

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21st July 2024

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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'.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL by John Byrne OSA. *The Intercom*

1. The apostles reposed to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What have you learned from such conversations?'

2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm?

3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?'

4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?



BOYERSTOWN CHURCH RENOVATIONS UPDATE.

The committee continue to fund raise and monitor progress of renovations as well as planning ahead. The total funds raised as of 16th July stands at €17,375. As with all renovations, unforeseen and new issues arise and all these matters are being addressed. Fr Andy has been in consultation with a professional expert on planning and design to ensure best colour coordination and the committee were given a detailed presentation during the week as preparations are being made to proceed with the paint work, hopefully next week. The church doors have been completely restored and repainted to a very high standard and a big THANK YOU to Barry Callaghan and TIMELESS SASH WINDOWS for having completed this work so efficiently. We still hope that those who have not yet done so will support us in our efforts in doing something that our parish will be very proud of when work is complete.

Donations can continue to be made to any committee member, the parish office or by electronic bank transfer to the Credit Union Account.

Many thanks.

Boyerstown Church Renovation Committee.

A VACANCY HAS ARISEN FOR THE POSITION OF CHOIR DIRECTOR

in St. Colmcille's Church, Kells. The successful candidate will be responsible for our four-part choir and will work closely with our organist. The role includes directing at Sunday Mass (currently 11.00am), a weekday rehearsal and also other Parish Liturgical Occasions.

Choir season: Sept – May inclusive. Remuneration rates as per ACCM.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 15th August 2024.

For full job description and information on how to apply please see www.kellsparish.ie/our-parish/vacancy-choir-director/

CROAGH PATRICK - REEK SUNDAY – 28 JULY:

Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer, and this year's pilgrimage theme is: 'To pray for and honour grandparents and the elderly' 7:30am-2:00pm Confessions will be heard on the summit.

8:00am. First hourly Mass on the summit. 2:00pm Last Mass on the summit

THE HOLY CROSS GROUP FROM BETHLEHEM

in The Holy Land will be visiting our Parish on Sunday 28th July to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary Beads and Plaques) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families. Any help you could give them would be greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions Sat. 20th to Sun. 28th July.
Bohermeen Church-Daily Mass at 9.30am
(Funeral replaces Mass)

Boyerstown Church will be closed for the month of July for renovations.

Sat. 20th July

Cortown at 6.00pm

-for the people of the parish

Sun. 21st July

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Paddy, Kathleen, Margo & Joseph Travers.

-Owen & Mollie Newman-Ann. Mass

Sun. 28th July

Cortown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Ann Reilly -7th Anniversary

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 21st July: Pat Farrell

Sun. 28th July: Rachel McCormack

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 21st July: Kathleen Keating & Paul Murray

Sun. 28th July: Carmel McQuaid & Therese Duffy

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 €520.00 Priests Offerings €0.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€312.00
Cortown -€107.00 Boyerstown - €0.00
Tap to Donate €30.00
Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

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FR. TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE who leads the Retreat for all Synod participants this October.

For nearly 50 years, both in his native England and traveling the world as the head of the Order of Preachers, Radcliffe — now 78 — has garnered a reputation as a spiritual authority, unafraid of asking the difficult questions and challenging underlying assumptions.

In a different era, that disposition earned him the ire of high-ranking Vatican officials that sought to marginalize his voice at past synods and likely blocked him from several top jobs inside the church. Now, Francis — a pope that has staked his legacy on reviving a pastoral style of theology that isn't solely concerned about the law, but is focused on meeting people where they are in life — has entrusted Radcliffe to set the spiritual tone for his ambitious project of synodality. But it comes at a moment when both leaders are battling health challenges, mounting internal resistance within their respective domains and wrestling in real time with how to navigate the challenges of a deeply divided church in an equally polarized world.

Looking ahead to the concluding session of the synod Oct. 2-27, Radcliffe believes the "synodal adventure will prove to be deeply transformative of the body of Christ."

How the journey ends and what steps are next are unclear to the British Dominican, as they are for much of the church. But unexpectedly — though joyfully — Radcliffe has found himself at the heart of the adventure.

'Orthodoxy is spacious 'When people first encounter Radcliffe, a product of one of England's storied aristocratic families, it's his simplicity they often find most striking.

Those who know Radcliffe or are familiar with his work will attest that the Oxford-trained theologian and Scripture scholar is hardly unintelligent. But, he is often self-deprecating, usually a bit dishevelled in appearance and always in good humor.

On an early spring day this year, I visited Radcliffe at his home in the [Blackfriars community in Oxford](#), where he once served as prior. He had traded his traditional white Dominican habit for a well-worn forest green jumper and khaki trousers. He had just returned from a walk and among the topics he had been thinking about: the retreat reflections for the upcoming synod assembly at the Vatican.

"I'm like a cow, I need to ruminate. Feed things in, digest, go back, prune," he told me. Just a few days earlier, the head of the synod office, [Cardinal Mario Grech](#), had phoned Radcliffe to formally invite him to lead the exercises again this fall. There was little doubt, given the widespread acclaim the [synod retreat](#) that he led last fall had received, that he would be invited to return.