

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th July 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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The words of Jesus do not all bear fruit. Knowing this did not stop Jesus from speaking, but he continued to proclaim good news, truth and life to any who would listen. I take care to review the measures by which I value my actions and words. I pray for the strength to continue speaking and acting — even in the absence of evident encouraging results.

Truth is not determined by a majority, but is scattered abroad, being recognised and valued by some. I ask God to help me to hear Jesus' word for me and to take it to heart.

Many biblical commentators see this parable as the basic metaphor of the whole Gospel. The seed is the Word, and the sower is God, whose will can never be stopped. The seed falls on different types of ground, but the great majority certainly falls on good ground, and its fruit more than makes up for the seeds that fall on more difficult ground. It is the parable of optimism, something which is often lacking in followers of the Gospel.

If I am a normal person, my heart contains all four sorts of ground, being more or less open to the Gospel message. I ask for light to see where the hardness and the insecurity lie, and ask the Sower that my life may bear abundant fruit.

Jesus' parables can heal us to hear and understand how things stand between God and ourselves. They are nuggets of grace that test our heart's willingness to surrender to the generosity of God.

When I come to pray, do I have the soil of an open heart toward Jesus and his teachings?

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Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023**. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

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NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK and the celebration of the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** both take place on Sunday 23 July 2023.

The National Grandparents' Pilgrimage will take place in Knock on Sunday 23 July - the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin and Chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information see www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

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**BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN HOUR SATURDAY JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The committee of the centre invites all ages and the people of the parish to visit the centre on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> between 5.00 -7.00pm for a cup of tea and some light refreshments, there will be a small display of photographs of activities and events that paved and paid the way to provide the parish with its first community centre which first opened in 1984, which is effectively owned by the people of the parish and run by an annually elected committee.

The aim of the "Open Hour" is to chat with people about the past, present and future and also, about the use and development of the hall going forward for the 40th anniversary in 2024.

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> July to Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Bohermeen Church**-Daily Mass at 9.30am

*(Funeral replaces Mass)*

**Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-Owen & Mary Newman-Ann. Mass

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-MM-Vincent Fitzgerald

-Colm Boylan-7<sup>th</sup> Ann. & dec'd family members

-Paddy, Kathleen, Margo, Joseph Travers & dec'd family members

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-Noel Lynskey-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> July: Rachel McCormack

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Dympna Herward

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> July: Julie Yore & Brigid Mackin

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Sheila Kenny & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

**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.
- Tap to donate machine located in the Church
- go online and do a weekly/monthly direct debit to

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*(please include your box no.)*

**Building Fund €646.00 Priests Offerings €15.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€196.00**

**Cortown –€90.00 Boyerstown – €223.00**

**Tap to Donate €20.00**

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

**PRIESTHOOD IN OUR DIOCESE** Priesthood is a gift from God that brings us to God. It is a call less ordinary and beautiful. It is a ministry that goes out from the altar of the Lord's Presence to those sick at home or in hospital, to the young in search of meaning and to those seeking hope. Without the Priesthood we cannot have Mass or the Sacraments; the very person of Christ among us. May every family in our parish with a son never fear God's call. Let us continue to pray that young men will offer themselves to the Lord in his service. Contact: Vocations Director Fr. Tony Gonoude Tel: 044 9373923

**LIGHT THE FIRE- SLANE 6<sup>th</sup> August 12.15pm** (in the Spirit of World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023). Guests include Sr. Briege McKenna, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani and Dana. For further details email [hillofslaneaugust@gmail.com](mailto:hillofslaneaugust@gmail.com) or see poster in the Church porch.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL. John Byrne OSA. The Intercom**

Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another—the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?

