

Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8th 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.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.-The Irish Catholic

This Christian approach is exemplified in the life of Pope St John XXIII. He was visiting Regina Caeli prison in Rome, but when he saw the line of broken humanity in front of him, he felt a large lump in his throat and was unable to deliver his prepared speech. Eventually he recovered and spoke from the heart. "Men," he began, "I have come here today to put my eyes into your eyes." He had come to understand rather than condemn. He told them of a member of his extended family who was in jail. It had an extraordinary effect on the prisoners. Pope John died not too long after that. On a television programme about him, one of the prisoners said that while he was still behind bars, he had been interiorly liberated that day.

The public ministry of Jesus The day of the Baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his public mission. He began by entering the flowing water of the Jordan. It expressed his solidarity with human experiences. He would be a victim of misunderstanding, opposition and eventually persecution unto death. But, he always witnessed to the power of goodness and love from within the waters of pain and pressure. He came to bind up the bruised reed and to fan the wavering flame into a consuming fire. The Baptist predicted that while he baptised with water, the one coming after him would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Like Pope John, he looked through the eyes of sinners seeking mercy, hope and a new life. "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life" (Pope Francis).

We were baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All we have to do is to let God be God: and to be aware of:

- the Father's love for us as his beloved children -
- the Son's solidarity with us by entering the flowing water of life
- the Spirit's desire to set our hearts aflame with the fire of divine love.

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**Mass Intentions** Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2023

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

**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

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.**  
Boyerstown at 6.00pm  
-Jack & Cella Devine-Ann. Mass

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-Betty, Paddy & James Shaffrey-Ann. Mass  
-Maureen Fitzgerald-Ann. Mass

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.**  
Cortown at 10.00am  
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Bohermeen at 11.30am  
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**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Áine Keating  
Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Kerri Finnegan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly  
Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: Julie Yore & Brigid Mackin  
Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Margaret Farrell  
Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Sheila Kenny & Kathleen Keating

**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 €478.00**

**Priests Offerings €245.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €407.00**

**Cortown –€117.00 Boyerstown – €167.00**

**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.

**Thank You** to Tanya of 'Petals & Pressies' for the generous donation of the flowers for our Christmas Altar.

**An Tobar, Ardraccan** will host an **Enneagram** workshop (1 day introduction to the Enneagram system of Personality types) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Cost €50.00. Please contact An Tobar for further details on 046 907 8973. See poster on our notice boards.

**New Year Retreat for Young Adults ( 18-40 years)**  
'Do not be afraid to dream of Great Things!' Pope Francis  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Dalgan Park, Navan.10am - 5.30pm Cost €20 ( includes lunch and tea breaks) Contact: Sr Úna 090 6481666 or email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 (1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> 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. You are invited to come along and meet for an information gathering about World Youth Day at the Trim Parish Pastoral Centre at 7pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

For more details see [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie). Cost €650 approx. All expenses included. To book contact [meathyouth@gmail.com](mailto:meathyouth@gmail.com)

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI from a letter to the Archbishop of Munich-Freising, 8 February 2022**

Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings.

In light of the hour of judgement, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death. I am constantly reminded of what John tells us at the beginning of the Apocalypse: he sees the Son of Man in all his grandeur and falls at his feet as though dead. Yet He, placing his right hand on him, says to him: 'Do not be afraid! It is I... ' (cf. Revelation 1:12-17)