

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN-CORTOWN-BOYERSTOWN

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Fr. Andy Doyle. P.P.

**BOHERMEEN Parish belonging to the Ardraccan  
Pastoral Area along with Navan, Johnstown and  
Oristown Parishes.**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
MISSION SUNDAY  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

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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'.**

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BANGLADESH

*Fr. Peter Chanel Gomez. Dhaka, Bangladesh*

**A small, but vibrant Church Bangladesh** Bangladesh is a predominantly Muslim country with a population of approximately 176 million. In terms of territory, it is twice as big as Ireland, but its population is more than 33 times larger. Over 91% are Muslim, 7.6% are Hindus and nearly 1% are Buddhists. Christians represent only 0.3% of the population, (approximately 600,000), of whom 400,000 are Catholic. Catholics are treated like second class citizens, and even in suffering, offer a courageous witness to Christ.

A year ago, I went to a very remote parish for a missionary outreach programme with children. Speaking with them, I explained their role as little missionaries of Christ.

'Children help children, children evangelise children, children pray for children.'

During the tea break, several children ran towards me and surrounded me. They were competing among each other to give me something with their clenched fists. I stretched my right arm to them. To my great surprise, they gave me some money which they had saved from their lunch money for school. With pure smile in their face, they said: 'Father! Father! This is for the children who need it most!' I was deeply touched. It wasn't so much the amount, but the purity of the gesture. That day, I received one of the most beautiful gifts in my life. It does not matter how great the gift, but how great the heart with which it is given.

**What Kind of Church do I encounter in my travels across the country.** I encounter a Church that prays, sings and hopes. A vibrant, youthful Church, with many children and young people.

Our celebrations are filled with profound devotion, colour, music and dance, all of which express the joy of the Gospel in our culture.

I also encounter a Church that suffers in silence, but does not give up; a Church that cares for the least fortunate, that builds bridges with other religions, especially with Islam, which is the majority religion.

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Mass Intentions Sat. 17th to Sun. 25th Oct. 2026

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

Sat. 17th Oct.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-for the people of the parish

Sun. 18th Oct.-MISSION SUNDAY

Cortown at 10.00am
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Derek Brady-30th Anniversary

-Josie Rennicks

-Mark & Mary Kerrigan and dec'd family relatives

Mon. to Fri. at 9.30am

Sat. 24th Oct.

Cortown at 6.00pm

-Seán Higgins-2nd Anniversary

-Pricilla Battersby-3rd Ann.

-Francis Battersby-6th Ann.

-Elaine Battersby-8th Ann. & dec'd family members

Sun. 25th Oct.

Boyerstown at 10.00am

-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am

-Mattie & Rose Yore-Ann. Mass

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**Ministers of the Word:**

**Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Ray/Michelle Finnegan

**Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Pat Farrell

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Tracy Mulvany Cahill & Cathal O'Reilly

**Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Brigid Mackin & Ann Reilly

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SYCAMORE CONFIRMATION COURSE The second session of the programme will take place on Monday 19th October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Bohermeen Parish Centre.

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**MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION** will take place this Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> October at all Masses as parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember, it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. Envelopes are available in our three Churches also and should be returned to the parish office.

**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 €372.00**

**Priests Offerings €0.00**

**Bohermeen –€433.00 Cortown –€190.00**

**Boyerstown – €209.00.**



**Thank you.**

You can now donate to the Offertory Collection by scanning the QR code and following the guide.

**ROSARY** for children, young adults and families takes place on Tuesday evenings at 5.30pm in the Crying room. Rosary beads provided.

**'LOOK'** Children's newsletter is now in all three Churches.



#### **EUCCHARIST ADORATION**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and Wednesday from 3.00 to 8.00pm in Bohermeen Church. All welcome.

**SPECIAL VIEWING OF THE CHOSEN-SEASON 6** will be released on Prime Video this November, but they are allowing Churches to view the first episode as a once-off before that. We will be showing this episode in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY CALLS TO THE SICK** - If you or anyone you know would like Fr. Andy to call on the First Friday of the month, please contact the Parish Office on 046 907 3805.

**SET DANCING** in Boyerstown Centre on Thursday evenings at 8.30pm. All welcome.

**TABLE QUIZ** in aid of Senior Citizens Christmas party will take place in The Silver Tankard on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00pm. €40.00 per table of 4.

**BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE** The annual Christmas market will take place on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and tables can be booked through Stephen Ball 086 079 2580.

**BOHERMEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE** - Room to rent for a long-term lease. May suit a small local business. Contact Joe at 086 087 0864.

**SEE OUR WEBSITE AND NOTICE BOARDS FOR INFORMATION ON EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE UPCOMING MONTHS.**

**LIST OF THE DEAD** - Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays throughout the year and on All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.) are offered for our faithful departed. For the **List of the Dead**, we ask you to use the purple envelope and name sheet from your weekly box of envelopes. If you cannot locate this envelope, there are some envelopes and sheets available in the Church. The envelope should be returned with Mass offering to the Parish Office as soon as possible for inclusion in the Book of the Dead, which will be in all Churches during the month of November. The REMEMBRANCE TREE will also be in the Churches. You should write the names of your departed ones on the tags and hang them on the tree.

**REMEMBRANCE MASS** for those who died within the last year will be held on **Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in Cortown Church**. If you would like loved ones from elsewhere remembered at this Mass please give the names to Anne in the Parish Office before Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**ST. ULTAN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will once again publish their annual historically themed calendar for 2027. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive edition and will be first available on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Bohermeen Community Centre annual Christmas market.

**ST. ULTAN'S NS BOHERMEEN:** The Admission process for the next school year, 2027/2028, commences on the 19<sup>th</sup> October and the closing date for applications is the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact Tracy in the school office for an enrolment form if you have not done so already. You can also download it from the school website. **Tel:** 046 902 9037 **email:** [ultansns@gmail.com](mailto:ultansns@gmail.com) **www:** [www.bohermeenns.ie](http://www.bohermeenns.ie)

**ST. JOSEPH'S NS, BOYERSTOWN** is now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2027. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office which can be contacted at [boyerstownns@gmail.com](mailto:boyerstownns@gmail.com) or 046 902 7252. The deadline for receipt of completed enrolment forms is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026

#### **CAUSE FOR BEATIFICATION OF FR. WILLIE DOYLE SJ**

Sung Vespers to mark the closure of the Diocesan Investigation of Fr. Willie Doyle, an Irish Chaplain who died in WW1 (the documentation will then go to Rome), will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm in Mullingar Cathedral. Priests and parishioners from the Diocese are welcome to attend.

**FORTY HOURS OF EUCCHARIST ADORATION** to mark the Feast of Christ the King concluding with Vespers and Benediction will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 4.00pm in Mullingar Cathedral. All welcome.

#### **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

Today we would like to acknowledge the children and young people who take part in our parish activities and hope they will continue to be part of our parish life. Thanks also to our parish volunteers and to the parents who support our young people. Your enthusiasm, care and welcome plays a huge part in ensuring that children and young people have a positive experience in our parish.

Thanks to our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Aine Keating. We thank her for her oversight, support, and encouragement. Further information is available at [www.meathsafeguarding.ie](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)