

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
14th 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'.

John 14:15-21

'And you in me and I in you'

We continue to read this Sunday from the Farewell Discourse of John's Gospel (chapters 14-17) where Jesus is consoling the disciples, 'I will not leave you orphaned.' Jesus tells the disciples that he will send an 'advocate' (paraklētōs) to them.

This term is only found in John's writings and translates as a helper, a comforter, someone we call to our aid. Jesus has been this advocate for the disciples, but now he will be present for them in a different way, dwelling amongst them, dwelling in them, in-dwelling. This in turn calls for a loving response from the disciples and from all followers of Christ.

In a famous reflection, Joseph Whelan SJ wrote about this type of love: he said, 'Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way.' This love will decide everything, what gets you up in the morning, how you spend your time, what breaks your heart, what amazes you.

Whelan says, 'Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.' Experiencing something of this indwelling presence of God and keeping God's commandments are deeply interconnected. This love will decide everything because it must flow outwards, be lived out in our daily lives, for it cannot be contained.

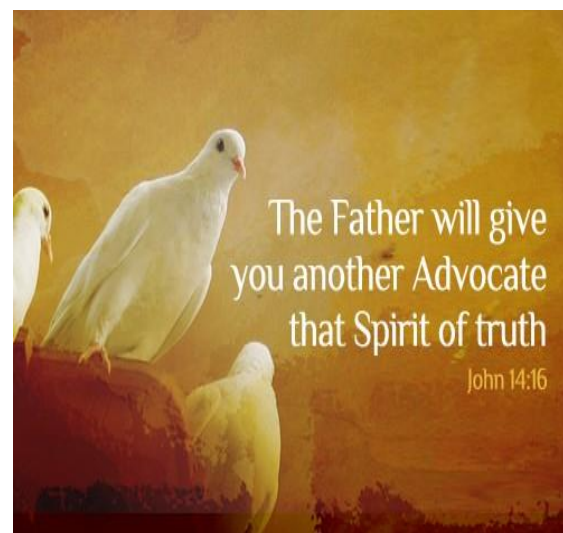
The words of the gospel today are deeply intimate, they cannot be understood with the head, only with the heart. As we spend time with them we begin to realise that it is not just the disciple's story, it is also our story, a story we experience on a deep level.

It is another reminder to us that all beings are sacred, all beings carry divine DNA within. Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sept 2023. For Booking please contact Joe Walsh Travel 01 241 0800 or info@joewalstours.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. Joseph's NS, Boyerstown, on receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend.**

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. 13th to Sun 21st May 2023

Bohermeen Church-Daily mass at 9.30am

(Funeral replaces 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

Sat. 20th May

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 7.15pm

-James & Maura Finnegan-Ann. Mass

Sun. 21st May

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-for the people of the parish

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 13th & 20th May: Maureen Kerrigan

Sun. 14th & 21st May: Lauren Finnegan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 13th May: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 14th May: Julie Yore & Brigid Mackin

Sat. 20th May: Margaret Farrell

Sun. 21st May: Sheila Kenny & Joe Murtagh

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 €810.00 Priests Offerings €70.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€384.00

Cortown –€312.00 Boyerstown – €270.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

BOHERMEEN CYCLING CLUB as part of National Bike Week will hold a family fun cycle next Thursday 18th May at 7:30pm starting and finishing at Bohermeen Community Centre. Registration will be open from 7.00pm. All children under 18 years must be signed in to the event by an adult for insurance purposes. All children under 14 must be accompanied on the cycle by an adult. There will also be a bike skills session for the younger family members. Refreshments afterwards. Helmets compulsory.

CORTOWN GFC AND COMMUNITY will hold a charity fundraiser 24 hr walkathon on 19th and 20th May starting at 4.00pm. To book a place please contact Janette on 087 313 4165 or Katie on 083 0502587. All money raised will go to Little Blue Heroes and Rory's Miles Mayo.

CEMETERY DEVOTIONS 2023

Martry: Sat 3rd June 2023 at 5.00pm.

Bohermeen: Sat 3rd June after 7.15pm Mass

Cortown: Sun 4th June after 10.00am Mass

Allenstown: Sun 4th June at 11.30am

Moyaugher: Sun 4th June at 12.00noon

Boyerstown: Sun 4th June at 5.00pm.

Ardraccan: Sun 4th June at 6.00pm.



Thought for the Day: Martin Hogan. The Intercom

Easter makes us a hopeful people. We are hopeful because we know that, as St. Paul puts it in his letter to the Romans, 'nothing that exists, nothing still to come ... can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord' –not even our own tendency to say 'no' to the Lord.

The hope that we have does not come from anything in ourselves; it is rooted in the Lord's faithfulness to us. We are hopeful because we know that the Lord will never turn away from us; we are hopeful because we know that his 'yes' is always stronger than our 'no'.