

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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 by John Byrne OSA

1. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?

2. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Remember these experiences with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.

3. It is easy to lament the growing secularisation in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ- event is active today. How can we be open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the church today?

4. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** takes place every day from 3.00 to 6.00pm in Bohermeen church. If you would like to cover an hour, please contact Bridget on 087 970 0091. All welcome.

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

### CAMINO DE SANTIAGO: HOLY WEEK

**PILGRIMAGE** – The Last 100km – Saria - Santiago led by Fr. Derek Darby. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April. Cost €1,150pps. 4 nights Lugo; 3 Nights Santiago. Contact Marian Pilgrimages [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or 01-878 8159 for info.

**SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES** will resume in the parish centre from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Further details please contact Andrea on 087 402 0787.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY by Alan Hilliard *Dipping into Life (Messenger Publications)*

The sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, for me is a humbling experience. I simply have to recognise that I have faults. I have fault lines that run through me causing things to happen that I'd prefer not to happen. The sacrament is basically me handing all these matters over to God and asking for his grace as I live with my faults. The only good thing about them is that they throw me back on God's love.



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Mass Intentions Sat. 6th to Sun 14th Jan.
Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

Sat. 6th Jan.- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Bohermeen at 11.00am
-Theresa Reilly-3rd Anniversary

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Mm-Kathleen Quigley
-Helen Mulroe-50th Anniversary
-James & Margaret Mulroe

Sun. 7th Jan.
Boyerstown at 10.00am
-William, Margaret & William Smith

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Frances Melvin (Leeds) aunt of the Durcan's
of Martry
-Sean Farnan
-Joe McDonnell-7th Anniversary

Sat. 13th Jan.
Boyerstown at 6.00p.m.
-Jack & Cella Devine

Sun. 14th Jan.
Cortown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Paddy, Betty and James Shaffrey
-Maureen Fitzgerald-6th Anniversary

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 7th Jan: Pat Farrell
Sun. 14th Jan: DTIM Parents

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 7th Jan: Jennifer Reilly & Margaret Farrell
Sun. 14th Jan: Cathal O'Reilly & Brigid Mackin

PRAY for Judy Brady, Cortown, who died recently.
May she rest in peace.

BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE invites parishioners to the first €1000 draw on Tuesday January 16th at 7.00pm in the community centre and a cup of tea on the night. Entry to the draw is online for €10 per month.

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 €362.00
Priests Offerings €714.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€297.00
Cortown -€77.00 Boyerstown - €209.00
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: Áine 041 685 0676 / 087 114 0371 Elaine 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735

EDP COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES:

Programme Assistant -Irish Wheelchair Association, Commons Road and Irish Wheelchair Association, Kells Road. Care Assistant-Clann Mor, Commons Road. Clerical Assistant- Enable Ireland. These are Part-time work placement vacancies for 19.5 hours per week through a CE Scheme. Training will be provided. Info from 046 907 1938.

Lord, remind me that I too bear your seal of approval. I am marked by your Spirit, called to participate in your mission as your beloved son or daughter.

