

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN  
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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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.

### (v) Sense of Belonging

Strong sentiments around the theme of belonging and a desire for the development of a more welcoming and inclusive Church emerged throughout the submissions. Some respondents were happy with the sense of belonging and companionship they felt within the Church but many more articulated the view that the Church was not as welcoming for those who may be on the margins of society or who feel excluded because of their sexual orientation.

One submission stated: *Those who feel at home in the Church feel the absence of those who don't.* There was unanimous desire for the Church to adopt a more welcoming and inclusive stance towards all, and in doing so reach out especially to those on the margins and those who do not engage regularly. It was stressed that the Church is at its very best when it is close to people's lives, speaking a language that people understand, and connecting with people amidst their daily struggles. Regarding language itself, some felt that the Irish language and the local customs that surround the language, were not afforded adequate attention in Church circles.

Sadly, the view that nothing happens outside of Mass and that much more could be done to develop a sense of community through regular social events and other liturgical services, emerged repeatedly. Coupled to this desire for improving fraternal and communal bonds was a sense that better communication methods need to be adopted to assist this process.

One diocesan submission offered a helpful caveat: *Technology was very useful, yet the internet is no substitute for human contact.* If the Church is to become an inclusive one where all marginalised people feel a sense of belonging, then we must take stock of who is missing and discern how they can be welcomed. As one submission noted: *Personal invitation is key.*

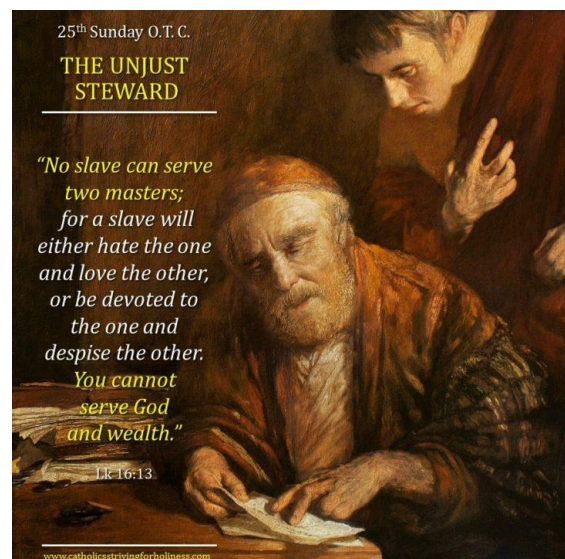
**Cemetery Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.

### Glass half empty to Glass Sparkling Full ...

5 week workshop to **turn dreams into goals into actions into success.**

Starting 27<sup>th</sup> Sept in Bohermeen Parish Centre. For full information contact Richard 086 172 0933.

**Bohermeen Cycling Club** will host the Meath Cycling Road Race Championships in the parish this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Underage racing will start @ 10am with the senior races @12 noon. All races start and finish at Bohermeen Community Centre. The circuit covers Neilstown, Bog Cross, Navan / Athboy road, Boyerstown and back to Neilstown



**Mass Intentions** Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

**Bohermeen Church**

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

**Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

- Jack Meehan-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary
- Jean & Alan Quigley-Ann Mass
- Patrick & Annie Rennicks-Ann Mass

Bohermeen at 7.15pm-MM-Oliver O'Reilly

**Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am-MM-Paddy Connell

Bohermeen at 11.30am

- Marion Flanagan-19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Tom & Ann Fitzsimons & Alice Fay-Ann. Mass

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

- Francis Fitzsimons-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

- Patrick Rennicks-24<sup>th</sup> Ann.
- Maggie Mulroe & dec'd family members

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Cortown at 10.00am

- James Gilsenan-4<sup>th</sup> Ann
- Ben, Dympna & Tom Ward-Ann. Mass
- Thomas, Una & Eamon Loughran-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am

- Peter Reilly-10<sup>th</sup> Ann.
- Pat Vahey-28<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Dympna Herward

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: Ann Ryan

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Áine Keating

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: Kerri Finnegan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>: Tracy Mulvany-Cahill & Jennifer Reilly

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: Bridget Mackin & Cathal Reilly

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>: Carmel McQuaid

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: Joe Murtagh & Kathleen Keating

**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 €468.00 Priests Offerings €360.00*

*Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €190.00*

*Cortown –€98.00 Boyerstown – €194.00*

*Special Cemetery Collection - €460.00*

*Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.*

**Today's Gospel- Iomar Daniels. The Intercom**

Many of our decisions can affect the poor of the world. Many years ago, in Boston, USA, a bag-lady doll came on the market. Bag-ladies are a common sight on American city street foraging for a living. The English version has been celebrated in the song 'Streets of London'.

'Have you seen the old girl who walks the streets of London, dirt in her hair, her clothes in rags'. As one commentator said at the time, wouldn't it have been a much better decision by the manufacturers to have invested their money in helping the real bag-ladies than indulging in consumerist opportunism. What do you think?

Some of our decisions have serious consequences for the poorest. We are invited to think clearly and well before making decisions that make a huge difference to the poor and needy – where our clothes come from, who are being exploited in the manufacture and production of goods, is this a fair-trade product and so on. We are invited not to make popular decisions but responsible decisions. AMEN.

**10 Second Sermons**

- It is great to grow old if one keeps young.
- What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul.
- Don't be afraid your life will end; be afraid it will never start.