

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
1st December 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. We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?

2. Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?

3. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?



THE CHOSEN-SEASON 4 part 3 will be shown on **Monday 9th December at 7.30pm** in the parish Centre. All welcome.

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.

ST. CIARAN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL invites you to our annual Christmas Market on December 5th, from 5:30 to 8:30pm. All proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul and Kells Meals on Wheels. Santa will also take some time out in the grotto to meet with the local kids from our community. Your support would be very much appreciated.

BOHERMEEN CYCLING CLUB will hold a Christmas Coffee Morning on Sunday 8th December from 10.00am -1.00pm for the Local St. Vincent de Paul in the Community Centre. To get yourself into the festive mood, there will be plenty of Christmas treats and a raffle. 1st prize is a Christmas hamper. All welcome, please support.

BOHERMEEN ATHLETIC CLUB AGM takes place on Monday December 2nd at 8.00pm in Bohermeen community centre. The club will also host this years Meath senior cross country championships and the final of the Meath juvenile cross country league on Saturday December 14th at 11.00am at McNally's Farmyard on the main Navan Athboy road at Boyerstown.

BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE would like to thank everyone that hosted stalls or attended last Sunday's Christmas market. The final €1000 monthly draw for 2024 takes place on Monday December 14th at 7.30pm, where everyone is invited to attend and have a cup of tea after the draw. There is a very limited number of 40th anniversary commemorative mugs available. Please contact Stephen Ball 086 079 2580 to acquire one they are €10 each.

ST ULTANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY annual calendar is now on sale in all local shops and are priced at €8.00. There are also a few of the Craig Wallers estate maps and Allenstown Mugs remaining and please contact Stephen Ball 086 079 2580.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Christmas collection will take place at all Masses on **30th November and 1st 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. Strict confidentiality is guaranteed at all times.

Mass Intentions Sat. 30th Nov. to Sun. 8th Dec.

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

Sat. 30th Nov.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-for the people of the parish

Sun. 1st Dec.

Cortown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-for the people of the parish

Sat. 7th Dec.

Cortown at 6.00pm
-Kathleen Quigley-1st Ann & Michael Quigley.
-Brendan Henry-32nd Anniversary

Sun. 8th Dec.

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Loretta Barker-3rd anniversary

Ministers of the Word:

Sun. 1st Dec: DTiM Parents
Sun. 8th Dec: Maureen Kerrigan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sun. 1st Dec: Joe Murtagh & Trish Henry
Sun: 8th Dec: Ann Reilly & Margaret Farrell

PRAY for Kathleen (Cáit) Fox, Greetiagh who died recently. May she 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE will take place in Boyerstown Church on Sunday 8th December at 5.00pm. All welcome.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-40 YRS)

Dalgan Park, Navan, 13-15 December.
Theme: *'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full'* Jn10:10
A prayerful preparation for Christmas!
Cost: €160 (full board, own room).
For Students: a Donation
Contact: Sr Úna 090 648 166 or Michael 086 245 3123 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

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 €855.00 Priests Offerings €15.00
Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€283.00
Cortown -€305.00 Boyerstown - €187.00
Tap to Donate €30.00

ADVENT asks us to prepare for the Infant Christ. Are you thinking of following the Son of Mary as His priest? Come to Mass in St Mary's Church, James Street, Drogheda this Sunday 1st December at 7pm. Live from Facebook
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Thought for the Day- Anon

There are ways families can celebrate the season of Advent:

An Advent wreath consists of a frame holding four candles placed inside a circle of evergreens. The greenery in the wreath symbolises the promised new life in Jesus. The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. Purple is a sign of penance and rose is the color denoting the anticipation of joy. Light a candle on each Sunday evening of Advent, saying a short prayer or singing a verse of 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.' The light of the candles represents the light coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.

