

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th October 2023**

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Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.00pm

'We are called to be a welcoming caring faith community who bring people to Jesus who sends us out with Good News for all'.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel by John Byrne OSA. *The Intercom*

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together.

Looking at the first one:

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts, and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?
2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life—as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?
3. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.
4. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment.' What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?



THE CHOSEN is a film series about Jesus Christ, adapted from the four Gospels which tells the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection in the setting of the world as it was in Jesus' time under the harsh rule of the Roman Empire. It touches on many issues that are relevant to our modern lives, poverty, racism, prejudice, inequality. It is funded exclusively from donations and is being watched by many millions throughout the world. The second of 8 episodes will be shown in **the Parish Centre on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY takes place on Sunday 22nd October. On this day, we think of struggling parishes in the growing church throughout Africa, South America, Asia and Oceania. The collection taken up on World Mission Sunday is a crucial lifeline in over 1,100 young dioceses and provides assistance to communities for them to build schools, health centres, parish halls and churches. It also supports in the education of future leaders in faith. There will be a **second collection during Mass on Sunday 22nd October for the Missions.**

FR. MARK ENGLISH will celebrate his Silver Jubilee with Mass on Thursday 19th October at 9.30am in Bohermeen Church. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

NAVAN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host a talk on The Round Towers of Ireland -A New Perspective in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on October 19th at 8pm. Speaker Mr. Oliver McBride. N&DHS members free. Non-members €5.

LIST OF THE DEAD - Masses on 1st Fridays throughout the year and on All Souls Day (2nd Nov.) are offered for our faithful departed. For the **List of the Dead**, we ask you to use the purple envelope and name sheet from your weekly box of envelopes. If you cannot locate this envelope, there are some envelopes and sheets available in the Church. The envelope should then be returned with Mass offering to the Parish Office as soon as possible for inclusion in the Book of the Dead, which will be in all Churches during the month of November. The REMEMBRANCE TREE will also be in the Churches. You should write the names of your departed ones on the tags and hang them on the tree.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE ON KELLS WEBCAM
Fr. John continues his introduction to the Bible. This year he will introduce the St. John's Gospel on Mondays at 12 noon. For queries, you may contact Fr. John on email: jplowebyrne@gmail.com

Mass Intentions Sat. 14th to Sun. 22nd Oct.
Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

Sat. 14th Oct.

Cortown at 6.00pm
-for the people of the parish

Sun. 15th Oct.

-Boyerstown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Maureen Brennan-2nd anniversary
-Noel Murtagh-15th anniversary

Thurs. 19th Oct at 9.30am

Fr. Mark English Silver Jubilee Mass

Sat. 21st Oct.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-MM-Joseph Costello

Sun. 22nd Oct.

Cortown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Edward, Annie & Sinead Ball & dec'd
members of the Ball and Coogan families
-Derek Brady-27th Anniversary
-John, Mary, Joseph & Teresa Clarke & dec'd
members of the Clarke & Harmon families

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 15th Oct: DTiM parents

Sun. 22nd: Pat Farrell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 15th Oct: Joe Murtagh & Brigid Mackin

Sun. 22nd Oct: Kathleen Keating & Cathal O'Reilly

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,

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Building Fund €793.00 Priests Offerings €0.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€304.00

Cortown -€176.00 Boyerstown - €172.00

Tap to Donate €10.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

ST. JOSEPH'S NS. BOYERSTOWN are now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2024. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office which can be contacted at boyerstowanns@gmail.com or 046 902 7252. The deadline for receipt of completed enrolment forms is Friday, 24th November 2023.

TRÓCAIRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Trócaire has always sought to create awareness of the causes of poverty in developing countries and to mark their 50th anniversary Trócaire has an exhibition on display in the Courtyard of Belvedere House, Gardens and Park, Mullingar up until 25th October. This consists of a powerful tapestry created by 12 Trócaire volunteers from all over Ireland, this informative piece of art was developed by Trócaire to highlight the drivers of poverty around the world, including climate change, fast fashion and environmental damage by irresponsible corporations. Entrance free to exhibition.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR ALL WHO SUFFER IN THE HOLY LAND TUES. 17th OCTOBER

The Patriarch of Jerusalem has written to all the Christian leaders in the Holy Land asking for a day of Prayer and Fasting on Tuesday next 17 October. Parishioners and neighbours are invited to unite in prayer next Tuesday with and for all who are suffering in the Holy Land.

The following Schedule will apply for the day:

Rosary before 8am & 10am Mass in St Mary's Angelus followed by Adoration at Main Altar in St Mary's from 12noon.

Angelus & Rosary in St Mary's at 6pm.

Way of the Cross at 7pm in St Oliver's

Mass at 7:30pm in St Oliver's

Night Prayer & Benediction in St Mary's at 9pm.

During the day, parishioners might consider how much we take for granted in our own daily lives by eating simply and abstaining from usual comforts. This might allow us to be in solidarity with all who have been bereaved recently in the Holy Land and in other parts of the world.

YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING (+18 years)

will take place in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ratoath at 7:30pm on Friday 3rd November. Inspired by the Spirit of World Youth Day 2023 this is an opportunity for young adults to join together for prayer, reflection & discussion assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English for more info: duleekparish@gmail.com

