

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in our prayers the following whose anniversaries occur around this time:

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 6 Jan. 7.30pm **John, Elizabeth & Tom Connolly**, Ardmayle East
Sun 7 Jan 11.00am **Mattie Connolly**, Ardmayle East
Sat 13 Jan 7.30 pm **John O Connell**, Ardmayle & decd members O'Connell family
Sun. 14 11.00 am **Mick Dwyer**, Tobberadora

DUALLA

Sat 6 Jan 6.30PM: **Jim & Peggy Sheridan & son Kevin**, Dualla
Sat 27 Jan 6.30pm: **Fogarty Family**, Garraun; **Chris Colville**, Coleraine & son **Pat**.
Sun 28 Jan 9.30am: **Ned O'Dwyer**, The Shop, Ballytarsna;
Jim & Mary Moloney, Ballytarsna.

PRAY FOR: William Tobin, Camas, who was interred last week.

Today 7 January is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today's celebration invites us to reflect on the meaning of our Baptism and to take seriously the commitments we undertook to fulfil. We remember in our prayers the children who were baptised in the past year, as well as their parents, families and sponsors.

Next Sunday 14 January is the **World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees.**

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

BOHERLAHAN: Denis O' Dwyer; Mary Coman & Pat Maher

DUALLA: Kathleen O' Donnell; Billy Gleeson



Sick and Housebound: If any member of your family or a neighbour would like to be included in the priests' monthly visits for the sacraments, please contact either priest of the parish (see telephone numbers at top of newsletter).

World Meeting of Families: In preparation for the Celebration of the World Meeting of Families two important events will take place in the Parish –

- A Listening Process – giving all the people of the Diocese an opportunity to reflect and discuss on the meaning of Church for them at this time and
- Discussion Group/s on Pope Francis' Letter : Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love

These events will probably take place during Lent.
A Date for Your Diary: Cashel & Emly World Meeting of Families Family Fun Day – Sunday. 29 April 2018.

Safeguarding Policy in the Archdiocese and in the Parish: A concise policy leaflet is available in the church and on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Chris Hayes and Ann Marie Devane. The Diocese has introduced Child Friendly safeguarding leaflets and a poster, which can be found in the porch of the churches. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church.

Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report: The Annual Financial Report, Calendar and Collection Envelopes have been distributed to the homes of the parish. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who contribute to our parish and also all who help in the preparation and distribution of the envelopes.

Visiting the Crib: Christmas is a season of many things but above all it is the Season of the Child – the Child of Bethlehem. Let us focus on this and bring the attention of your children to it, by praying at the Crib and telling the story. We have two beautiful Cribs and sincere thanks the Sacristans, Johnny Carew (Boherlahan) and Donnachadh O' Cinnéide (Dualla) for their directing and designing the Cribs. May the Child of Bethlehem bring us all peace, hope and joy this coming year.

Anam Cara Tipperary: Will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Mon 15 Jan from 7.30pm - 9:00pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles.. Anam Cara Tipperary offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

Community Website: www.boherlahandualla.ie has been experiencing some technical difficulties for which we apologise. We expect that our hosting company will shortly have rectified their IT failings. The editor@boherlahandualla.ie always welcomes notices, photos and other material. A Happy New Year to all.

A Thought at the Start of a New Year: *"To run away from the reality of the world as it is, is not Christian. Christians are called to make their stand for the values of Jesus in the world as it is and suffer the consequences of that stand."* (Shane Daly SJ)

Pope Francis on the Family: *'It is a profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved ones with the eyes of God and to see Christ in them. This demands a freedom and openness which enables us to appreciate their dignity. We can be fully present to others only by giving fully of ourselves and forgetting all else. Our loved ones merit our complete attention. Jesus is our model in this, for whenever people approached to speak with him, he would meet their gaze, directly and lovingly.'* (cf. Mk 10:21). (Amoris Laetitia 323)

A Young Person's Prayer to the Holy Family

Lord Jesus, you are God's Son and my brother. R/. **Bless me in heart and soul.**
Jesus, you are Mary's son and my friend. R/. **Bless me in heart and soul.**
Jesus, St. Joseph guarded you from danger. R/. **Bless me in heart and soul.**
Jesus, the shepherds came to visit you. R/. **Help me to honour you.**
Jesus, the Wise Men brought you gifts. R/. **Help me to honour you.**
Jesus, the angels sang for joy at your birth. R/. **Help me to honour you.**
Mary and Joseph took care of you. R/. **Bless my family each day.**
Mary and Joseph guided you as you grew up. R/. **Bless my teachers each day**
Mary and Joseph taught you to pray. R/. **Bless the people I pray for.**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, be close to my family always.

Keep us from harm. Do not let us hurt one another.

If things go wrong help us to forgive each other and to make friends again.

Let the love you have for one another flow into my home today and every day. Amen.

