

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN  
Fr. Andy Doyle. P.P.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
22<sup>nd</sup> 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. The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb' is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy and birth is one of the most awesome human experiences. How have you experienced this for yourself or in someone close to you?

2. The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is a symbol of her willingness to look beyond her own needs to the needs of another. When have you witnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself?

3. Mary is praised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In this she is a model for us. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God's promises? What are God's promises that mean the most to you?



**THE CHOSEN-SEASON 4** will take a well-earned break for Christmas and will return on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm** in the parish Centre. All welcome.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP** will take a break for Christmas and will return on Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.** 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 guaranteed at all times.

**CONFESSIONS** will take place in St. Mary's Church, Navan on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** from 8.30am to 9.00pm and on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** from 12 noon to 3.00pm.

**MEATH DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 22 – 27 SEPTEMBER 2025.**

Bookings and Enquiries: Mullingar Travel: Tel: 044 9340587. Email: [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie) See poster in Church porch.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** is an Offering Day. Please use your pink envelope in your box of envelopes. Thank you.

## Thought for the Day

Fr. Anthony Kadavil

There is no room in the manger except for Jesus and us: There isn't room for all the baggage we carry around with us.

No room for our pious pride and self-righteousness. No room for our human power and prestige. No room for the baggage of past failure and unforgiven sin.

No room for our prejudice, bigotry and jingoistic national pride. No room in the manger for anything other than the absolute reality of who and what we really are: very human, very real, very fragile, very vulnerable beings who desperately need the gift of love and grace which God so powerfully desires to give.



**Mass Intentions Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> to Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

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

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Patrick & Barbara Tully-Ann. Mass

-Rose Glennon-4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-James O'Brien-12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Dec'd members of the King and Doherty Families

7.30pm

-Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Christmas Eve-Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Cortown at 5.30pm

Boyerstown at 6.00pm

Bohermeen at 6.30pm

-Seamus & Josie Kavanagh-Ann. Mass

**The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Day**

Cortown at 10.00am

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-Patrick & Elizabeth Smyth and dec'd family members

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-for the people of the parish

**St. Stephen's Day-Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Bohermeen at 11.00am

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Sandra Coffey

Christmas Eve: Lauren Finnegan

Christmas Day: Kevin McCormack

Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: Terry Connolly

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Brigid Mackin & Joe Murtagh

Christmas Eve: Joe Murtagh & Paul Murray

Christmas Day: Cathal O'Reilly & Michelle Finnegan

Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carmel McQuaid & Kathleen Keating

**PRAY** for Johnny Fitzsimons, Navan (brother of Jim Fitzsimons), Cathal Mulvany, Martry and Marion Hickey, Slane (mother of Anthony Hickey, Neilstown) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**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 €610.00 Priests Offerings €0.00*  
*Offertory Collections: Bohermeen -€374.00*  
*Cortown -€135.00 Boyerstown - €261.00*  
*Tap to Donate €20.00*

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS** are now available from the Parish office. €10.00 each.

**ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?**

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a **FREE**, 6 week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.

There are spaces available on our **Dunboyne, Navan & Online** Programmes for January 2025

To book your place please contact

**Aine** 041 685 0676 / 087 114 0371

**Elaine** 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** -There are a small number of St. Paul Sunday Missals 2025 available from the parish office.

***Wishing all our parishioners a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.***

