

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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**EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
31st March 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. The Intercom

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock —the body of Jesus is missing. In recent years, information in newspapers and on tv is at times dominated by bad news. What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? ... times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?

Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? Where have you found life in such experiences?'

OFFERING DAY-Today Sunday 31st March is an Offering Day. Please us the pink envelope in your box of envelopes.

BOHERMEEN ATHLETIC CLUB will stage the Meath road relay championships on the Newline on Sunday April 7th between 9.30pm and 11.30am.

BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE is holding a 40th anniversary function in the Ardboyne Hotel with Dinner and Music on Saturday November 16th and their monthly €1000 draw will take place on the night. Tickets and further details will be available soon.

The next €1000 monthly draw takes place on Tuesday April 16th at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. You can still enter online or manually for the next 12 months.

TROCAIRE BOXES can be left in the baskets provided in the Churches or dropped off at the Parish Office. Converting the coins to notes be would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

A YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME is being organised by the Ceilí Catholic Community, Kilbeggan with the support of the Diocese of Meath Open to young people between 18 and 30. A friendly course of 8 modules, one weekend a month. For further information or for applying for the course email School@ceilicommunity.net or call or text 087 978 9150.

LEINSTER PTAA YOUTH & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE present 25th National Pioneer Ball on Sat. 6th April in Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Mass at 6.00pm in Cathedral of Christ the King, followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets are €40.00 each and are available from Daisy 087 654 4626 or Dermot 085 720 1646 leinsteryouthcommittee@gmail.com

Wishing all our Parishioners a Blessed and Happy Easter.



Mass Intentions Sun. 31st Mar. to Sun. 7th Apr. **Bohermeen Church**-Daily Mass at 9.30am (*Funeral replaces Mass*)

Sunday 31st March-
Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

BOYERSTOWN at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

CORTOWN at 10.00am
-Renee Henry-1st Anniversary
-James Martin-1st Anniversary

BOHERMEEN at 11.30am
-Members of the Old IRA

Monday 1st April
Bohermeen at 11.00am

Tues. 2nd April
Cortown at 8.00pm
Divine Mercy Mass

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri.
Bohermeen at 9.30am

Sat. 6th April
Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-for the people of the parish

Sun. 7th April
Cortown at 10.00am
-Tom (25th ann), Dympna and Ben Ward-Ann. Mass
-Paddy & Ann Reilly-Ann. Mass
-Peter & Mary Duffy-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-for the people of the parish
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**Ministers of the Word:**

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Helen Mallon

**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Ray/Michelle Finnegan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Joe Murtagh & Cathal O'Reilly

**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Jennifer Reilly & Margaret Farrell  
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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.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Sunday 11th August 2024. The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan and will also be accompanied by the Meath Diocesan Choir. The Fr. Willie Doyle Pilgrimage will also take place on Sunday 11th August.

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 €550.00 Priests Offerings €0.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€215.00
Cortown –€300.00 Boyerstown – €270.00
Tap to Donate €20.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.
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**REFLECTION BY ST. OSCAR ROMERO**

'It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.'

