

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18th DECEMBER 2022**

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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'.

ALPHA



Special Invitation – Come & See

**Online on Zoom starting 7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 January 2023**

Who is Alpha for? Around the world, over 40 million people have already participated in an Alpha programme. At any Alpha meeting there will be a fusion of people from every background, some with faith and some with none. They are curious and want to know more about life.

What is Alpha? We start off with an intriguing thought provoking video. It will take you on a little adventure to meet some fascinating people. You will hear what Bono, various gangland figures, Pope Francis' personal preacher, a multitude of interesting people have to say about life.

This will then lead into small group discussion, to explore some of the topics raised. There is an opportunity to talk in comfort and safety about some of life's big issues.....things that would not ordinarily be discussed in the pub, at work, at mass or around the dinner table.

What do I need to do? Simply email your interest in attending to bohermeenparish1@gmail.com

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

CHRISTMAS DAY is an offering day. Please use the white envelope in your box of envelopes.

News of Great Joy by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.-The Irish Catholic

Children are counting down the days. Only 10 more days till Christmas. I am really taken by the television commercial where the little boy keeps asking "Will he really come?" Of course, we think that it refers to Santa Claus. But no, it is Grandad. "I knew you would come." It's a story of expectation and joy, a story of Advent and Christmas.

"Will he really come? When will he come?" The story continued to be passed on. Surely, when it would eventually happen it would be with important people in important places. But, the God of surprises acted differently. The news of great joy was announced in Nazareth! An unknown village for migrant workers employed in one of Herod's great building schemes. Nazareth, never even mentioned in the writings we call the Old Testament. And, the person to whom the message of motherhood was announced was the most unlikely person. "How can this come about since I am a virgin?" She is told, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow."

"Will he really come... are you sure he will come?" asks the little boy on the television. The answer is that he has come 2,000 years ago and we will celebrate his birth on Christmas Day. But, that's not all. The good news is that he continues to come to us, every day in fact.

The artist, Holman Hunt, did several paintings of Jesus holding a lamp in one hand and knocking on a door with the other hand. An unusual feature is that there is no handle on the outside. It has to be opened from inside. "Will he really come?" Yes, he has come and he wants to come to us each day. We have to open the door, especially through time for reflection and prayer. Make sure that amidst all the bustle of Christmas, you will find the quietness where you will hear his knocking.



Mass Intentions Sat. 17th to Sun. 25th Dec. 2022

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

Sat. 17th Dec.

Boyerstown at 6.00pm
-Hector Pagan-41st Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm
-Rose Glennon-2nd Anniversary
-John, Kathleen, Colm & Jim Kavanagh.-Ann. Mass

Sun. 18th Dec.

Cortown at 10.00am
-Patrick & Barbara Tully-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Patrick Flanagan-2nd Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon. 19th Dec.

Bohermeen at 9.30am
-Paddy, Annie, Kevin & Joyce Lowry-Ann. Mass

Sat. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve

Cortown at 5.00pm

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Boyerstown at 6.30pm
-James & John O'Brien-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 6.30pm
-Seamus & Josie Kavanagh-Ann. Mass

Sun. 25th Dec. Christmas Day

Boyerstown at 10.00am
-Patrick & Elizabeth Smyth-Ann. Mass

Cortown at 10.00am

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Bohermeen at 11.30am
-Angela, Pat & Deirdre Travers-Ann. Mass

Ministers of the Word:

Sat. 17th Dec: Sinead Bennett

Sun. 18th Dec: Rachel McCormack

Sat. 24th Dec: Dympna Herward

Sun. 25th Dec: Ann Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 17th Dec: Margaret Farrell

Sun. 18th Dec: Bridget Mackin & Cathal O'Reilly

Sat. 24th Dec: Joe Murtagh &

Sun. 25th Dec: Julie Yore & Sheila Kenny

BOHERMEEN ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP would like to wish all their members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

PARISH PASTORAL CONCIL The process of putting in place our new parish pastoral council will resume in the New Year and thank you to all those who made the nominations.

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.
- 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 €617.00 Priests Offerings €0.00

Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €527.00

Cortown –€231.00 Boyerstown – €230.00

Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.

Support your local St. Vincent de Paul.

Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas. You can help. Donate directly what you can to help people in our community through our local SVP Bohermeen Conference fundraising page. Please

visit: www.svp.ie/stelizabethbohermeen 100% of all money raised goes directly to people who are struggling with impossible choices this Christmas in our Parish.

ST. ULTAN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas. Their annual calendar €7.00 and schools' commemorative book €10.00 is now on sale in the following shops, Leahy's Mace at Newgate, McHugh's at Greetiagh, June's Daybreak at Fordstown, Hogans Farm Shop and recently opened Nearby at Allenstown. Also, a few copies of the society's books "Memories & Recollections" Vol 1 & 2 are available from Stephen Ball 086 079 2580 priced at a reduced rate of €10.00 each.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 (1ST-6TH AUGUST) will be celebrated in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a massive weeklong event, with Pope Francis, for young Catholics (aged 18-35) to gather and participate in from every corner of the world. Consider joining with others from your parish and the Diocese of Meath to share this experience of belonging to Jesus Christ. Perhaps it could be a great Christmas present for your family to support you with as you book your place. Cost €650 approx. All expenses included. To find out more checkout www.dioceseofmeath.ie Meath Diocese WYD.

