

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection
9th April 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'.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel by John Byrne OSA. The Intercom

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock—the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.

- Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed?.....times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence?
- Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
- Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?
- Where have you found life in such experiences?

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

OFFERING DAY-Sunday 9th April is an Offering Day. Please us the white envelope in your box of envelopes.

TROCAIRE Boxes can be left in the baskets provided in the Churches or dropped off at the Parish Office. Converting the coins to notes be would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Thought for the Day by Martin Hogan. The Intercom

One of the questions the disciples had on that first Easter morning was 'If Jesus is not in the tomb, where is he now?' In the light of his appearances to them, they came to understand that he was to be found among themselves, the community of believers. The risen Lord journeys with us, and he wants to journey through us as well; he wants to take flesh in our lives so that we become living signs of his Easter presence.

He wants to live in us that his life-giving love becomes a reality in our world today. We can be grateful this Easter for the ways that the Lord's life-giving love has taken flesh in the lives of so many people.

Mass Intentions Sat. 8th April. to Sun. 16th April. 2023

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

Sat. 8th April- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Bohermeen at 7.00pm

Sunday 9th April-
Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

BOYERSTOWN at 10.00am –for the people of the parish

CORTOWN at 10.00am
-Michael & Mary-Ellen Durcan & dec'd members of the Durcan & Howley families-Ann. Mass
-Pat. Bernie & Padraic Keane-Ann. Mass

BOHERMEEN at 11.30am
-Members of the Old IRA

Monday 10th April
Bohermeen at 10.00am

Tues. to Fri.
Bohermeen at 9.30am

Sat. 15th April
Cortown at 6.00pm
- Tom (25th Ann) Ben & Dympna Ward
-Kathleen Rennicks-13th Ann.
-Máire Clarke-5th Ann.

Bohermeen at 7.15pm
-for the people of the parish

Sun. 16th April
Boyerstown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-John Luddy-12th Anniversary
-Tommy, Kate & Tommy Ging & dec'd family members

Ministers of the Word:
Sat. 8th April: Rachel, Sinead, May
Sun. 9th April: Julie Yore
Sat. 15th Apr: Dympna Herward
Sun. 16th Apr: Kerri Finnegan

Eucharistic Ministers:
Sat. 8th April: Jennifer Reilly & Kathleen Keating
Sun. 9th April: Sheila Kenny & Joe Murtagh
Sat. 15th Apr: Carmel McQuaid
Sun. 16th Apr: Kathleen Keating & Cathal O'Reilly

PRAY for Renée Henry (née Carry) Balrathboyne, Cortown who died recently. May she 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 €633.00 Priests Offerings €0.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€340 .00
Cortown –€130.00 Boyerstown – €176.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

YOUCAT BIBLES – Those who ordered the YouCat Bibles, they are now available to collect from the Parish Office (Mon to Fri 9.30 to 1.00pm –closed Good Friday and Easter Monday). €20.00

BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE has decided to discontinue its monthly draw which commenced in 1980 and was used to fund the upkeep of the centre. The committee would like to sincerely thank everyone that has supported the draw over the years. Following last week's AGM a new committee was elected and will be looking towards the 40th anniversary of the centre in 2024 where everyone will get an opportunity to get involved and support if they so wish.

Wishing all our Parishioners a Blessed and Happy Easter.

