

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
16<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.

### (ix) Adult Faith Formation

The synodal process highlighted the serious weaknesses in Adult Faith Development in Ireland. Many of the submissions reported that people found it hard to engage with the questions, the concepts and the language relating to communion and mission. There is a felt need among many respondents for safe and dynamic spaces where people can come together to talk deeply about their faith and increase their knowledge of it.

One submission stated: *Our spiritual growth is stunted. As adult members of the Church, we are not sufficiently grounded in our faith, and do not have the confidence in speaking about our love of God.* Many submissions stressed that the declining numbers of priests and religious means the Church is heading for a crisis as there will be very few people properly prepared to step into leadership and faith development roles. The need to provide continuous professional development for Religious Education teachers in Primary and Secondary level was also highlighted. They make a crucial contribution to the communication of the faith today.

One submission outlined that *there is a crisis in transmission of faith, rather than a crisis of faith* and that we are unsure about how to evangelise in the modern world. This problem can only be addressed with the deployment of significant resources into programmes for those who wish to deepen their own faith, spirituality and understanding of scripture at a personal or academic level. Many of the courses available are very expensive, and therefore inaccessible to those who are on low incomes or social welfare.

Some felt that if we invested half as many resources into the training and formation of people as we do into buildings, we could dramatically improve the life of the Church in Ireland today.

**Cemetery Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.



**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. Brigid's NS, Cortown Table Quiz Fundraiser** in Bray's Pub, Fordstown on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30pm.

Tables can be reserved by contacting school office on 046-9249700 or [info@cortownns.ie](mailto:info@cortownns.ie) €10 per person, table of 4.

**World Mission Sunday** takes place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. On this day, we think of struggling parishes in the growing church throughout Africa, South America, Asia and Oceania. The collection taken up on World Mission Sunday is a crucial lifeline in over 1,100 young dioceses and provides assistance to communities for them to build schools, health centres, parish halls and churches. It also supports in the education of future leaders in faith.

There will be a second collection during Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for the Missions.

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** will take place from March 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. Cost €1295.00. Booking with Navan Travel on 046 906 8600. All enquiries to Kingscourt Parish on 046 966 7314. See poster on our noticeboard.

**St. Joseph's NS, Boyerstown** are now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2023. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office which can be contacted at [boyerstownns@gmail.com](mailto:boyerstownns@gmail.com) or 046 9027252. The deadline for receipt of completed enrolment forms is Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct- Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2022

**Bohermeen Church**

Daily mass at 9.30am (*Funeral replaces 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

-Thomas Garry & Carmel Garry, Rathmore

Bohermeen at 11.30am

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

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Edward, Annie & Sinead Ball & dec'd members

of the Ball & Coogan family-Ann. Mass

-Patrick Ball & Anna & Charlie Murray-Ann.

Mass

-Derek Brady-26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.**

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Matthew & Rose Yore-Ann. Mass

-Mark, Mary and Laura Kerrigan-Ann. Mass

-Paddy & Brigid O'Malley-Ann. Mass

**Ministers of the Word:**

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

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

Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Sandra Coffey

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Terry Connolly

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Bridget Mackin & Cathal O'Reilly

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Julie Yore & Joe Murtagh

**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 €462.00 Priests Offerings €20.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €433.00**

**Cortown –€105.00 Boyerstown – €192.00**

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

**The Meath Lourdes Hospitalité** will celebrate Mass to remember Fr. Mackin and deceased hospitalité members on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Church. A practice for the combined parish choir will be held on Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Church.

**Bohermeen Athletic Club** would like to acknowledge that following the Patrick Bell and Nicky Phillips memorial 5k last June, that a sum of €1,500.00 had been presented to Whistlemount Alzheimer's day care centre on the Kells Road Navan for the benefit of the centre and its services.

**Pray continually and never lose heart-**by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn. OFM Cap. The Irish Catholic

**We expect instant answers** Waiting patiently is not a virtue that comes easily today as technology has increased our expectation of instant answers. We are accustomed to instant coffee or soup, tablets for a speedy relief of pain, water on tap, heating or light at the flick of a switch, or impatiently hopping on the zapper from one channel to another. With this mentality we want instant answers to our prayers. But, would it be for our good if we got all we ask for without delay? The parable notes that God sometimes delays the favour. There is a line in the Old Testament responding to the question of why it took all of forty years for the exodus of the Israelites to the promised land. "It was to humble you, to test you and to know your inmost heart" (Deut 8:2).

If we got an instant answer to every prayer, we might not appreciate it. We might think that it is due to the power of our own prayer, not God's doing. When God delays an answer, it humbles us. A child with no toys appreciates a gift far more than the rich child who takes a gift almost as his/her right. We need to be humbled to appreciate the depths of our dependence on God. God's delay might be a way of deepening our faith. As Thomas Merton explained, in daylight we can see the objects that are near at hand, but it is only in the darkness of night that our vision stretches to see the distant stars.

God wants to stretch our vision and deepen our faith. Sometimes a sports trainer pushes a team through the pain barrier to test their commitment. That is where he knows their inmost heart and determination. A group of people who have been through hardship together are drawn into a deeper relationship than if it had been easy and superficial.