

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME

2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2022

Day for Life

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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.

### (vii) LGBTQI+

There was a clear, overwhelming call for the full inclusion of LGBTQI+ people in the Church, expressed by all ages and particularly by the young and by members of the LGBTQI+ community themselves. This inclusion would in the first instance involve less judgemental language in Church teaching, following the compassionate approach of Pope Francis, which has been transformative and is appreciated, again, by young people in particular.

Some called for a change in Church teaching, asking if the Church is sufficiently mindful of developments with regard to human sexuality and the lived reality of LGBTQI+ couples. Others expressed a concern that a change in the Church's teaching would be simply conforming to secular standards and contemporary culture. Likewise, it was urged that we not treat the LGBTQI+ community in isolation from other marginalised groups.

There were calls from an LGBTQI+ focus group for an apology from the Church. This submission suggested that even though the Church rarely condemns gay people these days, it indirectly creates an atmosphere where physical, psychological and emotional abuse of gay people is tolerated and even encouraged.

Indeed, the visceral clarity of this particular focus group gave life to the rather more tentative and generalised positions on inclusion offered elsewhere, pointing to the value of hearing directly the voices of the excluded or disaffected.

**Cemetery Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.

**Pioneers of Meath Diocese:** Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection in St Colmcille's Church, Kells, Co. Meath on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of October from 2.30pm to 5.00pm.**

### Meath Careers Expo

12<sup>th</sup> October in The Ardboyne Hotel Navan 12noon – 8.00pm

100's of jobs on offer. Meet the employers, Onsite interviews and CV clinics.

The Meath Careers Expo is not to be missed.

Check out the jobs and register for FREE at [www.careersexpo.ie](http://www.careersexpo.ie)

### Introduction to the Bible on Kells webcam

Beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon, Fr. John will continue his introduction to the Bible. This year he will introduce the Acts of the Apostles on Mondays at 12 noon. Each session will last 25-30 minutes. You can access the talks as you would the Mass each day on [www.kellsparish.ie](http://www.kellsparish.ie). (If you cannot access the talks on the webcam you are welcome to come to Kells church to attend in person). The sessions will be recorded. For queries, you may contact Fr. John on email: [jplowebyrne@gmail.com](mailto:jplowebyrne@gmail.com)

### Age Friendly Meath

Invites you to join the 'Older People's Council Open Event' on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 11.00am -2.00pm in The Ardboyne Hotel, Navan. Guest Speakers on Crime Prevention / Dementia / Wills. Planning for the Future/Yoga /Information Stands. **Lunch provided**

To register **email:** [community@meathcoco.ie](mailto:community@meathcoco.ie)

**Phone:** Áine Bird, Community Section.

Meath County Council 046 909 7400



**Mass Intentions** Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct- Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022

**Bohermeen Church**

There will be a Communion Service at 9.30am from Monday to Friday of this week.

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Bridie Lynch-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Noel, Tom & Nancy Murtagh-Ann. Mass

-Francis Byrne-Ann. Mass

**Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Patrick, Eddie & Margaret Farrelly-Ann. Mass

-Lily Harte-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-MM-Sinead Ball

**Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.** in Cortown at 8.00pm

-Divine Mercy Mass

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-Thomas McGill-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-James & Rose McDonnell-Ann. Mass

-Joe Reilly-5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Cortown at 10.00am-

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Kevin & Thomas Gilsean-Ann. Mass

-Francis & Nancy Farnan-Ann. Mass

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Áine Keating

Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Kerri Finnegan

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Majella Murray

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Geraldine McHugh

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: Jennifer Reilly

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> : Julie Yore & Joe Murtagh

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: Kathleen Keating & Sheila Kenny

**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 €616.00 Priests Offerings €60.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €487.00

Cortown –€152.00 Boyerstown – €187.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

**Keep going when there are no signs of gratitude-**

Fr. Silvester O’Flynn. OFM. –The Irish Catholic

To be faithful is to persevere, to stay the course, to keep going, especially when the going is tough and there are no signs of affirmation or gratitude. In today’s first reading, the prophet, Habakkuk, encourages people to persevere in faith. He writes in a time of oppression, tyranny, outrage and violence, announcing a message of hope from God, but he encourages his people to be patient. “If it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright people will live by their faithfulness” (Habakkuk 2:4).

“God’s gift is not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love and self-control” (II Timothy 1:6). One of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit is piety, which is not to be confused with piousness. The real meaning of piety is being faithful to one’s daily duties. One’s prayer-life might be for long periods at the unadorned, humdrum table. Faith grows through fidelity to the daily routine.

There is nothing glamorous about this unadorned faithfulness. One perseveres quietly and lovingly because faith believes that God is faithful. And that is enough. God reaches out to me 365 days each year in unwavering, faithful love. The least I owe to God is to make space for prayer 365 days of the year. We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.

**Prayer**

*With the apostles we pray, “Lord, increase our faith.” When our prayer is in darkness and lack of consolation, remind us that the Spirit we received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation is praying with us in ways beyond words.*

*Strengthen us to remain faithful even when the table we dine at is unadorned, routine and lonely.*

*We are merely your servants, doing our duty.*