

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26<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'.**

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

The gospels are full of great stories, and this one has it all -tragedy and sadness, suspense and tension, building up to a climax of deliverance and liberation. We tell this story as we come closer to Easter: at one level it acts as a precursor for what is to come, the death and resurrection of Jesus, but at another level, it simply points to the inadequacy of our hopes for this life, which are surpassed by far in the resurrection.

Lazarus simply returned to the life which he had left; death still lay ahead. Jesus rose to a life that has no end.

We tend to be a bit vague about what happens to people after death. We pray that they go to heaven; by that we mean that they will be in a place of happiness with God, with all the saints and angels, and be united once more with all the friends and loved ones who have died. In our tradition we pray for the dead because we are realistic enough to know that many people die without having lived the best of lives, and before they enter the presence of God, who is all light and goodness, the darkness within them is cleansed.

And so today, we look forward as we witness the power of Jesus over death and anticipate his resurrection to new life. And in the words of the gospel we ask him to 'unbind us,' to free us from all that imprisons us and prevents us from living as God wants.

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

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**Bohermeen Cemetery** – For Health and Safety reasons the cemetery is closed due to upgrading works. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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**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

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**Chrism Mass:** The annual Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Refreshments for parishioners who have travelled will be in the Parish Community Centre afterwards.

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**Blood Donor Clinic** coming to the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 from 3:45pm – 8pm. Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment.

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**Viatore Christi** would like to thank everyone who donated to their collection at last weekend's Masses. They collected €1,018.00.



**Mass Intentions** Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. to Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> April. 2023

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

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-Phil McDonnell-8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
-Charlie Reilly  
-The King Family  
-Nancy Murtagh-13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

Cortown at 10.00am  
-Peter Kavanagh-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-Joseph Travers-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**NO MASS ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Cortown at 6.00pm  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-Carol Madden-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> April-Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Boyerstown at 10.00am  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-for the people of the parish

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Sinead Bennett  
Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Pat Farrell  
Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> April: Rachel McCormack  
Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> April: DTiM Parent

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill  
Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Joe Murtagh & Cathal O'Reilly  
Sat. 1st Apr: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill  
Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr: Julie Yore & Brigid Mackin



**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 €899.00 Priests Offerings €35.00**  
**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€543 .00**  
**Cortown -€215.00 Boyerstown - €297.00**

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

**THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL EASTER APPEAL** will take place at all Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.svp.ie). Strict confidentiality is guaranteed at all times.

**Prayer for catechumens today**

*Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded Lazarus to step forth alive from his tomb and by your own resurrection freed all people from death.*

*We pray for your servants who eagerly approach the waters of new birth and hunger for the banquet of life.*

*Do not let the power of death hold them back, for, by their faith, they will share in the triumph of your resurrection, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen*

