Fay-Ann. Mass

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 10th Sept: Dympna Herward
Sun. 11th Sept: Ann Ryan
Sat. 17th Sept: Dympna Herward
Sun. 18th Sept: Ann Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sept. 10th: Carmel McQuaid & Margaret Farrell
Sept 11th: Julie Yore & Sheila Kenny
Sept. 17th: Tracy Mulvany-Cahill & Jennifer Reilly
Sept. 18th : Bridget Mackin & Cathal Reilly

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 €529.00 Priests Offerings €0.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €496.00

Cortown –€91.00 Boyerstown – €154.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

By Iomar Daniels-The Intercom

Losing something precious or important is not a pleasant experience. Losing your phone or your wallet with all your plastic cards; access to a quick coffee, to the ATM or your car keys leads to a certain amount of panic and frustration. Losing a child in a crowded supermarket or shopping centre is the stuff of nightmares. Frightening stuff! When we lose something precious we can lose all sense of ourselves. We may not think clearly or rationally.

The three parables in today's Gospel are all about loss – a sheep, a lost coin and a lost child. We are so familiar with this Gospel that we may not hear what it is saying to us. Why would a farmer, for instance, go after one lost sheep to the detriment of the flock? Why would any housekeeper toss and turn their house into a mess to find one lost cent? Why would parents host a party for a delinquent son or daughter? It doesn't make sense. It all seems irrational.

Yet, this is the point of the parables. This is what God is like. He becomes irrational and unpredictable when it comes to love. He loves us like mad! He forgives us no matter what. He will do anything to find us when we are lost. It's a crazy kind of love. This is the Christian way of doing things. We are invited to be crazy with love for those who don't stay within the fold, who don't subscribe to our moral expectations and for those who lose their way in life. We are to go after them, to forgive them and to love them warts and all.

Mother Teresa expressed it: 'Every human being comes from the hand of God and we all know how much God loves us. Whatever our belief, we must learn to forgive if we want to truly love.' (*Mother Teresa, The Love of Christ, A Fountain Original*)
AMEN.