

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

Fr. Andy Doyle. P.P.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24<sup>th</sup> December 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'.

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

1. 'Do not be afraid'. Mary was perplexed by the words of the angel. Perhaps you too have sometimes been perplexed by life's path and wondered what it all meant. Perhaps at times you have doubted if God was really with you. In your troubled moments who has been an 'angel' helping to lower your anxiety?

2. Mary was taken by surprise by the invitation, but she did not tell the angel she was not ready, nor ask him to return later. She was prepared to go with the invitation even though it was not the 'right moment'. 'Here I am Lord'. What invitations have come to you at the 'wrong time' and how have you responded?

**Thought for the Day –And is it true? John Betjeman (1906-84)**

And is it true? And is it true,

This most tremendous tale of all, seen in a stained-glass window's hue, a baby in an ox's stall?

The maker of the stars and sea become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is, no loving fingers tying strings around those tissue fripperies, the sweet and silly Christmas things, bath salts and inexpensive scent and hideous tie so kindly meant, no love that in a family dwells, no carolling in frosty air, nor all the steeple-shaking bells can with this single Truth compare- that God was Man in Palestine, and lives today in Bread and Wine.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will take a break for Christmas and return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 3.00pm in Bohermeen church. If you would like to cover an hour, please contact Bridget on 087 970 0091. All welcome.

**BOYERSTOWN CHOIR** will sing Christmas carols before 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

**CHRISTMAS DAY IS AN OFFERING DAY.** Please use the white envelope in your box of envelopes.

**BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE** would like to thank all the parishioners who signed up to their new draw, which will take place on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** –There are a small number of St. Paul Sunday Missals 2024 available from the parish office.

**THE COMMITTEE OF ST ULTANS GFC** would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for their continued support of our weekly Blotto Draw throughout 2023 and for the goodwill of the people of the parish towards our Development Project in Thomas Coogan Park Martry which will serve all the people of the parish for generations to come . We are deeply indebted to all of you for your generosity. A Happy Christmas to all and prosperous New Year.

***Wishing all our parishioners a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.***



**Mass Intentions** Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. to Sun 31<sup>st</sup>.  
**Bohermeen Church**-Daily Mass at 9.30am  
(Funeral replaces Mass)

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.**

Cortown at 6.00pm  
-Rose Glennon-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am  
-James 'Jimmy' O'Brien-11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-for the people of the parish

**Christmas Eve Masses**

Cortown at 5.00pm  
Boyerstown at 6.30pm

Bohermeen at 6.30pm  
-Seamus & Josie Kavanagh  
-dec'd members of the King & Doherty families

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Day Masses**

Boyerstown at 10.00am  
-Patrick & Elizabeth Smyth & dec'd family members

Cortown at 10.00am  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-Angela, Pat & Deirdre Travers-Ann. Mass

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec-St. Stephen's Day**

Bohermeen at 11.00am

**Wed to Fri.** Bohermeen at 10.00am

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm  
-John Rogers-16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

Cortown at 10.00am  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-Noel Dolan-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
-Tony & Mary Ann English-Ann. Mass



**Ministers of the Word:**

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 11.30am: Sandra Coffey  
at 6.30pm: Terry Connelly & Morgan Martin  
Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Helen Mallon  
Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> at 11.30am: Ray/Michelle Finnegan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec:  
11.30am: Kathleen Keating  
6.30pm: Joe Murtagh & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Julie Yore & Carmel McQuaid  
Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: Brigid Mackin & Margaret Farrell

**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 €646.00 Priests Offerings €0.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€253.00

Cortown -€133.00 Boyerstown - €217.00

Tap to Donate €20.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

**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, 6 week self-management group 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 JANUARY 2024 Programmes. To book your place please contact: Aine 041 685 0676 / 087 114 0371

Elaine 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735

A very **Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to Henry Collins, our caretaker in Boyerstown Church. Wishing you every happiness Henry.

