

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Prisoner's Sunday)

06th NOVEMBER 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.

(xi) Youth

The issue of youth and the question of how the Church might engage with them, emerged universally across the synodal process. Multiple dioceses and organisations noted *the absence of young people in parish communities* and many submissions articulated a view that other youth organisations provide a home for young people that is more welcoming than that in parishes. There was an openness and honesty in responses from young people. They identified with faith and with the Gospel message and what we are called to as Church. One response clearly conveyed the sentiments expressed by so many: *the one thing we, as young people, look for is sincerity.*

In many instances it was felt that the Church lacked this, or indeed pastoral awareness of the significant challenges faced by young people today. One notable example given was the mental health crisis faced by many young people. Many young people were critical of the Church regarding the role of women, clerical celibacy and its handling of the abuse crisis. A significant number disagreed with the Church's teaching on sexuality and the Church's position on sex was considered as a barrier to participation by some young people. On the other hand, some young people said that, for them, the Church's teaching on sexuality is a welcome challenge.

One submission commented that the pursuit of authenticity, truth, beauty and the goodness which the Church has to offer is what is most attractive about the faith. It is striking to note that whilst dioceses noted the absence of young people in parishes, particular youth groups were able to offer the kind of faith community young people desired. Young people feel significant pressure from their peers and wider society when they express their faith and engage with Church.

It is significant that for young people who have not engaged with or found vibrant communities where they can belong, they become indifferent to their faith. Many young people do wish to engage with Church, yet deficiencies in current pastoral practice have resulted in a marked disconnect between them and the Church. The question of how the Church might accompany them has emerged as an urgent one.

Cemetery Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.

Thank you

We are very blessed to have so many groups that are actively involved in the life of the parish and we would like to thank you for all the work that you do. We'd love to invite all of you to get together on **Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Starting with a cup of tea and a chat on how the parish can help you in the great work that you do. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the parish office. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Fr. Andy and the Leadership Team

Remembrance Mass for those who died within the last year will be held on **Friday November 18th at 7.30pm in Cortown Church**. If you would like loved ones from elsewhere remembered at this Mass please give the names to Anne in the Parish Office before Wednesday 16th Nov.



Today is an offering day. Please use the white envelope in your box of envelopes.

Meath Befriending Service aims to help reduce loneliness and isolation through a weekly home visit from a Befriender. To avail of this service or make a referral contact Eva at 085 862 2496, or email eva.ofarrell@meathpartnership.ie

Bohermeen Athletic Club will stage the Meath senior cross country championships and juveniles running league on Sunday Nov 13th at Ardbraccan cross roads commencing at 11.00am.

Mass Intentions Sat. 29th Oct- Sun. 6th Nov. 2022

Bohermeen Church

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

Sat. 5th Nov.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Lily & Terry Bennett-Ann. Mass

-Mary (Maisie) Reilly 20th Anniversary and deceased members of the Reilly & Gill families

Sun. 6th Nov.

Cortown at 10.00am

-May McNamee-1st Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-for the people of the parish

Sat. 12th Nov.

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Kathleen Henry -1st Anniversary

-Thomas & Kathleen Curtis & dec'd family members

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Enrolment Mass for Confirmation pupils

Sun. 13th Nov.

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-MM-Noel Kerrigan

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Patrick Mallon-Ann. Mass

-Henry & Brian Callaghan-Ann. Mass

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 5th Nov:

Sun. 6th Nov: Terry Connolly

Sat 12th Nov: Kevin McCormack

Sun. 13th Nov: Ray/Michelle Finnegan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Nov. 5th: Bridget Mackin

Nov. 6th: Joe Murtagh & Kathleen Keating

Nov. 12th: Carmel McQuaid

Nov. 13th: Julie Yore & Margaret Farrell

Pray for Margaret Kelly (sister of Ursula Lynskey, Boyerstown) who died recently. May she rest in peace.

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 €872.43 Priests Offerings €0.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €440.00

Cortown –€168.00 Boyerstown – €173.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

Parish Pastoral Council

The establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council is a living model with the potential to reflect the collective wisdom of the faith community where people learn to become stewards of the gifts of God, live the liturgy, build up the Church and serve the Gospel through a process of:

- stimulating thinking
- facilitating collaboration
- encouraging dialogue
- engaging in discernment
- enabling decision-making
- formulating, promoting and implementing practical pastoral initiatives

Council members are invited to gather in a communion of shared responsibility for the charism of the Church, thereby contributing to the strengthening of the faith community in much the same way the first Christians assumed responsibility for the pastoral care of its members.

The Parish Pastoral Council therefore, is a faith-filled body of the faithful, through which priests and people work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish. Through this partnership a vibrant Christian community, rooted in baptism and marked by its faith, worship and service can continue to be nurtured.

