

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Day for Life'

16th June 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'.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. THE INTERCOM

'All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.'

Pope Francis

'As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?'

St Pope John Paul II

LESSONS IN SYNODALITY by Avril Beignet. The Tablet

Since his election in 2013, Pope Francis has called for a renewal of every aspect of the Church's life, for a turn towards becoming a 'field hospital', a Church of mercy, of listening and conversation. He has urged the Church to pivot from being inward-looking to being outward-facing. He is calling for a 'synodal conversion'. It is the recovery of an old idea in the life of the Church to meet the challenges of the times. 'Synodality', in the Pope's words, 'is the way of being Church in the third millennium'.

We have found that these three questions are a great starting point for any discussion.

Where is our joy (in our young people, our building, our missionary outreach)?

Where are the needs – including in the wider community?

And where is the Holy Spirit leading us?

If every pastoral council, finance committee and community reflected on these questions, we might start to see the emergence of the renewed,

co-responsible and Spirit-filled parishes and networks that we have longed for. Although we have been fishing all night, let us down our nets once more and see what harvest the Holy Spirit will bring.

BOYERSTOWN CHURCH RENOVATIONS UPDATE.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. Quotes have been received and preliminary work has begun.

The official renovations are due to start on the 1st of July at an estimate of €40,000. The amount we have received to date, €9,500 is really appreciated but falls far short of the funds needed. Committee members will be calling to homes in the parish over the coming week, in a final push to accept your donation and reach our target so that the necessary works can be completed. Many thanks. *Boyerstown Church Renovation Committee.*

BOYERSTOWN CEMETERY COMMITTEE

wish to acknowledge and thank all who contributed to our gate collections at recent Cemetery Devotions and also donations received separately. Your contributions have enabled us to carry out major improvement works including repairs and painting of walls, gates and railings – out thanks to Colm Buchanan who did the work. Ongoing regular maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery continues and we also wish to thank all the volunteers who helped in preparing the cemetery for the devotions. We commend the efforts of plot holders who had their plots looking so well. We encourage everybody to bring home all waste – dumping is offensive to the living and disrespectful to the dead.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION will take place at all Masses on Sunday 23rd June.

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.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of The Hope Foundation, Kolkata (*run by Chloe Keane who hopes to travel there in October*) will take place on Sunday 23rd June from 12noon to 2.00pm in Bohermeen Parish Centre. Your support would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go to The Hope Foundation.



Mass Intentions Sat.15th to Sun. 23rd June.

Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am

(Funeral replaces Mass)

Sat. 15th June

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

-Angela McGill-20th Anniversary

Sun. 16th June

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Tom Kerrigan-3rd Anniversary

-Tom Murtagh, Durhamstown-Ann. Mass

-Mary Carty-Ann. Mass

Sat. 22nd June

Cortown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Sun. 23rd June

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Mattie Lawless-15th ann. & dec'd family members

-Christina Kerrigan-Ann.Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-MM-Maureen Mallon

-Vincent Fitzgerald-1st Anniversary

-Ryan McGovern-5th Anniversary

-Tom Luddy-7th Anniversary

-Josephine Rennicks - Ann.Mass

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 16th June: Lauren Finnegan

Sun. 23rd June: St. Ultan's NS pupils

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 16th June: Joe Murtagh & Brigid Mackin

Sun. 23rd June: Kathleen Keating & Tracy Mulvany-Cahill

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 €557.00 Priests Offerings €157.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€238.00

Cortown -€88.00

Boyerstown - €154.00

Tap to Donate €30.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

'DAY FOR LIFE': A DEDICATED DAY CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned.

The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

'First They Came' by Pastor Martin Niemoller (1892-1984)

First they came for the unborn child

And I did not speak out because I was not an unborn child.

Then they came for the elderly and hopelessly ill

and I did not speak out because I was young and healthy. Then they came for the refugee and the homeless

And I did not speak out because I had a country and a home

Then they came for God

And I did not speak out because I had forgotten Him

Then they came for me

And there was no one left to speak out for me.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all our wonderful Fathers.

