

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 23 Dec 7.30pm **Philip De Vere Hunt**, Ardmayle House.
Sun 24 Dec 11.00am **Tom and Mairéad Kevin** & dec. members of the **Kevin family**
Sun 24 Dec 7.30pm **Catherine Moloney**, Ardmayle and Clonmel
Mon 25 Dec 11.00am **Willie Dwyer**, Ballytarsna
Sun 31 Dec 11.00am **Rose and J.J. McGrath**, Clonmore
Mon 1 Jan 7.30pm **Pauline Tanner**, Gaile House



DUALLA

Sun 31 Dec 9:30 am **Bay O' Reilly**, Ballinree
Deceased members of the **Ryan family**, Rathclogh (Mass offered)

PRAY FOR: Pat Maher, Thurlesbeg (Dublin Road); **Phil Heffernan**, Donohill;
Fr Philip Ryan, California and Upperchurch, who were interred last week.

Tues 26 Dec is the **feast of St Stephen**, first martyr. He is honoured as a patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.

Wed 27 Dec is the feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist. St John repeatedly emphasises for us that God is love.

Thurs 28 December is the feast of **The Holy Innocents**, martyrs. "He came to his own, and his own did not receive him."

Christmas Wishes and Thanks: As priests of the parish, we wish to express sincere thanks to all who have helped in so many different ministries in the parish during the past year. We are indeed very grateful for the friendship, support and cooperation we receive from so many people. We have so many loyal, committed and dedicated people in the parish and we appreciate you all. We pray that all the parishioners of Boherlahan-Dualla will find friendship, hope and peace this Christmas and that we will bring a good spirit of joy and care into 2018.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

BOHERLAHAN: Maire Ryan; Anne Flanagan & Nora Moloney

DUALLA: Julie Ann Ryan; Maura O' Brien



World Meeting of Families: Christmas is a time when we celebrate family. To mark our preparation for the World Meeting of Families a beautiful icon will be distributed to each family as they leave the church this weekend and also a Family prayer. We invite families to place the icon on the family table for the meals over the Christmas period and recite the prayer.

Christmas Masses: In both churches of the parish.

Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be as at weekends:

Boherlahan 7:30 pm (Sun); 11.00 am (Mon); **Dualla** 6:30 pm (Sun); 9:30 am (Mon)

Weekday Masses: the next weekday Mass will be on Friday 29 Dec (Boherlahan and Dualla).

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: at Acorn Lodge Nursing Home on Thurs 28 Dec 2:30 to 3:30. Come along for all or part of the hour. Next days: Thurs 11 & 25 Jan at 2:30 to 3:30.

Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report: The Annual Financial Report, Calendar and Collection Envelopes are being distributed at present to the homes of the parish. Any remaining bundles of envelopes are available in the sacristy for the members of the Parish Council to collect. 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.

Christmas Carol Service: The parish Christmas Carol Service was held last Sunday evening 17 December in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dualla. Sincerest thanks to all for making it a very engaging evening of music, song and prayer.

New Candle Shrines: Two new candle shrines, one in each church, were installed recently. They replace the old electric ones that can no longer be repaired. The small increase in the suggested offering will offset candle purchase cost. Any profits will go into parochial funds.

Cashel & Emly Lourdes : Tea Dance in Cappawhite Resource Centre on St. Stephen's night, Music by: Brian McDermott. Dancing from 9.30 pm – 12.30. Admission €10. Tickets available on the door or contact Sean O'Connor 086-8423172 for more info.

Community Website: www.boherlahandualla.ie this week has coverage in our picture galleries of three important parish occasions: the Parish Christmas Party held on 10th Dec.; the Christmas Carol Service of 17th Dec.; and John Devane's commencement as County Board Chairman at the Convention on 17th Dec. – the first club member in that position since Johnny Leahy served from 1925 to 1927. The editor@boherlahandualla.ie always welcomes notices, photos and other material. A Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

Boherlahan Bingo: Bingo each Monday night in Boherlahan Hall at 8.30pm. Do come along, there are great prizes. Buses serving local surrounding areas.

Trócaire Christmas Appeal: "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18. Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

ARE YOU GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS?

Christ made his home with us.

A home is a place of friendship and joy for the lonely and despairing.

A home is where I can speak freely and be respected for who I am.

In a home you find pure and beautiful love stored, shared and accepted.

Home is large enough for everyone-big people and little people,

Sick and healthy, good and bad.

Home is where rear vanishes and I dream dreams.

Home is for smiles lavishly given and received.

There is no place like home.

Will you be home for Christmas?

Will you help make home for Christmas?



Prayer at the End of the Year

Lord, as the year draws to an end,
We thank you for so much;
For all the good and happy times,
Each smile and loving touch.
We thank You, too, for other times
When things went sadly wrong,
For being there to understand,
You helped us to be strong.
Now as the year is ending, Lord,
We ask You to be near,
To be our guide and guardian
Throughout the coming year.

