

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
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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'.

Jesus Christ, the universal king by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn. OFM Cap. *The Irish Catholic*

This Sunday's reading from Luke (23:35-43) takes us to the foot of the cross on Calvary. At the end of his journey, over his head, his crime was posted, "Jesus Christ, King of the Jews."

A king different to earthly royalty

Jesus as king was the reversal of the ways usually followed by the royalty of this world. He did not sit on an elevated throne to symbolise his power, but he hung from a cross, too weak to save himself from death. He did not wear a bejewelled crown but he was capped with a crown of sharp thorns, an appalling sight, without beauty, without majesty, a thing despised and rejected by people. He had no armies at his command nor servants in attendance: instead, he came to serve and to offer his life as a ransom for many.

The kingdom of God is at hand

Jesus announced at the beginning of his public ministry that his mission would be to establish the kingdom of God in the world. "The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel"

The qualities of the reign of God are listed in the Preface of today's Mass... a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace.

A kingdom of truth and life

In the Gospel, Satan is identified as the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning. In other words, anti-truth and antilife, the exact opposites of the reign of God. The first victim of any war is truth. Propaganda becomes a most powerful weapon. Many people today are like Pontius Pilate who disdainfully asked Jesus, "What is truth?" Truth has become what suits me, regardless of the facts. Facts have been replaced by slogans.

Slogans win elections more than reasoned debate. Do we have a world where truth is respected? Is there truth in business dealings, tax returns, court testimony, tribunals, media reporting, daily conversation? We have fake news, conspiracy

theories, misleading propaganda and imbalanced panels discussing serious issues of morality. The famous psychoanalyst Carl Jung said that the world is so rich with delusions that truth is priceless.

The second ideal is life. Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. How do we respect life if we vote for abortion, condone war and capital punishment, close our hearts to famine, homelessness and poverty?

A kingdom of holiness and grace

The kingdom of Jesus will be recognised in the evidence of holiness and grace. Is the name of Jesus a holy name any longer? Is Sunday the Lord's Day, a holy day? Has the shopping arcade become the new Sunday temple? Kingdom people are prayerful and reverential. They cooperate with the graces of the Holy Spirit.

A kingdom of justice, love and peace

Saint Paul said that the kingdom of God is not about material things but about saving justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17). Are we concerned about social justice for the underprivileged? Does our society manifest the love and peace of God?

Prayer for today.

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven



OUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Next weekend we will have the Nomination sheets available in our three Churches and we are asking you to nominate a person who meets the requirements (see below) to be considered for our new Parish Pastoral Council.

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

There will be boxes in the three Churches where you can return your nomination sheets before December 11th.

Mass Intentions Sat. 12th to Sun. 20th Nov. 2022

Bohermeen Church-Daily mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

Sat. 19th 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. 20th Nov.

Cortown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Madeline Harrison 4th Anniversary

Sat. 26th Nov.

Cortown at 6.00pm
-John, Kevin, Dan & Sr. Frances Farrelly-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 7.15pm-YOUTH MASS
-Margaret & James Fay-Ann. Mass

Sun. 27th Nov.

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-Joe Casserly-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Richard Lynn-1st Anniversary

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 19th Nov: Kevin McCormack

Sun. 20th Nov: Ray/Michelle Finnegan

Sat. 26th Nov: Helen Mallon

Sun. 27th Nov: Pat Farrell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 19th Nov: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 20th Nov: Bridget Mackin & Cathal O'Reilly

Sat. 26th Nov: Carmel McQuaid

Sun. 27th Nov: Joe Murtagh & Kathleen Keating

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 €430.00 Priests Offerings €600.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €403.00

Cortown –€226.00 Boyerstown – €334.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

CHRISTMAS MARKET FUNDRAISER for Kells Meals on Wheels & S.V.D.P.

Sunday 4th December in St. Ciaran's Community School, Kells from 1.00 a.m. till 5.00p.m. (Santa will be there from 2-4)

Jewellery, Paintings, Candles, Soaps, Wreaths, Decorations, Beauty Products, Baked Goods, and many more. Tea/Coffee refreshments will be available also.

St Ultan's Historical Society annual calendar is now available and will be on sale at Hogans Shop on Saturday Nov 19th and on Sunday 20th at Bohermeen community centre from 3.00-5.00pm and is priced at **€7.00**.

Also, the new book on the **Cumann na mBunscol** sport in the local schools from 1979-2022 is on sale at the same time and is priced at **€10.00**, both should be available in local shops also. Both have a limited print run this year.

St. Ultan's Historical Society will hold an open meeting on Tuesday Nov 22nd at 8.00pm in Bohermeen community centre and will have some items to view and anyone is welcome to come along and bring an item of historical interest.

Bohermeen Parents Association will hold a **Bake Sale** today after 11.30am Mass in the Parish Centre. Lots of delicious goodies for sale. Tea and coffee will also be available.



YOUTH MASS-SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER AT 7.15pm BOHERMEEN CHURCH

On Saturday 26th November there will be a Youth Mass for all the young people in our parish. The Delvin NET Team will be here from 6.00pm and we are inviting you to come and meet the NET Team and to prepare the music, readings etc., for the Mass at 7.15pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre.

