

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

PASTORAL AREA

NAVAN, BOHERMEEN, JOHNSTOWN,
ORISTOWN

Fr. Andy Doyle. P.P.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24th AUGUST 2025

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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'.**

REFLECTIONS

The Intercom

Unlike Jesus, we seem very often too concerned about numbers as if that is the most important sign of the presence of the Kingdom and of its power to save the world. Rather than on numbers, Jesus asks us to concentrate on entering through the narrow door. This phrase has given rise to all sorts of negative spiritualities, but what Jesus is saying is to take up the cross and follow him every day of our lives. It is the cross that will bring us joy and everlasting life.

He also foretells we will be surprised by those who enter and those who don't. However hard we try, we often find ourselves excluding persons or groups from salvation. Jesus invites us to be wary of judging others, and to believe that all can be open to God's loving offer of salvation.

Sacredspace.com a resource of the Irish Jesuits

Of course Jesus' door is a narrow one but not because it is a torture chamber. No, not for that reason! Rather, because he asks us to open our hearts to him, to recognise that we are sinners in need of his salvation, his forgiveness and His love in order to have the humility to accept his mercy and to let ourselves be renewed by him. Being Christian is living and witnessing to faith in prayer, in works of charity, in promoting justice, in doing good. The whole of our life must pass through the narrow door which is Christ.

The late Pope Francis

YOUNG ADULTS (18-40 YRS) RETREAT:

August 29-31 2025 (Friday evening–Sunday afternoon) at Our Lady of Silence Abbey, Roscrea.

Prayer with the monks, inspiring talks, friendship in the faith, holy Mass, opportunity for personal guidance, confession, magnificent walks in beautiful grounds. A great opportunity to discern one's path in life. **Cost:** Donation (Full board, own room)

Contact: Sr. Úna 090 648166

or Michael 086 245 3123

or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

'Behold I stand at the door and knock' Rev3:20

Thought for the Day

The Intercom

Faith is not a crutch. It is a lifesaver! It does not help us to fall asleep at night; it helps us to get through the day when our days are dark. Life is not easy... for anyone.

Try. What? Try. Do something? Yes, the Lord invites us to try to pass through the narrow gate. We are supposed to work for it. We are supposed to do something.

How can we do it if we are not strong enough? Through Him, with Him and in Him. What is the narrow gate? It is a person. Jesus Christ. Strive to live your life through Him, with Him and in Him. And you will find yourself... on His side.

Fr. Alfonse

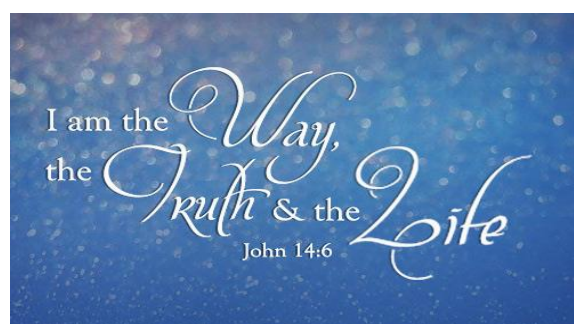
fralfonse.blogspot.com

RCIA PROGRAMME 2025/26

Are you, or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a faith-formation process which prepares and supports adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. Applications are currently being invited for this year's programme which is due to commence in the autumn. For further details, please visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia.

BOHERMEEN AMATEUR DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION

are holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 25th August 2025, in Bohermeen Community Centre at 8.00pm. All existing and new members welcome to attend.



Mass Intentions Sat. 23rd to Sun. 31st Aug.

Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

Sat. 23rd Aug.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Sun. 24th Aug.

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Patrick Bell-40th Anniversary

-Sean, Bridget & Margaret Bell-Ann. Mas

-Annie 'Nancy' Lynskey-10th Ann.

Mon. 25th Aug. at 9.30am

-St. Joseph's Young Priests

Tues to Thurs. at 9.30am

Fri. 29th Aug. at 9.30am

-Don Rennicks

-Catherine Rennicks

Sat. 30th Aug.

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Matthew Mullen-6th Anniversary

Sun. 31st Aug.

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Noel & Christina Finnegan & dec'd family members

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Brian Murtagh-6th Anniversary

-Tommy & Kate Ging & Tommy Gaffney & dec'd members of the Ging & Gaffney families

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 24th Aug: Áine Keating

Sun. 31st Aug: Geraldine McHugh

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 24th Aug: Joe Murtagh & Paul Murray

Sun. 31st Aug: Cathal O'Reilly & Michelle Finnegan

PRAY for Sheila Finegan, Cortown, Pat Keating Limerick (father of Michael Keating, Deerpark), Beatrice (Betty) Reilly, Moyaugh and Kevin Wood, New York (formerly of Fordstown) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

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.

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

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Building Fund €248.00 Priests Offerings €255.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€300.00

Cortown -€165.00 Boyerstown - €270.00

Tap to Donate €20.00

MEN'S JUBILEE CAMINO

Men's hike - Sat Sept 13th - 20kms, on greenway, from Dominican Abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events/ . €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com. See poster in Church porch.

ST ULTANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY is hosting an event for National Heritage Week 2025 in Bohermeen community centre on Sunday August 24th from 12 - 4.00pm, titled Connecting People & Places, showing a combined exhibition of surviving documents and photos from the Craig Waller estate at Allenstown & Michael Fox, a 19th century drainage contractor from Rathmore.

Visitors are asked to consider walking the lanes adjacent to the community centre fondly known locally as Brady's & Callaghan's lanes.

