

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME

9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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.

### (viii) Sexuality and Relationships

It was evident that sexuality, sexual ethics, and relationship issues informed people's decisions in relation to Mass attendance, reception of the Eucharist and many other aspects of Church life. One submission asserted that the way in which people (both clergy and lay) were formed within the Church in relation to the understanding of sexuality and sexual sin has been a source of great suffering to many. There were requests for re-examinations of Church teaching and a revision of its understanding of human sexuality in light of recent scientific and sociological research, alongside a recognition of the lived realities of LGBTQI+ and other couples.

Similarly, it was asserted that Church teaching could be more compassionate to women's health, wellbeing and the raising of families, considering many circumstances, including financial ones. It was suggested that the theology underpinning Church teaching on sexuality is but one strand in a far richer tapestry. For the divorced and remarried, the Church's 'rules and regulations' were seen as draconian. Some divorced and separated people believed they could not receive the Eucharist even though they had not entered second relationships. Others described their exclusion by priests from any active role in the parish because of their status.

It was stated that some priests avoided the strict implementation of the teaching regarding those in second unions receiving the Eucharist, and while this was appreciated, it was also seen as *turning a blind eye to the reality*. Honest, open engagement and accompaniment with those in second unions was called for, to name the issue and to dialogue.

Calls to make the process of applying for a declaration of marriage nullity easier and more accessible were also received.

Another group who identified as feeling excluded from the life of the Church was single parents. It was felt that all parents who wish to bring up their children in the Church should experience welcome and support, and that greater creativity in ministry to families is needed.

There are other minority, yet strong, voices that believe the Church, rooted in the Catholic Tradition, should not conform to secular standards when it comes to questions regarding gender, sexuality, and relationships. For others, *the Church has no credibility in modern society as long as discrimination on the grounds of gender or sexuality exists.*

**Cemetery Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.

### 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: [jplovebyrne@gmail.com](mailto:jplovebyrne@gmail.com)

### Bog Committee Meeting

will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.



**Eucharistic Adoration** continues in the Crying Room in Bohermeen Church from Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 3pm-6pm and Thursday 3pm-8pm.

Adorers are always welcome, for any time. Tel 087 970 0091 if you can help.

### St. Ciaran's Community School, Kells-Open Night

will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> class primary pupils and their parents/guardians are all welcome.

**Navan Floral Art Club** are holding a Floral Demonstration by Ali Dietrich in the Ardboyne Hotel on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm.

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct- Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022

**Bohermeen Church**

Daily mass at 9.30am (*Funeral replaces 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-

-Dr. Catherine Maura Donnelly-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Kevin & Thomas Gilsean-Ann. Mass

-Francis & Nancy Farnan-Ann. Mass

**Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Cortown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Edward & Mary O'Reilly-Ann. Mass

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Maureen Brennan-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Pray** for Noel Kerrigan, Boyerstown, and Collette Horton, Navan, (mother of Riona Horton-Lynn) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: Majella Murray

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Oct: Geraldine McHugh

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: Kathleen Keating & Joe Murtagh

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Farrell

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Bridget Mackin & Cathal O'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 €609.00 Priests Offerings €0.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €370.00**

**Cortown –€147.00 Boyerstown – €170.00**

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

**Safeguarding Awareness Day**

Our safeguarding children team is made up of Áine Keating and Miriam Henry. We work with Fr Andy to help ensure a positive experience for children taking part in parish activities.

We have a safeguarding policy which is available from the parish office, and we have various procedures which some of you may be familiar with. These include codes of behaviours for the children and the adults involved in parish activities, consent forms which parents sign before children participate in activities, adequate supervision and good recruitment practices. The parish representatives, together with Fr Andy, have been invited to updated training in this work this autumn.

The long period of lockdown in our parishes had far-reaching consequences, one of which includes the decrease in children and young people taking part in parish activities, even the basics, such as altar servers and junior readers. Bishop Deenihan is keen for normal parish life to resume. This safeguarding awareness day gives us an opportunity to focus on how best our parish can encourage children and young people to have active ministries in our parish and to ensure they are both safe and welcome.

We would like to acknowledge the children and young people who take part in our parish activities and hope they will continue to be part of our parish life. Thanks also to the volunteers and to the parents. Your enthusiasm, care and welcoming manner play a huge part in ensuring that children and young people have a positive experience in our parish.

