

# Parish of St. Ultan

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*'Jesus is our best friend, and we share God's mystery and love with each other.'*

Hello everyone,

A Big Welcome to all of our online parishioners. During the current COVID 19 emergency, our parish bulletin has a different look and feel. We aim to inspire, give hope, offer assistance and keeps us all connected in God's mystery and love.

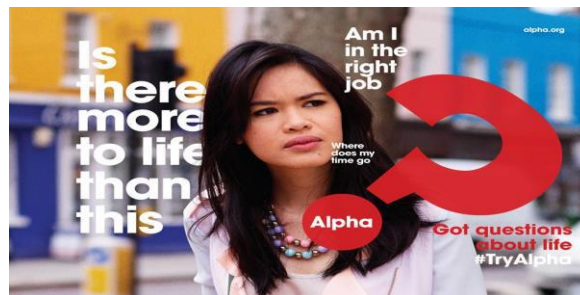
Can you help to circulate this bulletin by passing it on to some of your family members and friends. Getting it to each person in the parish is our aim. Better still ask your friends to simply email the parish office [bohermeenparish1@gmail.com](mailto:bohermeenparish1@gmail.com) with the word "Bulletin".

It will be emailed each Friday to their mobile phone, laptop or PC. Currently over 600 families receive this bulletin each week.

It is also available in the 3 churches and in McHughs, Greetiagh and Gala Stores, Allenstown.

## Alpha

Hey what are you doing next week?



Have you got some big questions? about life? about pain? about death? about suffering? Why does it happen to me? Am I different? What's the answer? Tried different things and they did not work? No answers, wrong answers?

One of the big facts about life is ... it's a challenge. At times it's a challenge to learn, to understand, to develop, to grow, to confront obstacles, and find out what's it all for .... what's the end game.

Would you like to find out more about yourself? what makes people tick? what your future self could be like? get a better understanding of life?

Curious? Have a look at the 3 minute trailer. Simply, left double click on the icon below

<https://www.alpha.org/blog/new-alpha-film-series-promo-trailer/>

From personal experience, we know that some of the happiest people in our parish, are those who have completed the Alpha course, have become close friends, and share with each other on a daily basis – hospitality, stories, fun, laughter and so much more ..... what about you ?

For the first time we are running a 5 week Alpha course online on zoom ..... meeting up every **Tuesday** and **Thursday at 11.00am** for one hour. We'd love to meet you. Get a couple of your friends and join together. Simply email your name and phone number to [bohermeenparish1@gmail.com](mailto:bohermeenparish1@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, call the office on 046 907 3805.

See you there. The parish Alpha team.

**Masses** All physical in person attendance at mass has been suspended until the end of the current emergency.

Through the wonders of technology you can attend mass and receive spiritual communion on a daily basis by going to the parish website <http://www.bohermeenparish.ie/our-parish/webcam/> or [www.churchservices.tv/bohermeen](http://www.churchservices.tv/bohermeen) and watch the “webcam” live video of masses as follows

Monday – Friday 10.00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm

Sunday Mass 11.30 am

**Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> Mass will be offered for Martin & Theresa Hogan, Jim, Philomena and Sr. Angela English, Bernard and Elizabeth McCabe.**

**Please pray for Mary Dowd, Bristol (sister of the late Joseph Vahey) who died during the week.**

### **Young People**

**THE NET TEAM** Did you link up with the NET team during the week? Don't miss out. Ruby, Adam, Lilly, Mairead and Michael have some cool get-togethers every week.

Contact:

Instagram- meathnetteam

Email- Meathteam@netministries.ie

Phone- 085 873 3532

### **Do This in Memory**

To all the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class, we are saddened to have to suspend our DTiM masses for now, but we invite you to join us in our Sunday mass celebration at 11.30am via our website [www.bohermeenparish.ie](http://www.bohermeenparish.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv/bohermeen](http://www.churchservices.tv/bohermeen) . Please continue to work on your Thumb books. Due to Government restrictions, First Communion will not take place during the month of May. Children will receive the sacrament later in the year.



We encourage the parents to consult the Grow in Love book and engage with the suggested activities. We ask the children to send us some photos (*sunset, sunrise, flowers in your garden etc*) and we will include them in next weeks bulletin.

### **Help Help**

We need help.

With no congregations in the churches each weekend, and no collections, offerings for the running of the parish have reduced considerably. **Many thanks to all that have dropped in their envelopes during the week.**

At this difficult time, the parish continues to incur costs including basic salary for the parish priest and secretary, insurance, maintenance, commitment for the NET team etc. This is a difficult time for everyone and we completely understand that some parishioners are suffering a drop in income.

Our Income for March 13 to April 24 2020 from the Building Fund, Priests Offerings, Standing Orders and Offertory is	<b>€ 4,261.62</b>
Our Expenditure for March/April 2020 ( <i>inc. insurance, wages, electricity, phone, heating, webcam etc</i> ) is	<b>€19,643.39</b>
Our Income for the same period in 2019 was	€ 17,330.14
and our expenditure was	€19,041.49

We ask where it is possible to make some contribution by

- leaving your weekly envelope into the Parish Centre or post box
- or you can contribute to the offertory collection or building fund by going to the parish website [www.bohermeenparish.ie](http://www.bohermeenparish.ie) and contributing through the “DONATE” button. All you need is your credit/debit card details
- or better still if you can go online and do a weekly / monthly direct debit to **Bank of Ireland, Navan, IBAN IE04 9035 0980 5974 24**

Thank you for your help

### **Prayers and Greetings to our Parishioners for Easter 2020**

*“Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.”*

My mentor Joe Polish asked a question during the week. “If I offered you a million dollars for your eyes right now, how would you answer? what about your legs?” Your answer is likely to be NO! Think about it he said ... “you, your life is worth more than a million dollars”. In these difficult times it is easy to feel lost, discouraged.

But you can see. You can walk. You can hear. A person who has their health has 1,000 wishes. A person who does not, has only one. This week let’s thank God for all the good things in our life .... our health, our family, our friends, ourselves. Let’s thank God for each new day, for Spring, for new life.



Over the last year the song “My Lighthouse” has become the signature tune for the Confirmation children and many more in the parish. Jesus is our light house. He will guide us through this current storm.

This is your chance to sing along <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itiB52mVJ9Y>

And remember when you see the words “lighthouse”, join in and double clap.

### **Stay in contact with your family and friends**

For the benefit of all new-comers to this online bulletin ..... a quick reminder, you can talk, see and stay in contact with your family and friends by signing up for Zoom and .... **It's free!**

For step by step guidance on how to do this, please see the parish bulletin of 5 April, which you can access on the parish website [www.bohermeenparish.ie](http://www.bohermeenparish.ie)

### **Tips of the week**



#### **Gratitudes**

Each day write down 3 things for which you are thankful.

Write them in a Word doc. Call it "Gratitudes for a Wonderful Life".

Put it on your computer desktop, to see it / add to it each day.

Having gratitude in your heart is one of the fastest and easiest ways to true happiness. It is the perfect cure for anger and fear.

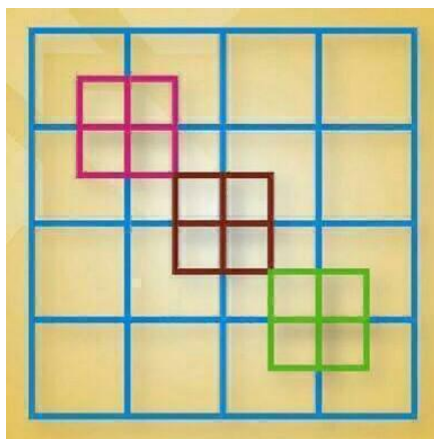
### **Laughter is the Best Medicine**

For those receiving this bulletin by email or on the parish website, we have a short video. Again, it comes from our German friends. How fast do you want to go? Enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4o0ZVeixYU>

### **Puzzles ?**

MARY'S FATHER HAS FIVE DAUGHTERS: 1. NANA, 2. NENE, 3. NINI, 4. NONO, AND ...  
WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FIFTH DAUGHTER?



How many squares can you find in the picture to the left?

Take your time to get them right. Answers at the end of the bulletin.

### **Living alone, feeling a bit lonely, afraid, not sure, need some help, or simply love a quick chat?**

Whatever your situation – just phone the Parish Office **046 907 3805** (mornings) and we will organise that a member of the Parish team will call you by phone on a regular basis. We'd love to hear from and talk with you.

For older and less abled members of our parish who cannot easily get to the shop or pharmacy, for supplies, the local GAA clubs are organising a delivery service. Simply get in touch with

- Cortown GFC - David "Skipper" Coyne 083-821 9132 or Cormac O Halloran 083-367 9378
- St Ultans GFC – Tony Casserly 087-256 1377 or Tomas Coyne 087-740 3687

### **Pope Francis' address at General Audience on Wednesday the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day**

Recalling that today marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the Pontiff dedicated his catechesis to caring for the earth.

Noting this is an occasion for renewing our commitment to love and care for our common home and for the weaker members of our human family, the Pontiff observed that “the tragic coronavirus pandemic has taught us, we can overcome global challenges only by showing solidarity with one another and embracing the most vulnerable in our midst.”

Francis noted that his Encyclical on the environment *Laudato Si'* deals precisely with this “Care for our Common Home,” underscoring: “We must grow in our awareness of care for our common home.”

The Pontiff decried that we have failed to care for the earth, and failed to care for our brothers and sisters.

“We have sinned against the earth, against our neighbours, and ultimately against the Creator, the benevolent Father who provides for everyone, and desires us to live in communion and flourish together.”

To emphasize the gravity of this, Francis departed from his text to ask: “And how does the earth react?”

“There is a Spanish saying that is very clear,” he noted, “it says: ‘God forgives always; we men forgive sometimes; the earth never forgives’. The earth never forgives: if we have despoiled the earth, the response will be very bad.”

Underscoring our individual responsibility, and how we ought to work to restore harmony between humanity and the environment, Francis called for “an ecological conversion that can find expression in concrete actions.”

“As a single and interdependent family, we require a common plan in order to avert the threats to our common home,” he said.

Francis reminded that we can each contribute in our own small way.

“In this Easter season of renewal,” Pope Francis encouraged, “let us pledge to love and esteem the beautiful gift of the *earth*, our common home, and to care for all members of our human family.”

### **Answers to (earlier) puzzles**

The fifth daughter's name is of course Mary. The number of squares in the diagram is 51.

### **Final thought**

“Love whatever life throws your way. When life punches you in the face, smile back.” Ryan Holiday



Courtesy Alyssa Stevenson

**Happy weekend. Smile. Take care and God bless**