

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Laetare Sunday)

19th 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.

During Lent some of the great symbols of faith are put before us. Last week, it was water, our thirst for living water, our need of baptism in Christ, to live in the living water of his Spirit. This week, the symbol is light. The story of the blind man is presented. There's a lot of tension in it. Jesus heals the physical blindness of the man and sends him to wash in the waters of the pool of Siloam – a reminder of the waters of Baptism. For the Jews of the time physical blindness was a sign that the man was a sinner. Any grace illness was regarded as a punishment.

Jesus set out to correct that way of thinking. His encounters with the blind man are accompanied by a call to leave the darkness and believe in the light. Jesus is the light. He is the one who heals the darkness of sin. Jesus highlights the contrast between the Pharisees whose physical sight was perfect, and the blind man. They do not recognize the light. They do not recognize Christ. The blind man sees him immediately and recognizes him for who he is, and we are told, worships him.

This language of light and darkness is very symbolic – but does it touch us? Is it real for us? If we want to discover whether or not we're walking in the light, the question we might ask is 'am I happy/@ Am I the person God created me to be? Am I living the life that God wants me to live? Or am I wandering about in the dark, looking for the light?

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

Bohermeen Cemetery – For Health and Safety reasons the cemetery is closed 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 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



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

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

Sat. 18th Mar.

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Emma Whelan-7th Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-MM-Andy 'Sonny' Bennett and his brother Tom Bennett-1st Anniversary

Sun. 19th Mar.

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Molly Fay-2nd Anniversary

-Joseph Harte

Bohermeen at 11.30am

MM-Teddy Mallon

Mon. 20th Mar.

Bohermeen at 9.20am

Boyerstown at 10.00am

Cortown at 10.45am

Sat. 25th Mar.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Phil McDonnell-8th Anniversary

-Charlie Reilly

-The King Family

-Nancy Murtagh-13th Anniversary

Sun. 26th Mar.

Cortown at 10.00am

-Peter Kavanagh-6th Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Joseph Travers-1st Anniversary

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 18th Mar: Pat Farrell

Sun. 19th Mar: Helen Mallon

Sat. 25th Mar: Sinead Bennett

Sun. 26th Mar: Pat Farrell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 18th Mar: Margaret Farrell

Sun. 19th Mar: Sheila Kenny & Kathleen Keating

Sat. 25th Mar: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Sun. 26th Mar: Joe Murtagh & Cathal O'Reilly

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 €454.00 Priests Offerings €140.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€ 490.00

Cortown –€206.00

Boyerstown – €189.00

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.

BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE will hold their AGM on Monday March 20th in the centre at 8.00pm. New members are invited to join their committee for the coming year as they look towards the 40th anniversary of the centre in 2024, having first opened in 1984 and hope to plan towards a suitable commemoration of this milestone.

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL EASTER APPEAL will take place at all Masses on 1st and 2nd April 2023. Your donations are greatly appreciated. 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.

