

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Laetare Sunday)
30th March 2025**

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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

The two clear lessons from today's Gospel are:

- I can be absolutely sure of God's mercy and forgiveness, provided I turn back to him in true sorrow.
- I need to have the same attitude of compassion with people who offend me. I must be ready to forgive and be reconciled. I cannot refuse to love someone that God loves.
- There are three people in this story and we can identify with all of them:
- The son who went far from his Father and followed his own way into the most degrading behaviour.
- The son who thought he was good and observant, but deep down, did not have the mind of his Father at all. He kept the commandments and all the rules but did not have a forgiving heart.
- The Father whose love never changes no matter what his children do and is ready to accept them back every time without exception.
- Which of these three most represents me? Which one would I want to be like? Many say they identify most with the elder son, which of course is the point of the story. They who are the real sinners are those who shut their hearts against God's compassionate love.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP will continue on Tues. 1st March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S NS, BOYERSTOWN has launched its 'Boyerstown Buy a Brick' fundraiser which will run until Friday, 11th April. Funds raised will go towards resourcing two new classrooms, which are currently being built. Bricks are priced at 4 levels to suit all budgets i.e. Bronze at €50, Silver at €100, Gold at €200 and Platinum at €500. Every person or company that buys a brick, will be acknowledged by having their name engraved on a special plaque which will be erected in the new school building. If you would like to buy a brick please contact the school office on 046 9027252 or boyerstowns@gmail.com. Alternatively, payments can be made via the iDonate link www.idonate.ie/cause/boyerstown1ns

CHIME The National Charity for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people run workshops to offer advice and support to cover all aspects of deafness and hearing loss. Contact them on

T: 1800 256 257 or visit their website www.chime.ie

BOOK OF MEMORIES CAFÉ Thursday 3rd April, 12.00 noon to 2.00pm. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Bus leaving Bohermeen Church on Sunday 6th April at 8.00am for Eucharistic Adoration pilgrimage in Knock. Day is for all the family (mini retreat for teenagers & children). Contact Bridget 087 970 0091 to book place on bus.

A Prayer for Mothers

Lord,
when our mothers are tired,
give them strength.
When they feel alone,
bring them comfort.
When they are overwhelmed,
bless them with peace.
In their hardest moments,
be their Light.

Today,
we ask You to bless them
with what they need most.

Amen.

Mass Intentions Sat. 29th Mar. to Sun. 6th April

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

Sat. 29th March

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Renee Henry-2nd Anniversary

Sun. 30th March

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Benny Dolan-1st Anniversary

-Christy & Eileen Travers-1st Ann.

-Carol Madden-5th Ann.

Mon. 31st April at 9.30am

-St. Joseph's Young Priests

Fri. 4th April at 9.30am

-First Friday

Sat. 5th April

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Sun. 6th April

Cortown at 10.00am

-Tom, Dympna & Ben Ward-Ann.Mass

-Noel McNamee & dfm

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-for the people of the parish

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 30th Mar: Kevin McCormack

Sun. 6th Apr: DTIM Parents

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 30th Mar: Joe Murtagh & Brigid Mackin

Sun. 6th Apr: Ann Reilly & Margaret Farrell

PRAY for Mark Usher, Enniskillen (formerly of Kells and brother of Cathal, Paul, Liz & Christine) who died recently. May he rest in peace.

BOHERMEEN ATHLETIC CLUB will promote the Meath Road relay championships on the Newline at Neilstown on Sunday April 6th from 9.30am to 11.30am

BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE are hoping to commence their refurbishment project in the coming weeks and they thank everyone for their continued support, their next €1000 monthly draw takes place on Wednesday April 16th at 7.30pm in the centre.

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 €853.00 Priests Offerings €0.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€450.00
Cortown -€383.00 Boyerstown - €205.00
Tap to Donate €20.00



'Do you like me?'

JAMIE MILLER, the central character in the peerless Netflix drama *Adolescence*, turns this commonplace question into a desperate cry from the guts of a child born in the pitiless age of social media. The four part series tells the story of a 13 year old boy accused of stabbing one of his schoolmates to death in a carpark. His alleged victim, Katie, was fighting her own popularity battle at school and online, and indulged in some nasty commentary about Jamie's Instagram posts. She had childishly used a slew of coded emojis to crush his already fragile confidence. She was to pay for her immaturity with her life. Linger on that for a second.

One child stumbling towards adulthood is dead because another child doing the same loses his footing in the most tragic and appalling way. Why? What combination of factors had turned time-honoured and entirely manageable teenage angst and bullying into violent misogyny and a brutal murder? Can the answer really just be the smartphone every teenager now expects to be given for Christmas?