

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)  
11<sup>th</sup> 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'.**

**REJOICE, THE LORD IS NEAR** by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn  
OFM Cap.-The Irish Catholic

The first major document of any pope is regarded as an indication of what his pontificate will bring. Pope Francis began with an apostolic exhortation entitled *The Joy of the Gospel*. "The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew." He warns of the danger posed by consumerism with its must-have advertising, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them. No one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord." St Paul VI also wrote about Christian joy. He identified three steps to joy, namely, giving, seeing and believing. Giving...for it is in giving that we receive and God loves the cheerful giver.

Seeing...having eyes that see what is beautiful and wonderful. Believing...what a beautiful religion we have with the teaching of Jesus Christ, his presence in the Blessed Eucharist, divine mercy, the power of the Holy Spirit. And, the Good News of the Resurrection. The great saint of our time surely was Mother Teresa of Kolkata. Her work was revealed to the world by a television film produced by Malcom Muggeridge. He experienced a little miracle while filming. In one location the lighting was very poor but she persuaded the team to continue. Guess what...this episode outshone every other scene in the film! In his book, *Something Beautiful for God*, Muggeridge wrote about her joy.

"Joy is prayer – joy is strength – joy is love – joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. He or she gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show gratitude to God is to accept everything with joy. A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen." Advent is a time of joyful waiting...waiting in hope for Someone-is Coming.

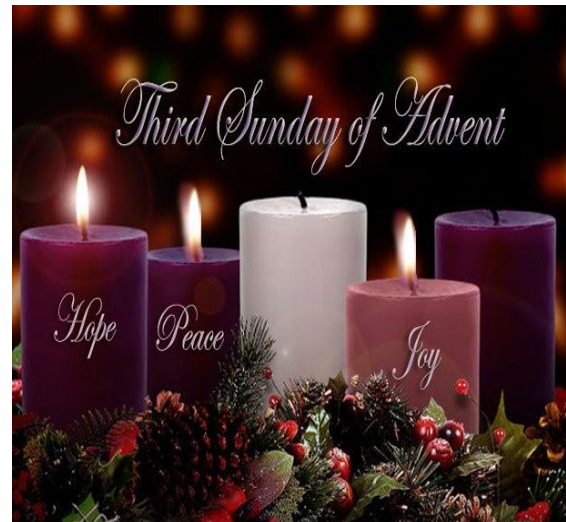
Advent's hope is the mother of joy. "Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice. Again, I say 'Rejoice'. The Lord is near" (*Phil. 4: 4-5*).

**Advent Prayer** (*Edwina Gately*)

Be silent...be still...alone...before your God.  
Say nothing...Ask nothing...Be silent...Be still.

Let your God look upon you. That is all.  
God knows. God understands. God loves you with an enormous love and only wants to look upon you with that love.

Quiet...Still...Be. Let your God love you.



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Go Deeper**

John has doubts in today's gospel and that's ok. Doubt is not the enemy. It demands to be expressed and explored and offers an opportunity for greater insight and deeper understanding. When have you known this to be true?

Jesus' ministry brings restoration to people who are captive, healing to the sick, people set free. Where do you see this in-breaking kingdom of heaven in you society today? Who are the prophets bringing it about?

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022

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

**Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Theresa & Paddy McGarr & granddaughter  
Dakota Fanning

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Sean Dunne-5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

-John & Hilda Conlon & Dolores Mulhall-Ann.  
Mass

-Liam Clogher-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

-Dec'd members of Bohermeen Cycling Club-  
Ann. Mass

**Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Loretto Barker-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Bohermeen at 11.00am

-Funeral Mass for Peter Melsbach

**Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-Hector Pagan-41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Rose Glennon-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

-John, Kathleen, Colm & Jim Kavanagh.-Ann.  
Mass

**Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Cortown at 10.00am

-Patrick & Barbara Tully-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Patrick Flanagan-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Sinead Bennett

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: DTiM Parent

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Rachel McCormack

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carmel McQuaid

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Kathleen Keating & Tracy Mulvany-  
Cahill

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Margaret Farrell

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Bridget Mackin & Cathal O'Reilly

**Pray** for Peter Melsbach who died recently. Funeral  
will take place on Wednesday at 11.00am in  
Bohermeen Church. 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 €515.00 Priests Offerings €205.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €320.00**

**Cortown –€129.00 Boyerstown – €128.00**

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

**Support your local St. Vincent de Paul.**

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS** are now available  
from the Parish Office. €10.00 each

**ST. ULTAN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY** would like to  
wish everyone a very happy Christmas. Their annual  
calendar €7.00 and schools' commemorative book  
€10.00 is now on sale in the following shops,  
Leahy's Mace at Newgate, McHugh's at Greetiagh,  
June's Daybreak at Fordstown, Hogans Farm Shop  
and recently opened Nearby at Allenstown. Also, a  
few copies of the society's books "Memories &  
Recollections" Vol 1 & 2 are available from Stephen  
Ball 086 079 2580 priced at a reduced rate of €10.00  
each.

**OUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The closing date for nominations to our new Parish  
Pastoral Council is December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

