

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5th March 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'.

Points to Ponder from 'My Life in Your Hands' Thoughts and Words of the late Fr. John Cummins.

As we follow Christ, we are sometimes blessed with times of great joy and love, times of insight and understanding, and we want to stay there. There are the times when it all makes sense, when we feel close to God, and experience a sense of his presence that we never want to let go of. They're the times when we're like Peter, we want to remain there. We want the good times to last. We want faith experiences always to be uplifting, dazzling even. But we can't stay there.

Quite a lot of the time, our faith journey is uphill, like climbing a mountain.

Sometimes it's a struggle, sometimes it's boring, mundane. We wonder where God is, what's it all about, does he listen to our prayers?

For some Lent may well be a joyless time, a time for doing without and not too many highs. But for us who believe, joy should characterise our Lent, because this season is all about renewal, turning to God again as we prepare for the celebration of Easter and all that means.

This is the time to do a bit of spadework in our faith, the time to deepen our relationship with God, to tackle the obstacles to faith in our lives, to discipline ourselves as disciples as we follow our Risen Lord on this journey of faith. And it's not too late to start.

May the experience of the transfiguration be for us an encouragement in these Lenten days, sustaining us on our spiritual journey.

Special Collection for those affected by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria: The Bishops are taking up a special collection in all Dioceses in response to the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The collection will take place at all Masses on the weekend of **March 4th and 5th March.**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Sunday 23rd April 2023. €499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 3 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement €100.00. Contact Patricia on 087 189 0236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LIGHT THE FIRE 2023 The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join us in Slane on St. Patrick's Day. **5:00 p.m. Vespers on the Hill of Slane** and Rosary procession to the Church, **6:00 pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church** followed by Eucharistic Adoration. **Main celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty.** Event details: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony_or_0419830441.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has had its first meeting. As a faith-filled group, we look forward to working with you in furthering the mission of Christ in our parish. We plan to meet on a monthly basis and welcome all suggestions and ideas. Our council members are: Cathal O'Reilly, Rachel McCormack, Bridget Reilly, Frances Tallon, Therese Duffy, David Rogers and Fr. Andy.

Speech, Drama & Communication: 8-week Term commencing Thursday 20th April 15:15 – 16:00 - Parish Centre, Bohermeen. 3rd - 6th class students invited to test out public speaking, drama and improve social skills! Contact 087 402 0787 for further information

Bohermeen AC Half Marathon will take place on Sunday 12th March from 11.00am.

Mass Intentions Sat. 4th to Sun. 12th Mar. 2023

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

Sat. 4th March

Cortown at 6.00pm
-MM-Vincent Battersby

Bohermeen at 7.15pm
-Keith Smyth-7th Anniversary

Sun. 5th March

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-MM-John Monaghan

Mon. 6th March

Bohermeen at 9.20am
Boyerstown at 10.00am
Cortown at 10.45am

Tues. 7th March

Cortown at 8.00pm Divine Mercy Mass

Sat. 11th March

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

Bohermeen at 7.15pm
-Alex McLoughlin Coyne-1st Anniversary

Sun. 12th March

Cortown at 10.00am
-Johnny Henry-4th Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Saoirse McMullan-6th Ann
-Jim Darcy-15th Ann & his sister Imelda Gane (Australia, who died recently)
-Molly & John Burke & dec'd members of the Burke & Gaffney families
-Patrick & Helen Donlon
-Maura & John O'Connell
-Michael & Mona Farrelly

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 4th & Sat. 11th Mar: Helen Mallon

Sun. 5th Mar: Ray/Michelle Finnegan

Sun. 12th Mar: DTiM Parent

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 4th Mar: Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Sun. 5th Mar: Joe Murtagh & Cathal O'Reilly

Sat. 11th Mar: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 12th Mar: Julie Yore & Bridget Mackin

PRAY for Teddy Mallon, Ongenstown and Helen Kelly (nee Coffey) Johnstown, formely of Ardraccon 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 €772.00 Priests Offerings €107.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €378.00
Cortown –€102.00 Boyerstown – €268.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

Accord Navan's Marriage Preparation Course

2023. We are pleased to let you know that our course dates up to the end of June 2023 are now available for booking on the Accord Website. Couples can book here: <https://www.courses.accord.ie/booking/listing/meth> We are delighted to welcome couples back to in-person courses from 10/11 March 2023, at our Centre here in Navan. Dates for September – December 2023 will be posted once they are finalised.

Looking at the Bible with fresh eyes for Lent

Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks from 7.00-8.00pm in An Tobar, Ardraccon. Cost: €20 per session. Contact 046 907 8973 or 086 391 7297 to book.

A Course in How To Use Smartphones and Tablets

will take place in Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan on 28th March from 7pm-9pm. This course is ideal for older people or anyone who is looking to increase their confidence with smart devices. To register contact events@claremontstadium.ie with your name and a contact number or call (046) 902 9693. Registration is essential to guarantee a place.

Tuition of this course is funded and delivered by Louth and Meath ETB.

