

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th DECEMBER 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'.

THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD 2021-2024 is now at what is known as the Continental Stage. The many national syntheses which resulted from the synodal conversations around the world have been considered and a working document entitled *Enlarge the space of your tent* has been produced.

In advance of a pre-synodal assembly to be held in Prague in February 2023, the local churches in Europe have been asked to consider the working document in the light of their own diocesan and national syntheses. To carry out this task, a "working meeting" has been arranged for **Saturday 10th December in the Parish Centre, Dunshaughlin, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.**

You are invited to this meeting at which we are asked to consider how our voices have been heard, how our voices resonate and/or diverge with the voices of others across the world, and what pastoral priorities are suggested by the process so far. As this is a "working meeting", participants will be asked to do some preparatory reading, and this will be emailed to those who register.

If you are interested in participating, please email meathsynodalpathway@gmail.com to register.

We encourage parishioners who are free on that date to attend.

Fr. Declan Hurley, Jane Brady, Pat Seery
Diocesan Delegates for the Synodal Pathway

OUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There are some Nomination sheets still available in our three Churches and we are asking you to nominate a person who meets the requirements to be considered for our new Parish Pastoral Council.

The boxes will remain in the three Churches until December 11th.

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn.
OFM Cap. The Irish Catholic

Word from the wilderness The second prophet in today's liturgy is John the Baptist, the last of the biblical prophets. He was the one whom Isaiah foretold when he said, "A voice cries in the wilderness: 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

His key message was "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Repent literally means to think again. Think again. Examine your way of living. Are you following the light of Christ or is your path of life going in the wrong direction?

Examination of conscience John the Baptist recalled Isaiah's roadworks and we too can take that imagery to challenge our conscience in preparing the way for Christmas. "John emerged on the scene after spending time in the wilderness, wearing a rough garment made of camel-hair".

Do I have crooked ways to straighten where I have deviated from the commandments and ideals of Christ? Are there winding ways where I am not fully honest with God... with others... with myself? Every valley must be filled. These valleys are the low times when I wandered from God's presence and support. Confidence in God has been low. I have allowed the bad news to take over my thinking. I have not given adequate time to prayer. The light of faith is very dim. Every mountain must be laid low. These mountains are the huge obstacles which I imagine are insurmountable.

I lack the confidence of the psalmist. "I lift up my eyes to the mountain. From where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth." What hills must be flattened? Pride makes me look down on others. I subject them to my judgement. I boss them. I need the grace of humility. Rough ways must be made smooth. The jagged edges of my personality irritate others... when I am insensitive, lacking in generosity or unwilling to compromise.

Prayer

O God, may I always know you as Someone-is-Coming.
May I never lose hope. Help me to see that you are always present.

Take me and use me to be someone-coming for others.
May I be caring towards those who are neglected, and sensitive to those who are hurt.

Use me as the source of good news for those burdened by the sadness of sin, as the spark of joy for those who are depressed.

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Sunday 18th December at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Church. Visiting priests will attend.

Mass Intentions Sat. 3rd to Sun. 11th Dec. 2022

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

Sat. 3rd Dec.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-Dec'd members of The Hurley & Quirke families

Bohermeen at 7.15pm
-Peter, Kathleen & Mary Brady-Ann. Mass
-Pat & Rose Rispin & Annie Ryan-Ann. Mass

Sun. 4th Dec.

Cortown at 10.00am
-Brendan, Patrick & Elizabeth Henry-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-for the people of the parish

Tues. 6th Dec in Cortown at 8.00pm
-Divine Mercy Mass

Wed. 7th Dec at 7.30pm
Bohermeen-Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thurs. 8th Dec-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-Boyerstown at 9.30am
-Cortown at 10.30am
-Bohermeen at 11.30am

Sat. 10th Dec.

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Theresa & Paddy McGarr & granddaughter Dakota Fanning

Bohermeen at 7.15pm
-Sean Dunne-5th Anniversary
-John & Hilda Conlon & Dolores Mulhall-Ann. Mass
-Liam Clogher-3rd Anniversary
-Dec'd members of Bohermeen Cycling Club-Ann. Mass

Sun. 11th Dec.

-for the people of the parish

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 3rd Dec: Helen Mallon Sun. 4th Dec: Pat Farrell
Sat. 10th Dec: Sinead Bennett
Sun. 11th Dec: Rachel McCormack

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat 3rd Dec: Bridget Mackin & Jennifer Reilly
Sun. 4th Dec: Julie Yore & Joe Murtagh
Sat. 10th Dec: Carmel McQuaid
Sun. 11th Dec: Kathleen Keating & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Pray for Peter Melsbach, Jamestown, Bohermeen and Tom Fitzsimons, Navan (brother of Margie Mulvany) who died recently. May they 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 €300.00 Priests Offerings €0.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €358.00
Cortown –€128.00 Boyerstown – €146.00
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. til 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.

BOHERMEEN CYCLING CLUB will host a Christmas coffee morning in aid of our local St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday 4th December from 8.30am-1.00pm in Bohermeen Community Centre. Please call in for some festive treats. All donations greatly appreciated.

THE ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will take place at all Masses on 3rd and 4th December. Please give generously.

If you need assistance or are aware of someone who needs assistance, financial or otherwise, please be assured that we are here to help. Please contact us on Freephone 1800 677 777 or through our website www.svp.ie. Strict confidentiality is guaranteed at all times.

Support your local SVP Annual Appeal.

Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas. You can help. Donate directly what you can to help people in our community through our local SVP Bohermeen Conference fundraising page. Please

visit: www.svp.ie/stelizabethbohermeen 100% of all money raised goes directly to people who are struggling with impossible choices this Christmas in our Parish.

