

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Day of Prayer for Temperance)

19th February 2023

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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'.

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**The unconditional love of God** by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. *The Irish Catholic*

Jesus gives three examples of where the accepted standard of the past needs to be replaced by a new sort of love which refuses to be contaminated by the wrongdoing of another.

If someone takes you to court to claim your outer tunic, let him have your inner tunic also to show that your detachment is greater than his greed. This is exactly what Francis of Assisi did in his decision to leave his father's drapery business when he discerned his calling to live the Gospel. A Roman soldier had the right to commandeer someone (like Simon of Cyrene) to carry his bag for a thousand steps, but offering to go the extra mile with a smile is a way of stating that helpfulness is more important than weapons.

## **The Holy Spirit offers supernatural assistance**

The most severe testing of genuine Christianity is the willingness to forgive. The Catechism of the Catholic Church admits that human nature on its own will be unable to find forgiveness, but with the aid of the Holy Spirit a new way of seeing the past opens up. One begins to remember the past with the heart and eyes of Christ.

"It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offence; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory into transforming the hurt into intercession" (Catechism 2834).

Think of the Holy Spirit like a helicopter lifting us up to a height where we have a wider vista of the road of life. Now we can see where the wrongdoer has come from.

Now we view our enemy as a person very sick in mind and spirit, and we begin to have pity on that sick, unhappy person. That is how the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion.

## *Prayer*

*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.*



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Temperance Sunday 19th Feb. 2023 - Mass on RTÉ TV & Radio at 11.00am will include prayers for all who are in treatment for addiction, for their families and for those who are in recovery.

The Pioneer website www.pioneers.ie carries information for parishioners who wish to take the Lenten pledge.

Music is provided by students from Schola St Joseph, Navan. The setting of the Serenity Prayer at the RTÉ Mass today was composed by Ephrem Feeley. It is a prayer which is used at the conclusion of every AA and NA meeting.



Mass Intentions Sat. 18th to Sun. 26th Feb. 2023

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

Sat. 18th Feb.

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Ann Reilly-1st Anniversary & Paddy Reilly

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Margaret & Tommy Brady

-Kathleen Brady and dec'd family members

-Maureen, Seamus & Gerry McCormack

Sun. 19th Feb.

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Edward & May Lynskey & dec'd family members

-Betty Curry

-Phil Carolan

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Pete Fitzsimons-1st Anniversary

Tues. 21st Feb. Bohermeen at 9.00am

Wed. 22nd Feb-ASH WEDNESDAY

Boyerstown at 9.30am

Cortown at 10.30am

Bohermeen at 11.30am-Jimmy Fox-16th Ann & his parents Mick and Kitty Fox.

Bohermeen at 7.00pm

Thurs. 23rd Feb.

12 noon-CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Fri.24th Feb-Bohermeen at 9.30am

Sat. 25th Feb

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-For dec'd residents of the Old Athboy Rd,
Adrian Bartley, Ultan Meehan, Michael Kerrigan,
Hugh Murtagh, Joan O'Sullivan & Noel Kerrigan

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-MM-Jane Boland

Sun. 26th Feb.

Cortown at 10.00am

-Anna Cooney 7th ann. & dec'd family members

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-James & Bridget McMahon

-James, Elizabeth, James & Shane Keenan

-Brendan Ryan

-Francis Mallon

-Ray & Nora Clarke

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 18th & 25th Feb: Kevin McCormack

Sun. 19th & 26th Feb: Terry Connolly

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 18th Feb: Margaret Farrell

Sun. 19th Feb: Bridget Mackin & Joe Murtagh

Sat. 25th Feb: Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 26th Feb: Julie Yore & Kathleen Keating

PRAY for Gerry Sheils, London and Navan (brother of Eileen Durcan, Neilstown) and Paddy Feeney, Scotland (brother of Rosario Fitzsimons) 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 €967.00 Priests Offerings €198.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €590.00

Cortown –€137.00 Boyerstown – €166.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.

The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition.

There are spaces available on our MARCH 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

