

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
(World Day of Peace)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

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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'.

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## ALPHA

**Special Invitation – Come & See**

**Online on Zoom starting 7.30 pm**

**Tuesday 17 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](mailto:bohermeenparish1@gmail.com)

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**Fr. Andy** calls to the sick and housebound on the first Friday of the month. If you have a relative or know of anyone who would like him to call to them, please contact the parish office on 046 907 3805.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND MOTHER OF THE CHURCH** by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.-The Irish Catholic

In the first three centuries after the life of Christ on earth, there were many different explanations of the unity, diversity and relationships of the Blessed Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Some said Jesus was divine but only seemed to be human. Others said he was human but not divine or that he became divine at some stage of his life. Similarly, there were multiple speculations regarding the Holy Spirit. The Council of the Church in Ephesus in 431AD clarified the dogma that Jesus was truly divine and truly human. It followed then that Mary, the mother of Jesus, could be called Mother of God.

The people of Ephesus had a special devotion to Mary because it was to their town that the beloved disciple St John brought Mary, having been asked by Jesus on Calvary to care for her. There is a tradition that when word came out of the council that Mary was recognised as Mother of God, people began to dance and sing, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners". The story goes that this was when the second half of the Hail Mary was added.

After the Ascension of her Son, Mary was with the disciples prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit. Then, under the power of the Holy Spirit, the direction-less and timid disciples emerged from the womb and the living Church was born. The number of disciples multiplied rapidly and the number of Christians today is more than a billion. She is Mother of the Church, a title rarely used before the Second Vatican Council.

### *Prayer*

*On the first day of the New Year we celebrate Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. We pray that she will intercede for us as she did at Cana. May it be a year of justice and peace...peace in Ukraine, peace throughout the world, peace in our families and peace in our hearts.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, pray for us.*



**Mass Intentions** Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. to Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2023

**Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

Boyerstown at 6.00pm  
-John Rogers-15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-for the people of the parish

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

Cortown at 10.00am  
-for the people of the parish

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
-Noel Dolan-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2023**  
Bohermeen at 10.00am

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Bohermeen at 9.30am

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.  
Cortown at 8.00pm-Divine Mercy Mass

**NO MASS ON THURSDAY MORNING**

**Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.**  
Bohermeen at 7.00pm  
Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Boyerstown at 9.30am  
Cortown at 10.30am  
Bohermeen at 11.30am

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Cortown at 6.00pm

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-Theresa Reilly-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.**  
Boyerstown at 10.00am  
-William, Margaret & William Smith-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 11.30am  
Joe McDonnell-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
-Tony & Mary Ann English-Ann. Mass

**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: Sinead Bennett  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan: Ann Ryan  
Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Áine Keating  
Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: Kerri Finnegan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: Tracy Mulvany-Cahill  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023: Joe Murtagh & Cathal O'Reilly  
Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly  
Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: Julie Yore & Brigid Mackin

**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 €2581.00**

**Priests Offerings €3881.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €1250.00**

**Cortown –€677.00 Boyerstown – €630.00**

**Thank you to all who contribute, collect and count.**

**Confirmation Ceremony** will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 12 noon in Bohermeen Church.

**Meath Holy Wells Project** A survey of Meath's Holy wells has been commissioned through the Heritage Office. It is being delivered by Archaeology Plan on behalf of Meath County Council and will draw upon documentary sources, local knowledge, folk tradition, material heritage and landscape evidence to document Holy Wells in the county. It is an initiative on behalf of Meath County Heritage Forum and is an action of the County Meath Heritage Plan. People are encouraged to get in touch with the organisers to share some of the traditions, folklore and stories associated with Holy Wells in their locality. Email meathhw@archaeologyplan.com

*Wishing all our parishioners a very Happy, healthy and Blessed New Year.*



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