

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday of the Word of God

21st January 2024

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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

1. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life. Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?

2. This Sunday is called the SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD' in order to emphasise the role and importance of the word of God in our lives. What has helped you to discover the Scriptures as a source of encouragement, enlightenment, and renewed faith? Is there something extra you could do now to enhance your appreciation and love of the word of God.

Today as much as ever, people need to know that this kingdom is real and available. They need to see the joy and the possibilities of that kingdom in us. Because often people are too easily satisfied just to make do with what is quick and easy and cheap. People settle for sex or drink or the distractions provided by entertainment or new technology. They look to these things to save them, or at least to help them move forward in a grim world.

Maybe the kingdom is like that: it's here, it's real, it's right outside your door. The kingdom of God is at hand! Don't be so easily satisfied with the temporary pleasures. A better, exciting, hopeful, joyful kingdom of God is at hand. We live knowing that this is true! We live to help others believe it, too.

Scott Hozee. Cephreaching.org

THE CHOSEN-SEASON 2 will continue on Tuesday 23rd January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS 17/01/2024

There was overwhelmingly positive feedback from the parent survey given to all children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Anonymous responses will be included in the weekly bulletin.

As a result of these surveys and in conjunction with the PPC, the parish is looking for a 'Youth Team Leader'. Training will be provided and it will be a paid position, one which will be fulfilling and fun. Please email or contact Anne in the office for further details, if interested or you know someone who would be interested. Phone 046-907 3805 bohermeenparish1@gmail.com

Going forward it is planned to have **Baptismal ceremonies as part of the Sunday Mass**, welcoming the child/children into our community. By doing so we are celebrating together, with their families, the child's first step in their faith journey.

Volunteers are always welcome to join in all aspects of our parish, especially as **Eucharist Ministers and Ministers of the Word**. Please feel free to forward your name to one of the members of the PPC; listed at the back of each church or email the PPC at bohermeenppc1@gmail.com.

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES FOR 2024- Envelope distributors can call to the **Parish Office from Wednesday 24th January between 9.30am and 1.00pm** to collect the boxes of envelopes. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who help with the envelope preparation and distribution. If you are new to the area and would like a box of envelopes, please let the office know as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

CONFIRMATION- Monday 11th March at 3.00pm in St. Ultan's Church, Bohermeen.

FIRST COMMUNION

St. Ultan's NS. Bohermeen- Sat. 11th May at 11.00am

St. Brigid's NS. Cortown-Sun. 12th May at 10.00am

St. Joseph's NS. Boyerstown-Sat. 18th May at 11.00am

Mass Intentions Sat. 20th to Sun 28th Jan.
Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

Sat. 20th January

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Ceremony of Light for Confirmation Pupils

Sun. 21st Jan.

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-Christy Bennett & dec'd members of the Bennett family

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-MM-Jonathon Tormay
-Jane Boland-1st Anniversary
-James & Bridget McMahon
-Christopher, Bridget & James Reilly
-Baby Nicholas Matthews

Tues. 23rd Jan

Cortown at 10.00am-Grandparents Mass

Wed. 24th Jan.

Bohermeen at 11.30am-Grandparents Mass

Thurs. 25th

Boyerstown at 11.15am-Grandparents Mass

Fri. 26th

Bohermeen at 9.30am

Sat. 27th Jan.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-Mattie Rogers-6th Anniversary

Sun. 28th Jan.

Cortown at 10.00am
-MM-Judy Brady
-Sarah Brady-10th Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Tommy, Peggy & Kathleen Brady & dec'd family members
-David Kenny-3rd Anniversary and dec'd members of the Kenny & Callaghan families.

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 21st Jan: Ann Ryan

Sun. 28th: Áine Keating

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 21st Jan: Kathleen Keating & Julie Yore

Sun. 28th Jan: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy

Mulvany-Cahill

PRAY for Dermot English, Faughan Hill, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

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 €451.00 Priests Offerings €110.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€380.00

Cortown -€140.00 Boyerstown - €300.00

Tap to Donate €30.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL Please contact us on Freephone 1800 677 777 or through our website info.northeast@svp.ie . Strict confidentiality is guaranteed at all times.

A YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME is being organised by the Ceilí Catholic Community, Kilbeggan with the support of the Diocese of Meath starting from the first weekend in February 2024. For further information or for applying for the course email

School@ceilicomunity.net or call or text 087 978 9150. See poster on the Parish Noticeboard.

KINGSCOURT PARISH PILGRIMAGE, in honour of Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain will take place from Sept. 24th to Oct. 1st. Special booking offer of €1140pps with booking before January 15th. Call Navan Travel on 046 906 8600 to reserve a place or Kingscourt Parish on 042 966 7314 for further information.

CONFIRMATION 2024 – PARENTAL SURVEY

Q. Are you prepared to help your child prepare for Confirmation by talking to them about what your faith and relationship with Jesus means to you in your daily life?

A. We regularly speak to our child about the Gospel message and how it relates to our daily lives.

Q. How can we as a Parish community better support you on this journey?

A. We feel welcome and supported as a family at Mass. It would be nice to have another Sunday Mass for the Confirmation group.

