

# Parish of St. Ultan

BOHERMEEN –CORTOWN- BOYERSTOWN

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>th</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

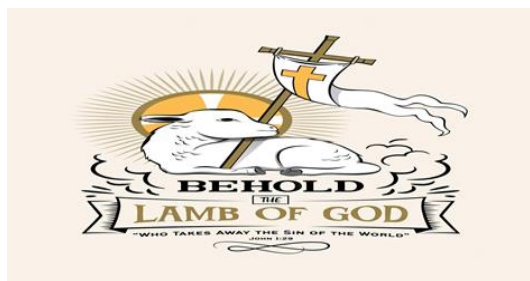
**Who is Alpha for?** Around the world, over 40 million people have already participated in an Alpha programme. At any Alpha meeting there will be a fusion of people from every background, some with faith and some with none. They are curious and want to know more about life.

**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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**THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD** by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.-The Irish Catholic

**Sacrifices of atonement** Animals were sacrificed for many important occasions. Atonement for sin required the sacrifice of a goat or a lamb, and this too took on a new meaning for Christians. "Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you... was not paid in anything corruptible, but in the precious blood of a lamb, without spot or stain, namely Christ" (1 Pet 1:18-19). What we call redemption is the third of three acts in the great drama of the world. The first act is about God, one and true, good and full of love. The second act is the story of sin, which is the antithesis of God with deceptions and divisions, bad will, hatred and murder. The third act is the connection between the God of goodness and the world of sin. "For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

**God's mercy** John the Baptist identified Jesus as the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. Critics of Catholicism speak of Catholic guilt. But when somebody does some wrong, guilt is the proper response. In humble confession a penitent comes to admit this guilt. But for many people the sense of guilt stays in the mind. They find it very hard to accept divine forgiveness. Many people who come to Confession regularly continue to recall sins of the past instead of rejoicing in the mercy of God. It is only in recent times that we have become aware of the harm done by sexual abuse. A great many victims, although totally faultless, continue to blame themselves and cannot shake off feeling dirty. A psychiatrist can help one to sift through the rubble of memories for the root cause of sin. A counsellor can help one to come to terms with the situation. But the only power that can take away sin is God's loving mercy, which is greater than sin. In the 12 steps of rehabilitation from an addiction, an essential step is handing over one's powerlessness to the higher power. St Paul affirmed how God's grace is greater than sin: "However much sin increased, grace was always greater" (Rom 5:20).

**Supper of the Lamb** Let us return now to the celebration of the Eucharist. As the sacred host is raised before our eyes, the words of the Baptist are heard again to express our faith. "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." We then express our unworthiness but also our trust in God's word. "Only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

**Mass Intentions** Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2023

**Bohermeen Church**-Daily mass at 9.30am  
(Funeral replaces 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  
-Nellie Rennicks-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.**

Cortown at 6.00pm

Bohermeen at 7.15pm  
-Christopher, Bridget & James Reilly-Ann. Mass  
-Tommy & Ann Murray (Faughan Hill)-Ann. Mass

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.**

Boyerstown at 10.00am  
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Bohermeen at 11.30am  
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**Ministers of the Word:**

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Sandra Coffey

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Kerri Finnegan

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: tbc

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: DTiM Parent

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Margaret Farrell

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Sheila Kenny & Kathleen Keating

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Carmel McQuaid & Jennifer Reilly

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Joe Murtagh & Cathal O'Reilly

**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,

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(please include your box no.)

**Building Fund €644.00 Priests Offerings €477.00**

**Offertory Collections: Bohermeen – €540.00**

**Cortown –€123.00 Boyerstown – €157.00**

**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.

**St. Ultan's Ladies GFC** will hold a Dinner Dance & 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration in the Headfort Arms, Kells on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00pm sharp. Tickets available from any Committee member.

**BOHERMEEN ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP** will resume on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am. All deposits need to be paid.

**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)

If anyone from the Parish is interested in going, please contact the parish office.

Each year, the church celebrates the contribution of men and women in religious Orders and Congregations to the Church on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To celebrate the contribution of religious to the Diocese of Meath, there will be a celebration of Sung Vespers and blessing of Candles in the Cathedral in Mullingar at 4pm on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The reflection will be given by Sr. Karol O'Connell of Kylemore Abbey.

All are welcome to join with and support the religious of the Diocese in this celebration.

**BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES FOR 2023**- Envelope distributors can call to the **Parish Office from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January between 9.30am and 1.00pm** to collect the boxes of envelopes. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who help with the envelope preparation and distribution. If you are new to the area and would like a box of envelopes, please let the office know as soon as possible.

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