

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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PASTORAL AREA

NAVAN, BOHERMEEN, JOHNSTOWN,  
ORISTOWN

Fr. Andy Doyle. P.P.



EXALATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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*

***'The cross is the school of love.'*** — St. Maximilian Kolbe teaches that suffering, when united with Christ, transforms us, deepening our capacity for love and self-giving.

***'Do not seek a cross—the right one will find you. But when it comes, take it up bravely, without counting the cost.'*** — St. Padre Pio encourages trust in God's providence, accepting the trials He permits for our sanctification.

***'The weight of the cross may press heavily on your shoulders, but it is the very thing that will keep you close to the heart of Christ.'*** — An anonymous reflection highlighting that struggles, rather than driving us away from God, draw us nearer to Him.

***'God does not measure the cross by its size, but by our willingness to carry it.'***— This insight reminds us that what matters is not the magnitude of our suffering, but the love and trust with which we accept it. Even small, daily sacrifices — borne with patience and faith — can become powerful offerings when united to Christ's own sacrifice.

***'The cross is the ladder to heaven.'***— St Rose of Viterbo's words reveal that trials, rather than obstacles, are stepping stones to holiness. When we embrace our crosses instead of resenting them, we participate in Christ's redemptive work and ascend toward eternal joy.

Each of these quotes emphasizes that carrying our cross is not meaningless suffering but a path to spiritual growth, love, and union with Christ. Whether through Scripture or the wisdom of saints, we learn that our trials, borne with faith, become means of grace and transformation.

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**VOLUNTEERS** needed for Cortown Altar Society (especially in flower arranging). Contact Laetitia O'Halloran on 087 973 0440 for further details.

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**NAVAN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will host a talk on Johnstown Parish - Seen and Heard in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on Thursday September 18th 2025 at 8.00pm.

Speaker: Christopher Lynch  
N&DHS members free. Non members €5.

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**BOHERMEEN BOWLS CLUB** from 8.00 to 11.00pm in the Community Centre every Monday and Wednesday. New members welcome.

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**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November in Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. For information and booking [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

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**ACCORD NAVAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMMES:**

28th September & 5th October 2025, 9:00am to 1:00pm both days

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Friday 17th October 7pm – 10pm & Saturday 18th October 2025 9am-4.30pm

Bookings on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone 046 9023146

\*2026 dates coming soon\*

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**RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-40YRS)**

Dalgan Park, Navan on Saturday 4th October (10am - 5.30pm) Prayer, Holy Mass, friendship in the faith. Eucharistic Adoration, inspiring talks, confession / personal chat if desired, lovely walks.

Cost: €20 suggested (lunch and tea breaks provided)

Contact: Sr Úna : 090 6481666

or Michael: 086 2453123

or email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

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**JUBILEE TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO,**

5<sup>th</sup> October 2025. €799.00 pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 189 0236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Mass Intentions Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.**

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

**Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Brigid Tallon – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Brendan Rogers-7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-The Farnan Family

-Paddy Rennicks-27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

-Rose & Matthew Yore

-Marion Flanagan -22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

-James & Maura Finnegan

**Mon to Fri.**-Mass at 9.30am

**Mon. 15<sup>th</sup>** –Kevin & Josie Gorman, Quarry Rd.

**Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-Des Smyth-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

-Tommy Rogers-12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

-Michael Buchanan-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.**

Cortown at 10.00am

-MM-Sheila Finegan

-Jean & Alan Quigley

-James & Sheila Gilsenan

-Thomas, Una & Eamon Loughran

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Thomas (40<sup>th</sup>) & Kevin Gilsenan

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Dympna Herward

**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** Kerri Finnegan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Michelle Finnegan & Cathal O'Reilly

**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** Kathleen Keating & Paul Murray

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Please contact us on Freephone 1800 677 777 or through our website [info.northeast@svp.ie](mailto: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  
BIC BOFIE2D (please include your box no.)  
Building Fund €950.00 Priests Offerings €440.00  
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€272.00  
Cortown –€94.00 Boyerstown – €112.00  
Tap to Donate €20.00

**YOUCAT Companion Study Group:** Would you like to know your faith better? (Learn what Catholics actually believe? Be able to answer those difficult questions about the Catholic faith that friends or colleagues put to you?) Join us on Wednesdays @7.30pm beginning with an information night on 1st October. Contact [navanyoucat@gmail.com](mailto:navanyoucat@gmail.com) for more information.

**MEATH SAMUEL GROUP** is taking place in Navan, October 2025 through May 2026.

The programme entails being present once a month at the formation day in Navan, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), and a commitment to daily prayer.

For more information and registration go to [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony)

**SMA NOVENA 2025** In honour of St. Thérèse Of the Child Jesus Patroness of the Missions

Tuesday 23rd September to Wednesday 1st October  
Daily Mass & Novena Prayers. At 10.00am & 7.30pm  
SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome.

Also, via webcam ([www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie))

African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH

**BOHERMEEN ATHLETIC CLUB** will promote the Lewis Reilly children's running league for ages 4-15 at Bohermeen athletics track commencing on Monday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm sharp and continues Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm sharp and the final on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm sharp, with awards for all participants. Details and flyers from local schools or the club or by email from [acbohermeen@gmail.com](mailto:acbohermeen@gmail.com) or info 086 726 0777 or 086 079 2580.

**PARISH PREPARATION PROGRAMME** for First Penance and First Communion will begin with a meeting for all parents/guardians on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Church.** If you are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Office.

**EUREKA INVITES FAMILIES TO DISCOVER THEIR FUTURE AT OPEN NIGHT 2025**

Eureka Secondary School, Kells is delighted to announce its Open Night 2025, taking place on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September from 5.00pm to 8.00pm** at the school campus, located in Kells A82 R6C4. Application Forms are available on the website at [www.eurekasecondaryschool.ie](http://www.eurekasecondaryschool.ie) from 1<sup>st</sup> October. The closing date for receipt of applications is 4.00pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. For further information, please email [office@eurekaschool.ie](mailto:office@eurekaschool.ie) or telephone 046 924 0132.