

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th August 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'.

The Tracks We Leave by Fr. Paul Clayton-Lee. The Intercom

It was the author of 'Huckleberry Finn,' Mark Twain who once remarked; 'I don't think much of a man's religion if his dog and cat aren't the better of it.' It was an insightful comment during the 19th century when the industrial age was in its heyday and nature's bounty was being plundered relentlessly while all creatures great and small were mostly regarded as fair game for hunting or experimentation and otherwise insignificant to human progress.

The World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1 September and the season of creation which follows instituted by Pope Francis and concluding on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on 4 October, allows us opportunity to renew our commitment to cherish and conserve the natural world and its creatures. A world we have so taken for granted and which is now clearly reaching the limits of its capacity for exploitation and neglect.

Young people and many young at heart people of all religious traditions and none have almost uniquely found common ground on this issue, one which Pope Francis identified so early in his papacy. Whether we see a divine hand at work in the wonders that surround us in earth, sky and seas, as the Scriptures reveal and Aquinas sought to demonstrate or whether we believe creation to have evolved in a series of random events, unfolding in a coincidentally beautiful and harmonious way, most of us now realise the precarious point we have reached as nature's harmony is disrupted and

large sections of the natural world and its creatures disappear like the legendary unicorn in the face of human indifference or greed. The burning of ancient forests and assaults on Indigenous peoples, the suffering of poorer nations most vulnerable to climate change, the reckless wars and policies pushing nature's boundaries to breaking point. All of these challenges to our humanity and faith are worthy of prayer during these weeks and beyond. Among Indigenous peoples, the Dakota tribe of North America had a saying; *'We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.'* That is true, assuming of course that future generations will survive long enough to reflect upon our present follies.



A COURSE IN HOW TO USE SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS

A 6-week course in How to Use Smartphones and Tablets will take place in Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan starting 5th September from 7pm-9pm. This course is ideal for older people or anyone who is looking to increase their confidence with smart devices.

To register contact events@claremontstadium.ie with your name and a contact number or call (046) 902 9693. Registration is essential to guarantee a place.

HEART SMART a fitness and movement class for the over 50s starts September 11th at 10.30am in Claremont Stadium, Navan. This six-week course with David Rock of D.R Fitness will focus on basic movement exercises, light weight lifting and other exercises designed to help keep you and your heart fit. Registration is €60. To book call Claremont Stadium reception on 046 902 9693.

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES resume in Bohermeen Parish Centre on Thursday 14th Sept at 3:15 pm for 3rd to 6th class students. Phone or Text Andrea on 087 402 0787 for booking and further details.

Mass Intentions Sat. 26th Aug. to Sun. 3rd Sept.

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

Sat. 26th Aug.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-for the people of the parish

Sun. 27th Aug.

Cortown at 10.00am
-Eugene, Phyllis & Susan Cassidy-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Brian Murtagh-4th Anniversary

Mon 28th

Bohermeen at 9.30am
-St. Joseph's Young Priests

Tues. 28th at 9.30am

Wed, Thurs & Fri. NO MASS

Sat. 2nd Sept.

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Matthew Mullen 4th Anniversary

Sun. 3rd Sept.

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Sinead Ball-1st Anniversary

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 27th Aug: Geraldine McHugh

Sun. 3rd Sept: Sandra Coffey

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 27th Aug: Cathal O'Reilly & Julie Yore

Sun. 3rd Sept: Joe Murtagh & Sheila Kenny

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 €562.00 Priests Offerings

€100.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€268.00

Cortown -€158.00 Boyerstown -€220.00

Tap to Donate €20.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

ST. ULTAN'S WELL, ARDBRACCAN ANNUAL

VISITATION will take place on Sunday 27th August at 12.30pm. All welcome.



ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'.

Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. There are spaces available on our OCTOBER 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Áine (041) 685 0676 / (087) 114 0371 or Elaine (041) 686 0710 / (087) 430 8735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

FR. PAT COLLINS, a well known Vincentian Priest and Author and the **NEWSRINGTIME**

COMMUNITY is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on Sat. 2nd September at 10.00am. If you are interested please contact the parish office by email (bohermeenparish1@gmail.com) before Thursday 31st Aug and we will send you the link to the Zoom meeting.

Congratulations to all the Leaving Cert pupils on their results.