

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

12<sup>th</sup> 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.***

The gospel story today tells of the gripping encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman, a woman who was despised even in her own community, as a Samaritan and as a sinner, this woman from the margins, not someone with whom a respectable Jewish rabbi would converse. And yet here is Jesus, engaging her in this strange conversation about water. Pretty soon you realise that he's not talking about water from the well, physical water that you drink. His thirst is deeper, and he knows that she thirsts.

Jesus thirsts for those who do not know the way, for those who are lost in life, for sinners; he thirsts for their faith. The woman has a thirst she does not recognise, the thirst for life, the thirst for truth, the thirst for God. She stands for us. And it is Jesus who promises to quench her thirst. Here, midway through Lent, he promises to quench our thirst too. In Lent, we experience thirst; at Easter that living water is released.

There are so many unhappy people in our society, so many people searching, like the woman of Samaria. There are many like her, whose self-worth and self-esteem are poor, people who experience rejection, people who seem to have little purpose in life. To all of them and to all of us, Jesus says, ' I know your thirst, and I thirst for you; I thirst for your love and for your faith. And I offer you living water. Come, drink and be satisfied.'

**Confessions** will take place on Saturday evenings at 7.00pm in Bohermeen Church for the duration of Lent.

**Bohermeen Cemetery** – For Health and Safety the cemetery will be closed from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March due to upgrading works. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Members of Viatores Christi will speak at Masses in the parish during the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Masses 18 and 19 March.**

### What is Viatores Christi?

Viatores Christi, (VC) an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, was founded in 1960. VC brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and opportunities in the marginalised communities in which we work.

**Why are they talking at The Masses** To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas.

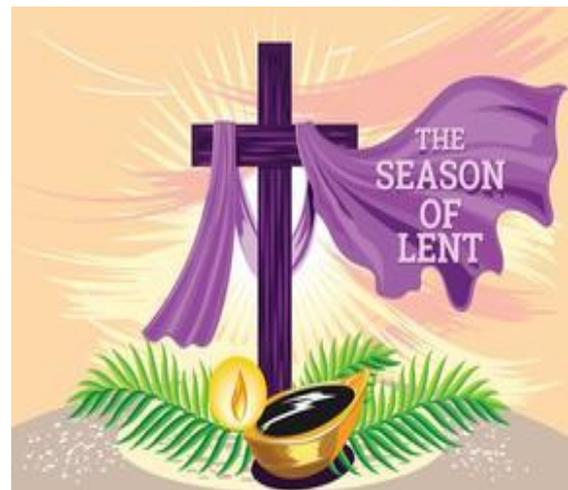
To thank the people of the Meath Diocese for your support for our work over the years.

To offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer.

To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer.

There will be a **collection in aid of the work of VC.**

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



**Mass Intentions** Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2023

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

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-Alex McLoughlin Coyne-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Cortown at 10.00am  
-Johnny Henry-4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-Saoirse McMullan-6<sup>th</sup> Ann  
-Jim Darcy-15<sup>th</sup> 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

**Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

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

**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Mar. -St. Patrick's Day**

Boyerstown at 9.30am  
-Henry & Mary Collins-Ann. Mass

Cortown at 10.30am  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-Peter, Rose & Christopher Dolan  
-Paddy, Bridget & Johnny O'Malley & dec'd family members. Tommy Melia & dec'd members of The Melia & Philbin families of Clonbur & Allenstown.

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

Cortown at 6.00pm  
-Emma Whelan-7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-MM-Andy 'Sonny' Bennett and his brother Tom Bennett-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am  
-Molly Fay-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
-Joseph Harte

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
MM-Teddy Mallon

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Mar: Sinead Bennett  
Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: DTiM Parent  
Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar: Helen Mallon  
Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: Pat Farrell

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Mar: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly  
Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Julie Yore & Bridget Mackin  
Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar: Margaret Farrell  
Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: Sheila Kenny & 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,

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(please include your box no.)

**Building Fund €542.00 Priests Offerings €180.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €371.00**

**Cortown –€94.00 Boyerstown – €320.00**

**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.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel by**

**John Byrne OSA. The Intercom**

Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman.

Recognise her resistance to growth, her complacency, her evasions, and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. When have you, or others, made a similar journey in your relationship with God? with others? with your own self?