

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION SUNDAY

23rd 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'.

World Mission Sunday

'I am sorry to have to tell you that your daughter will never regain consciousness'. These were the words spoken to the parents of Mayline, aged 3½, in May 2012 when she lay in a coma as a result of choking on a piece of food. Her parents were very distraught, but never gave up hope. Mayline's family and friends began a Novena to Blessed Pauline Jaricot, one of the founders of Missio. Mayline regained consciousness, recovers completely and was released from hospital in December 2012. At the Beatification of Pauline Jaricot in Lyon on 22 May this year, I was privileged to meet Mayline (now aged 13½) and her parents. Due to the miracle of Mayline's recovery, her father discovered Jesus in his life. Consequently, after a period of instruction, he was baptised into the Catholic Church four years later. The whole family now bears witness to the healing power of God's love.

Pope Francis chose the following words for this year's theme of World Mission Sunday 'You shall be my Witnesses...to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8). In his message, Pope Francis explains how Blessed Pauline Jaricot inspired the celebration of the first World Mission Sunday in 1926.

Missionaries need our prayers and financial support. In 2021, 22 missionaries were killed throughout the world. So far this year, at least six priests (including four from Nigeria) and two nuns have been killed. Sr. Maria de Coppi, 84 years of age, and Italian Sister, served as a missionary for 60 years. She was shot dead by ISIS terrorists during an attack on the Catholic Mission of Chipene, Mozambique, on 6th September last. The attack took place during the night and lasted 5 hours. The terrorists ransacked and burnt the Mission's Church, the school, the health centre, the convent, the priest's house and other buildings, the library as well as vehicles. Two other sisters and two priests managed to escape the attack. In a phone call a few hours earlier to her niece, Sr. Maria said:

'The situation here is agonising; it is not good. It is very tense. Please pray for us and for the people'.

Strengthened and guided by the Spirit

When the risen Christ commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses, he also promised them the grace needed for this great responsibility. We see in Acts 1:8 that it was precisely following the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples that the first act of witnessing to the crucified and risen Christ took place. Whereas they had previously been weak, fearful and closed in on themselves, the Holy Spirit gave them the strength, courage and wisdom to bear witness to Christ before all people.

It is precisely when we feel tired, unmotivated or confused that we should remember to turn to the Holy Spirit in prayer. Prayer plays a fundamental role in our missionary life, for it allows us to be refreshed by the Spirit, the inexhaustible divine source of renewed energy and joy in sharing Christ's life with others. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the right word, at the right time, and in the right way.

World Mission Sunday takes place on today, Sunday 23rd 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 today for the Missions.

List of the Dead - Masses on 1st Fridays throughout the year and on All Souls Day (2nd Nov.) are offered for our faithful departed. For the **List of the Dead**, we ask you to use the purple envelope and name sheet from your weekly box of envelopes. If you cannot locate this envelope, there are some envelopes and sheets available in the Church. The envelope should then be returned with Mass offering to the Parish Office as soon as possible for inclusion in the Book of the Dead, which will be in all Churches during the month of November. The REMEMBRANCE TREE will also be in the Churches. You should write the names of your departed ones on the tags and hang them on the tree.

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

Mass Intentions Sat. 22nd Oct- Sun. 31st Oct 2022

Bohermeen Church

Daily mass at 9.30am (*Funeral replaces Mass*)

Sat. 22nd 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

Mass

-Derek Brady-26th Anniversary

Sun. 23rd 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

-John & Imy Smith-Ann. Mass

Sat. 29th Oct.

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Frank Battersby 2nd Anniversary and his daughter Elaine 4th Ann.

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Tommy Griffin-3rd Anniversary

Sun. 30th Oct.

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-for the people of the parish

Mon. 31st Oct-St. Joseph's Young Priests

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 22nd Oct: Dympna Herward

Sun. 23rd Oct: Terry Connolly

Sat. 29th Oct: Sandra Coffey

Sun. 30thOct: DTiM Parent

Eucharistic Ministers:

Oct. 22nd: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Oct. 23rd: Julie Yore & Joe Murtagh

Oct 29th : Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Oct 30th : 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 €824.00 Priests Offerings €0.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €445.00

Cortown –€88.00 Boyerstown – €150.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a *Free* online, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our November Programmes. To book your place please contact Áine (041) 685 0676 / (087) 114 0371 or Joanne (041) 686 0710 / (087) 430 8735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

The Meath Lourdes Hospitalité will celebrate Mass to remember Fr. Mackin and deceased hospitalité members on Friday 4th November at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Church.

Meath's Role in the Foundation of the State Speakers: Liz Gillis on The Foundation of the State Myles Dungan on Eamonn Duggan & Michael Collins. Sean Boylan on General Sean Boylan **24th October at 8.00pm in Trim Castle Hotel** There will be music and light refreshments on the night.

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 boyerstowns@gmail.com or 046 9027252. The deadline for receipt of completed enrolment forms is Friday, 25th November 2022.

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

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