

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

Fr. Andy Doyle. P.P.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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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'.**

## EXCERPT from Fr. Tony's Homilies

Life Messages:

**We need to confront and conquer temptations as**

**Jesus did, using the means he employed:** Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus is our model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the "Word of God" in Scripture. Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us. In his first letter, St. John assures us: *"The One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world"* (1 John 4:4).

Hence during Lent, and the rest of the year as well, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass) with penance, and with the meditative reading of the Holy Bible. Knowledge of the Bible prepares us for the moment of temptation by enabling us *"to know Jesus more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow him more nearly, day by day,"* as William Barclay puts it.



**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP** will continue on Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**BAPTISM TEAM** We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Baptism Team. If you would like to join us, please contact Fr. Andy or Anne at the Parish Office.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 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.

**SAMARITANS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** will take place on Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> March at all three Masses. Your support would be greatly appreciated. **Samaritans** (supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number **116 123**. **Samaritans Outreach** team would be willing to meet with any community groups and talk about what we do and how we try to help people in emotional distress.

**CONVERSATIONAL IRISH** A six week Conversational Irish Course starts in Claremont Stadium, Commons Rd, Navan on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Suitable for those who wish to brush up on their Irish or learn in an informal setting. Registration is €15, to book your place call 046 902 9693. Tuition for this course is funded and delivered by the LMETB Community Education Service.

**KINGSCOURT PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY TEAM** invites all musicians, choirs and soloists to a free Church Music Workshop with Ciaran Coll on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm in Kingscourt Parish Centre, culminating in a special Sung Mass. All welcome.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NS, BOYERSTOWN** has launched its 'Boyerstown Buy a Brick' fundraiser which will run until Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April. Funds raised will go towards resourcing two new classrooms, which are currently being built. Bricks are priced at 4 levels to suit all budgets i.e. Bronze at €50, Silver at €100, Gold at €200 and Platinum at €500. Every person or company that buys a brick, will be acknowledged by having their name engraved on a special plaque which will be erected in the new school building. If you would like to buy a brick please contact the school office on 046 9027252 or [boyerstowns@gmail.com](mailto:boyerstowns@gmail.com). Alternatively, payments can be made via the iDonate link [www.idonate.ie/cause/boyerstown1ns](http://www.idonate.ie/cause/boyerstown1ns)

**BOHERMEEN ATHLETIC CLUB** will hold their annual half marathon and the 51<sup>st</sup> Rennicks cup & 48<sup>th</sup> Fr Delany cup on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> through Neilstown, Ongenstown, Athboy rd and Boyerstown rd commencing at 11.00am.

**Mass Intentions Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

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

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Boyerstown at 6.00pm**

**-for the people of the parish**

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Cortown at 10.00am**

**-MM-Mary Crosby**

**Bohermeen at 11.30am**

**-MM-Noel Coogan**

**-Saoirse McMullan-8<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**-Alex McLoughlin-3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.**

**-Jim Darcy-17<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Cortown at 6.00pm**

**-Johnny Henry-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**-Peter Kavanagh-8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**-Thomas & Margaret O'Brien-Ann. Mass**

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Boyerstown at 10.00am**

**-Henry & Mary Collins-Ann. Mass**

**-Joe Harte-Ann. Mass**

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**Ministers of the Word:**

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Kerri Finnegan

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Sandra Coffey

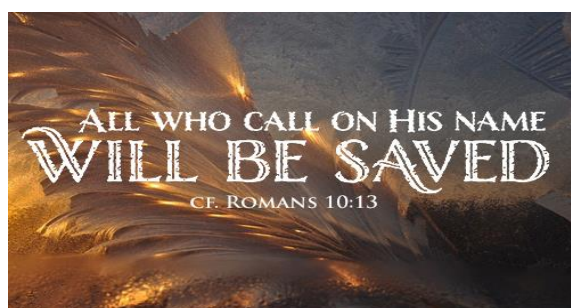
**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Cathal O'Reilly & Michelle Finnegan

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Kathleen Keating & Paul Murray

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**JUBILEE OF YOUTH, ROME, 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST**

**2025** Bishop Tom invites young people (18+) of the Diocese of Meath to join with fellow young people from around the world for this great event with Pope Francis. As Pilgrims of Hope we will share in the week of scheduled events culminating with the Papal Mass for over a million young Catholics! Cost €750 approx. including flights and accommodation. For more info contact the Parish Office or see [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth) and the posters in the church porch.



**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 €323.00 Priests Offerings €142.00**  
**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen –€306.00**  
**Cortown –€147.00 Boyerstown – €306.00**  
**Tap to Donate €20.00**  
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**400<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF St. OLIVER PLUNKETT'S BIRTH** by Eamon Martin. Archbishop of Armagh

This year 2025 is the Jubilee Year, with its important motto: 'Pilgrims of Hope'

We have other reasons to rejoice in 2025, as it will also mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Oliver's birth along with the golden jubilee of his canonisation, which took place in the Jubilee year of 1975.

His canonisation in 1975 was a great gift of hope bestowed upon the Church, at a time when especially the north of Ireland was experiencing so much unrest, death and destruction. Indeed, it is a testament to St. Oliver's life that he is held up as an illustrious example to us, and centuries after his death, he is still so fondly remembered.

We live in troubled times of war, famine and injustice, climate disasters, endemic problems from addictions and mental health – where hope sometimes seems to be in ever short supply. As we unite with the Church worldwide during the Jubilee Year of 2025, may we respond to the call of Pope Francis: 'To fill our lives with hope, so that we may become gifts of hope for everyone around us. Let us help each other discover this encounter with Christ who gives us life, and let us set out on a journey as pilgrims of hope to celebrate that life.'

