

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
7th May 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-Sr. Karen Sames OSB. The Intercom

Jesus says, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.' Let's start with 'I am the way.' The first Christians were referred to as people of The Way. The image of the way is often a well-traveled path. To follow the way (Jesus) is a daily and frequent stroll along the path. It is a way of living every minute of every day, every decision, every action, every thought.

We do not follow the path for just part of the day, or part of the year. We follow the way always, everywhere, and every day. 'I am the truth.' This reminds me of the wisdom figure, especially in proverbs.

We have many images of the wisdom figure: a path or way, light, precious treasure, a fountain of life, and food for the journey. Jesus' 'I am' sayings throughout the Gospel of John attribute these benefits of following wisdom's path to following Jesus: I am the Bread of life (6:35); I am the Light of the world (8:12); I am the Gate for the Sheep (10:7); I am the Good Shepherd (10: 1); I am the Resurrection and the Life (11:25); I am the True Vine (15:1). Let these images help guide us along the way.

'I am the life.' Jesus became human to cleanse us of our sins. He died on the cross to save us. He gave us the Eucharist to give us life—and He is the life we receive in the Eucharist.

Thought for the Day by Martin Hogan. The Intercom

There is a song our parish choir sometimes sings, 'You are the centre O Lord, of my life'. The Church is not the centre of our lives; Jesus is the centre of our lives, and the Church exists to create a space for Jesus to be the centre of our lives.

He is present to us in and through the community of believers, in and through his word, the Scriptures of the Church, in and through the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. It is the Spirit at work in the Church, and beyond the Church who brings Jesus to us so that he can become the centre of our lives.

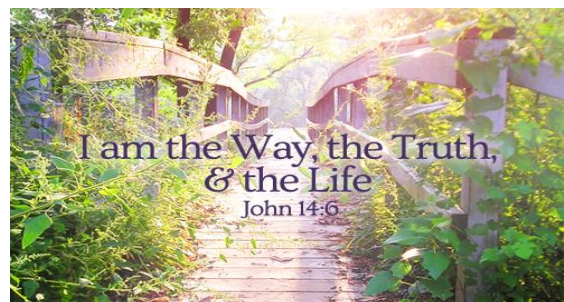
Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sept 2023.

For Booking please contact Joe Walsh Travel 01 241 0800 or info@joewalshstours.ie. There will NOT be a hospital pilgrim or assisted pilgrim section with medical care and care staff as was the case in previous years. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels. All pilgrims should be able to make the pilgrimage independently or with the assistance of someone accompanying them and taking responsibility for them. Local Contact: Jennifer Reilly 086 877 0729

Congratulations to the boys and girls in St. Ultan's NS, Bohermeen and St. Brigid's NS, Cortown on receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend.

Thank you to the boys and girls in our three primary schools for their donations to the Altar Societies towards the flowers for the churches.

Bohermeen athletic club will promote the 37th Patrick Bell and Nicky Phillips memorial 5k run and family walk on Friday June 2nd at 8pm followed by the usual bar b que and live music. This year's event will be supporting the work of "Special Hands" a group with local connections who organise activities and social events for children & young adults who have additional needs. They also offer support for the parents, siblings, and families of their members.



Mass Intentions Sat. 6th May. to Sun 14th May 2023

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

Sat. 6th May

Bohermeen at 11.00am

-First Communion Mass-St. Ultan's NS, Bohermeen

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-Kevin Conaty-2nd Ann.

-John & Mary Dolan & dec'd family members

-Patrick & Mary Conway & dec'd family members

-Mary O'Brien-50th Ann.

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-Kathleen, John, Colm & Jim Kavanagh-Ann. Mass

-Tommy Powderly-15th Ann.

Sun. 7th May

Cortown at 10.00am

-First Communion Mass-St. Brigid's NS, Cortown

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-MM-Jimmy Martin

-William Farnan-7th Anniversary

-Nancy & Michael McHugh-Ann. Mass

Sat. 13th May

Cortown at 6.00pm

-MM-May Higgins

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-for the people of the parish

Sunday 14th May

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Christina Kerrigan-10th Anniversary

-Jim Curry-21st Ann.

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Margaret Donaghy-3rd Ann.

-Robbie & Nuala Byrne-Ann. Mass

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 6th May: Áine Keating

Sun. 7th May: Geraldine McHugh

Sat. 13th May: Maureen Kerrigan

Sun. 14th May: Lauren Finnegan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 6th May: Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Sun. 7th May: Sheila Kenny & Joe Murtagh

Sat. 13th May: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 14th May: Julie Yore & Brigid Mackin

Pray for Ann Callaghan, sister-in-law of Breid Coffey who died in the US. 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,

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(please include your box no.)

Building Fund €503.00 Priests Offerings €85.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€387.00

Cortown -€283.00 Boyerstown - €142.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

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

1. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. 'Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways —either by his teaching or by his example — has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus people in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?