

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly)
23rd 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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On the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis gives us an opportunity to detach from the seemingly new and immediate and to honor those who teach us another way. The celebration falls on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This day is an occasion for us to slow down, to appreciate the wisdom of years past, and to thank those who have handed it down to us. In short, it is a time to receive and to give.

First, it is a time to receive and to appreciate all that they have given us. Many of us have wonderful memories of our grandparents. Maybe we recall a celebration or family tradition, or perhaps simply their presence in our lives. We might have a keepsake that reminds us of them, of the times we shared with them one-on-one, and of their love for us. We treasure their stories and advice. These things remind us of what we have received —and continue to receive — from them.

One thing we receive from them is perspective in the here and now. We live in turbulent times. We can focus so much on our current circumstances that we give them an outsized importance and perhaps think that we are alone in facing our challenges. Our grandparents and the elderly put things in perspective and teach us that we are not alone. They themselves struggled, suffered setbacks and sorrows, but still found much joy in their lives. By looking back and reflecting, we can see that they are able to offer us unparalleled advice and perspective.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 The countdown has begun to the WYD of the Catholic Church taking place in Lisbon, Portugal. At the St. Oliver Plunkett commemorations in Oldcastle recently, Bishop Tom blessed the pilgrims as they get ready to travel. A group of forty four are joining Bishop Tom in representing the Diocese of Meath at this gathering of young Catholics (18-35 years) from all across the world. Pope Francis is eagerly looking forward to the encounter and encourages everyone to pray for this important event and to be part of it by following online or by the live broadcasts. RTE usually link in for the final Mass which will take place on Sunday 6th August. Please check out www.dioceseofmeath and follow us on this extraordinary pilgrimage.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 12th under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan. The 4 night and 6 night options are booked out. Places are available for the 5 night option. Booking can be made by contacting JWT Travel Ltd, Tel: 01-241 0800.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST. Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm Mass 3.00pm. Preacher Fr. Declan Hurley. Adm. Navan. We will also be accompanied by the Meath Diocesan Choir under the direction of Jim Walsh, Laytown and the organist will be Jane Lynch.



Mass Intentions Sat. 22nd July to Sun 30th July

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

Sat. 22nd July

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Bernadette Finegan-12th Anniversary

Sun. 23rd July

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-Patrick & Rose Wall, their daughter Rosemary Kavanagh & dec'd family members

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Noel Lynskey-1st Anniversary

Sat. 29th July

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-Matt & Brigid Rogers-Ann. Mass

Sun. 30th July

Cortown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-MM-Angela Allen
-MM-Joseph O'Reilly
-Ann Reilly-6th anniversary
-Rose & Mattie Yore-Ann. Mass

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 23rd July: Dympna Herward
Sun. 30th July: Ann Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 23rd July: Sheila Kenny & Cathal O'Reilly
Sun. 30th July: Kathleen Keating & 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.
- Tap to donate machine located in the Church
- 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 €473.00 Priests Offerings €10.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€458.00
Cortown -€110.00 Boyerstown - €131.00
Tap to Donate €15.00
Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

LIGHT THE FIRE- SLANE 6th 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 or see poster in the Church porch.

Jesuit Week at Knock Shrine 23rd – 30th July

Theme: 'Nourishment for a Hungry Heart'. You are invited to participate in all the events this week, or to drop in for any session. The Week can serve as a Retreat for those who wish. It is not necessary to book, all are welcome. Sessions will take place in the Taize Room in the Prayer Centre unless otherwise stated.

Daily Schedule

Mon-Fri July 24th-28th:
09.45: Morning Prayer
10.00-10.30: Presentation of the Day's Theme
11.15-11.45: Small Group Facilitation session
12.00 noon Mass in Basilica
16.00-16.20: Guided Prayer
16.30-17.00: Facilitated Sharing
20.40-21.00: Guided Evening Prayer in the Apparition Chapel

For further details, see www.knockshrine.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY -John Cullen. Our Wounded God-Beyond, Beside and Within Us (Messenger 2023)

Alzheimer's and dementia leaves people waiting patiently upon events around them, as they are recipients of what happens to them. I met some people in the Nazareth care home in Hammersmith, London, who had families, carers and great achievements. Due to severe dementia, disability and bouts of depression, they are confined, restricted and deprived of the power of mobility.

These patients embody a contemplative like silence on their beds, their bodies limp and the palms of their hands are opened in wordless prayer. Their posture is one of total dependence. In a way, their beds become altars of offering, where the words 'this is my body' evoke a reality of awe.