

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

17th March 2024

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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'.

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Shame for all the times that we bishops, priests, and consecrated men and women have scandalized and wounded your body, the Church; for having forgotten our first love, our initial enthusiasm and total availability, allowing our hearts and our consecration to rust.

So much shame Lord, but our hearts are also longing with trustful hope, knowing that you will not treat us according to our merits but solely according to the abundance of Your mercy; that our betrayals do not diminish the immensity of your love; that your maternal and paternal heart does not forget us because of the hardness of our own;

The certain hope that our names are written in your heart and that we are reflected in the pupils of your eyes;

The hope that your Cross will transform our hardened hearts into hearts of flesh that are able to dream, to forgive and to love; that it will transform this dark night of your cross into the brilliant dawn of your Resurrection;

We ask you to break the chains that keep us imprisoned in our selfishness, in our willful blindness, and in the vanity of our worldly calculations.

Oh Christ, we ask you to teach us never to be ashamed of your Cross, not to exploit it but to honor and adore it, for by it You have shown us the monstrosity of our sins, the greatness of your love, the injustice of our judgments, and the power of your mercy.
Amen.

Translation by Diane Montagna of Aleteia's English edition

Part 1 was published in last week's bulletin.

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?

Yes, I'm prepared to help my child, talk about my faith and my relationship with Jesus in my daily life. It gives me hope of life after.

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

As a parish community you can support us on this journeys be praying for us. Thank you.

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**THE CHOSEN-SEASON 2** will continue on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

## A SPRING DAY IN DALGAN 2024 WITH JOHN FEEHAN

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First Encounters with Mosses and Ferns. Saturday 4th May 2024, 9.30am – 3.30pm: (Registration 9.30am -10am) If you wish to attend, please contact Elizabeth Mc Ardle at devofficemail@gmail.com. The cost is €30, payable on the day (lunch provided). Suitable outdoor clothes and footwear are recommended. If you have a hand lens and basket (for collecting specimens), please bring them along too.

BOHERMEEN ALTAR SOCIETY would like to thank the boys and girls of 6th classes for their generous donation towards the flowers for the Confirmation Ceremony.

CLANN MOR RESIDENTIAL & RESPITE CLG will hold their annual Church gate collection at all Masses next weekend 23rd and 24th March.

REELING in the YEARS DINNER DANCE in aid of St. Brigid's National School, Cortown. Saturday 13th April at 7.00pm in The Headfort Arms Hotel, Kells. Tickets €50.00. Contact Cortown NS on 046 924 9700.

TABLE QUIZ in aid of HOPE FOUNDATION (organised by Sophie English) will take place on Friday 22nd March at 8.00pm in the Silver Tankard. €40 per table of four. Lots of spot prizes on the night. All proceeds go to The Hope Foundation



Mass Intentions Sat. 16th to Sun 24th March.
Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

Sat. 16th March

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Tomas & Margaret O'Brien-Ann. Mass

Sun. 17th March-ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-Henry & Mary Collins-Ann. Mass
-Joseph Harte-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Rose, Christopher & Peter Dolan-Ann. Mass
-Paddy, Bridgie & Johnny O'Malley & dec'd
Family members
-Tommy Melia and dec'd members of the
Melia and Philbin families, Clonbur &
Allenstown.
-Martin & Mary Mackin & Nellie O'Neill

Mon. 18th March

Mass at 10.00am

Sat. 23rd March

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-Molly Fay -3rd Ann.
-Annual Mass for dec'd residents of the Old
Athboy Rd. especially John Harkin who died
recently at the request of neighbours and
friends

Sun. 24th March-PALM SUNDAY

Cortown at 10.00am
-Pat, Bernie and Padraic Keane-Ann. Mass
-Emma Whelan-5th Ann.
-Ann, Charlie & Anthony Smith-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Joseph Travers-2nd Ann.
-Phil McDonnell-9th Ann.
-Nancy Murtagh-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 7.30pm

Holy Week Penance Service

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 17th Mar: Kevin McCormack

Sun. 24th Mar: Terry Connolly

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 17th Mar: Kathleen Keating & Julie Yore

Sun. 24th Mar: Carmel McQuaid & Tracy
Mulvany-Cahill

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 €594.00 Priests Offerings €30.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€295.00
Cortown -€187.00 Boyerstown - €168.00
Tap to Donate €20.00

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.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE
GOSPEL** by John Byrne OSA. *The Intercom*

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of
a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that
it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to
others. We will never be of benefit to others if we
remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has
your dying to yourself brought life to another?
How has the generous giving of another brought
life to you?

2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought
of what lies ahead, and we feel like praying
Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation
may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse,
a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come
to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted
pain or hassle and been a source of life to others
for doing do.

3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the
moment of his glorification by God. We are also
glorified when the grace of God enables us to give
generously of ourselves. When have you
experienced this in yourself or in another?

4. This voice has come for your sake and not for
mine. The angel spoke that we might recognise the
love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires
the voice of another to draw our attention to love
that is being offered to us. When was this your
experience?



