

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN  
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
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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'.

## TO BE A PEOPLE OF HOPE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT FOR ELECTION 2024 AND QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES



### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

All eligible to vote should exercise their right to maximise the common good.

Homelessness is unacceptable. The inability to acquire a home affects social cohesion and is a scandal.

**Suggested questions for candidates:** What will you do to address the current housing and homelessness crisis and the consequent distress that affects people? Are you prepared to propose and support measures that will enable people to have a home and have real hope for the future?

Politicians should lead by welcoming all immigrants who come with a willingness to contribute to our society.

**Suggested questions for candidates:** What measures will your party take to ensure that those seeking asylum in Ireland are not left in tents? Are you prepared to support a fair and more timely system for the processing of asylum applications? Will you publicly oppose all forms of racism, include racism on social media platforms?

The deliberate taking of human life undermines civilised society.

**Suggested questions for candidates:** What is your stance on assisted dying legislation? Will you oppose this legislation, and any other legislation which would liberalise abortion in Ireland?

Political parties must urgently address pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity.

**Suggested questions for candidates:** How will your party address, in a sustainable way, issues of pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity? Will your party support infrastructure measures that will tackle environmental issues such as water quality, public transport, and the impact of fossil fuels? What will you do to support a just transition for farmers, workers and others who will be affected by climate action measures? Are you prepared to listen, to and work with, all stakeholders on this journey?

The war in Gaza and the Middle East must stop now. Enough is Enough!

**Suggested questions for candidates:** What is your position on the immediate ending of the war in Gaza and the Middle East? Will you support the enactment of the *Occupied Territories Bill 2018*, which seeks to ban and criminalise trade with, and economic support for, illegal settlements in territories deemed occupied under international law?

Church-State structured dialogue is not functioning and in need of review.

**Suggested questions for candidates:** Are you prepared to support a process of structured dialogue that includes all voices and sectors in Ireland's diverse society including Churches and faith communities? Similar to Governments in other European countries and at EU level, should a specific Government minister with responsibility for dialogue with Churches and other faith communities be appointed as part of the next administration?

There will be some copies of the full statement available in all three Churches.

**SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY** will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Contact Andrea 086 370 9968. Sinead 087 253 6051 or Mary 086 397 1674 for further details.

**THE CHOSEN-SEASON 4 part 2** will be shown on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** in the parish Centre. All welcome.

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET** at the Community Centre will take place **today** Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP** will take place on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm in the **Parish Centre**. We are delighted so many people have signed up and everyone is welcome.

**SET DANCING** classes take place in Boyerstown Centre on Thursday nights at 8.30pm. All welcome.

**Mass Intentions Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. to Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

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

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.**

Cortown at 6.00pm  
-MM-Sean Higgins

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am  
-Joe Casserly-Ann. Mass  
-John & Hilda Conlon-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-James & Margaret Fay-Ann. Mass  
-Peter, Kathleen & Mary Brady-Ann. Mass

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.30am**

St. Joseph's Young Priests

**NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING**

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

Boyerstown at 6.00pm  
-for the people of the parish

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

Cortown at 10.00am  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-for the people of the parish

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Geraldine McHugh  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: DTiM Parents

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Carmel McQuaid & Therese Duffy  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Joe Murtagh & Trish Henry

**PRAY** for Paddy Rahill, Bective (brother of Mary Griffin) who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** for Peace and Protection in the World takes place every Tuesday evening in Boyerstown Church at 6.30pm and on Wednesday evenings in Cortown Church at 6.30pm. All welcome.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Christmas collection will take place at all Masses on 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you need assistance or are aware of someone who needs assistance, financial or otherwise, please be assured that we are here to help. 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 €671.00 Priests Offerings €80.00**  
**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€405.00**  
**Cortown -€140.00 Boyerstown - €221.00**  
**Tap to Donate €25.00**

**MULLAGHEA & CARNAROSS PARISH NOVENA** to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place on Monday nights at 7.30pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> in Mullaghea and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. in Carnaross. All welcome.

**BOHERMEEN CYCLING CLUB** will hold their annual AGM on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm in Bohermeen Community Centre. All welcome to attend.

**EXCERPT from Amanda Achtman 'A warning from Canada'. The Tablet**

**IN OUR WORLD**, we have so much brokenness, so much loneliness, so many long-term effects of the pandemic, so many addictions, so many mental-health crises. As a young person, I look out and wonder: what is on offer? The proposal surely must be better than death. We have to have more to offer amid the crises of our time: love, friendship, generosity, communion, and the gaze of another that instils a sense of my own value that I cannot give to myself.

Mindful of Canada's euthanasia experiment, I urge you: do not go down this path, you are made for better, and you so deserve so much more.

