

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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PASTORAL AREA

NAVAN, BOHERMEEN, JOHNSTOWN,  
ORISTOWN

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
31<sup>st</sup> 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** by Renee Pomarico  
**The Intercom**

## Encountering Christ

Freedom: Imagine the inner turmoil of the Pharisee's guests as they sought positions of honor at the table. Their minds were likely busy with comparisons, judgments, and guardedness. A humble person would feel none of these anxieties. Free of negativity and distractions, be or she would be focused on warmly greeting other guests, and most importantly, on acknowledging and attending to Jesus. May humility be the source of our security rather than wealth, honors, or esteem.

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## Thought for the Day

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Status-seeking is rampant in our world. Many people seek fame, power and recognition. Fame may look glamorous. However, almost every day in the newspaper or on television we hear stories of how the famous and the glamorous have fallen or been disgraced, often by their own choices.

Today Jesus encourages us to be content with what seems to be the lowly and least. Often it is in the small and seemingly insignificant gifts of everyday life where we may experience the greatest love, joy, peace, and contentment. Today, be mindful and notice the many small gifts you receive. Thank the giver and thank God!

*Sisters of S. Benedict of Ferdinand*

## ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO • FEAST 28 AUGUST

Five profound quotes from St Augustine (354-430), one of the greatest theologians and philosophers of the early Church: his writings — especially *Confessions* and *the City of God* - are filled with deep spiritual insights.

\*'You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.'

\*To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement'

\*'Love, and do what you will. For if you love, you will do no evil.' (*Homily on 1 John 7:8*)

\*'Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.'

\*'Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new! Late have I loved You!'

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## PRAYER OF ST MONICA (*mother of St. Augustine*) • FEAST 27 AUGUST

St. Monica is a patron saint of mothers, troubled children, and perseverance. Her life teaches that no soul is beyond the reach of prayer.

Prayer for Her Son's Conversion

'Nothing is far from God, and I need not fear that He will not know where to find my son.'

On Perseverance in Prayer

'The child of so many tears shall never perish.' (*A bishop's reassurance to Monica about Augustine, which became a testament to her faithful intercession.*)

Her dying words to Augustine

'Bury my body wherever you will... Only one thing I ask of you: Remember me at the altar of the Lord.' (*Her humble request, emphasising her lifelong devotion to the Eucharist.*)

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**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](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia).

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**BOOK OF MEMORIES CAFÉ** Thursday 4th September, 12pm to 2pm. Monthly in Eureka House, Kells. For people living with dementia, their family and friends. Free Admission. Tea & Scones served. All Welcome. Contact No: 087 146 9624.

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**BOHERMEEN ACTIVE RETIREMENT** will return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am in the Community Centre. New members welcome.

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. to Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.

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

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Matthew Mullen-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Aug.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Noel & Christina Finnegan & dec'd family members

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Brian Murtagh-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

**Mon to Fri.**

-Communion Service at 9.30am

**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Sean Dolan-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

-Sinead Ball-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

-Anne Thornton-15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Aug:** Geraldine McHugh

**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Maureen Kerrigan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Aug:** Cathal O'Reilly & Michelle Finnegan

**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Julie Yore & Trish Henry

**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.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND** – Family Day – We will be holding our Annual National Mass on Saturday 6th September in the Church of St James, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. We will begin in the chapel at 11.00am with Children's Adoration and Rosary where confessions will be available. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at 12pm, followed by food and activities in the hall. A lovely day for all the family! Email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) for more information and booking.

**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

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**Building Fund €590.00 Priests Offerings €163.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€212.00**

**Cortown –€85.00 Boyerstown – €112.00**

**Tap to Donate €20.00**

**MEN'S JUBILEE CAMINO**

Men's hike - Sat Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - 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/](http://www.dominicans.ie/events/) . €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com). See poster in Church porch.

**THE LETTER-A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH** "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' 14).

"The Letter – A Message for our Earth" is a documentary film inspired by Pope Francis which was launched in, October 2022, It is a powerful movie which tells the story of four people, from very different backgrounds, brought together in the Vatican. It explores the roles they are playing to care more deeply for our common home.

Millions of people around the world have already watched *The Letter*. It is a powerful movie that is stunningly made by award winning director Nicholas Brown. **It will be shown in Collinstown -Fore Parish Centre (beside Collinstown church) on Wednesday evening 10 September at 7.00 pm.** It will be followed by discussion and tea/coffee. All welcome.

"Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' ) .

