

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th 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. In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.

2. Jesus' combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?

3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?

4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?

THE CHOSEN-SEASON 2 will continue on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

SET DANCING CLASSES take place in Boyerstown Hall every Thursday night at 8.30pm. All 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

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 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

YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING (+18 years) will take place in St. Mary's Church, Drogheda at 7:30pm on Friday 2nd February, *The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple*. This is an opportunity for young adults to join together for adoration, 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.

Mass Intentions Sat. 27th JAN to Sun 4th FEB.
Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

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

Mon. 29th Jan

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

Sat. 3rd Feb.

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Ollie & Lily Reilly-Ann. Mass

Sun. 4th Feb.

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-MM-Betty Williams
-Helena Dallas-2nd anniversary
-James & Maeve Ward

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 28th: Áine Keating
Sun. 4th Feb: DTiM Parents

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 28th Jan: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy
Mulvany-Cahill

Sun. 4th Feb: Jennifer Reilly & Margaret Farrell

PRAY for John Harkin, Navan, (late of Boyerstown)
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 €435.00 Priests Offerings €40.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€430.00
Cortown -€254.00 Boyerstown - €161.00
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.

ST BRIGID'S FESTIVAL IN AN TOBAR Saturday,
February 3rd from 9.30am-4.00pm. The day will
include making the different St Brigid's crosses,
storytelling, music and a pilgrimage from An Tobar
to St. Brigid's Well in Bohermeen.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE AS
THE WORD OF GOD**

17th February: Exploring the images of God in the
Old Testament. Led by Sean Goan
Contact: An Tobar for further details 086 391 7297

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 mean to you in
your daily life?**

**A. We feel it is going very good. We pray every
night, guide them to read the Bible and encourage
discussions. Our children serve at Mass. It is
something they have chosen to do, and we are very
proud of them for doing so.**

**Q. Can we as a Parish community better support
you on this journey?**

**A. We believe a Youth Group or a Pioneer Club could
be extremely beneficial in our community for our
young people in this day and age.**

**Our thanks to Tanya of Petals and Pressies for her
generous donation of flowers for our Christmas
Altar.**

