

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
13<sup>th</sup> 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'.**

**Our Parish meeting** on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, hosted by our Leadership Team, was very well attended and a number of decisions were made.

1. A **heartfelt expression of thanks and appreciation** was expressed to all the Ministry Groups;  
Altar Societies, Altar Servers & Leaders, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choirs, Collectors, Counters, Envelope Dist., Do This in Memory, Teen Parenting Team, Groundsmen, Finance Committee, Adorers, St. Joseph's Young Priests, Cemetery Committee, Safeguarding, St. Vincent de Paul, Pioneers, Lourdes Team, Sacristans, Liturgy Group.
2. It was decided that we will seek **nominations** before Christmas from the three Church communities, for the consideration for membership of our new parish Pastoral Council (which will be representative of the three church communities and have an age balance).  
**The skills, qualities and experience required to be a member are;**
  - (i) Baptised
  - (ii) Practising the catholic faith
  - (iii) In full communion with the church
  - (iv) A regular attender of Mass in the parish
  - (v) Be at least 16 years of age
  - (vi) Supporting the parish through giving of time, energy and finances
  - (vii) Aware of the nature, role and work of the PPC
  - (viii) Understanding that they will be working as part of a team
3. **Areas of attention/focus for a PPC may include;**
  - Liturgy, worship, sacramental preparation and prayer
  - Faith formation, catechesis, evangelisation, scripture, renewal programmes
  - Outreach to lapsed catholics, 'new seekers', ethnic groups
  - Promoting vocations to priesthood and religious life
  - Supporting family life-hospitality

- Proclamation of God's word – publications, virtual platforms
- Social outreach to those on the margins, those in difficulty
- Pastoral care of the sick, the bereaved, those in hospital, the dying
- Youth ministry and outreach
- Environmental action-care of our common home
- Ecumenism
- Supporting a safeguarding culture in the parish
- Pastoral planning and parish policy making

4. There was **strong support** for celebration and events that would attract and involve young people. A group of parents are working on (a) a youth mass before Christmas, if possible, (b) a pilgrimage or trip to climb Croagh Patrick. Other suggestions are welcome.
5. **Satisfactions** were expressed at the return of Mass Servers in Bohermeen and Cortown and it is hoped to have Servers in Boyerstown in the near future.
6. **Signs of a vibrant Parish**
  - Evangelisation-encountering the person of Jesus Christ
  - Noble simplicity in celebrating the sacraments
  - Welcoming
  - On-going faith formation and catechesis
  - Personal discipleship
  - Outreach to the marginalise
  - Stewardship
  - Passion for vocations
  - Commitment to service

**Cemetery Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All members are asked to attend.

**Remembrance Mass** for those who died within the last year will be held on **Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.



**Bohermeen Parents Association** will hold a **Bake Sale** after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Centre. If you would like to donate any baked goods, you can drop them off in the centre before Mass. Tea and coffee will also be available on the day.

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022

**Bohermeen Church**-Daily mass at 9.30am (*Funeral replaces Mass*) **NO MASS ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Kathleen Henry -1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

-Thomas & Kathleen Curtis & dec'd family members

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Enrolment Mass for Confirmation pupils

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-MM-Noel Kerrigan

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Henry & Brian Callaghan-Ann. Mass

**Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Bohermeen at 9.30am

-Deceased members of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

**Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. REMEMBRANCE MASS**

-Cortown at 7.30pm

**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-John & Hilda Conlon & dec'd members of the Conlon and Doran families

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Edward & Teresa Casserly-Ann. Mass

**Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Madeline Harrison 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Kevin McCormack

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Ray/Michelle Finnegan

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Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Ray/Michelle Finnegan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>: Tracy Mulvany-Cahill & Cathal O'Reilly

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: Julie Yore & Margaret Farrell

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Bridget Mackin & Cathal O'Reilly

**Pray** for Breeda Marnane (sister of Geraldine McHugh, Greetiagh) 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 €516.00 Priests Offerings €761.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €391.00**

**Cortown –€168.00 Boyerstown – €171.00**

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

**Purgatory: therapy of divine love** by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM-The Irish Catholic

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, published in 1994, under the watchful eye of Cardinal Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, paints a very different picture. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (Catechism 1030). The old Catechism spoke of punishment and suffering. The new Catechism speaks of assured salvation and a therapy of purification.

**Preparing for the Beatific Vision** St John gives us this beautiful, uplifting insight into our future. "My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify self, must try to be as pure as Christ" (1 John 3:2-3). So, what has to be purified? Any way of thinking or behaving contrary to love of God or love of other people. Hands up anyone who thinks you are 100% perfect in charity!

A cataract is a sort of fog that gradually grows over the lens of the eye. Nowadays a cataract can be removed in a brief surgery. A lady who had cataracts removed from both eyes told me, "I had forgotten what colour was like". A person who has allowed sinful behaviour to develop has lost the colourful memory of God's love and human dignity.

**A gradual therapy** Sometimes an unexpected happening, a moment of grace, can be a sudden eye-opener resulting in a conversion of life. But more often than not, the purification of mind and heart is a gradual process. Dante described purgatory as climbing up step by step, beginning with the eradication of pride, until the soul is ravished in love. As one gradually ascends towards God, the cataracts of selfishness, lust, anger, injustice etc. are cleansed from the eye of the soul. The journey to God is completed when the soul is completely cleansed. One of the beatitudes of God's kingdom states, "Blessed are the pure spirit in for they shall see God". A person is then like a mirror, receiving and returning a perfect reflection of God. As we heard from St John, "we shall see him as he really is". This is called the beatific vision. **"I shall be filled when I awake with the sight of your glory, O Lord"** (Resp. Psalm).