

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

BOHERLAHAN

Sun 31 Dec 11.00am **Rose and J.J. McGrath**, Clonmore
Mon 1 Jan 7.30pm **Pauline Tanner**, Gaile House
Sat 6 Jan 7.30pm **John, Elizabeth & Tom Connolly**, Ardmayle East
Sun 7 Jan 11.00am **Mattie Connolly**, Ardmayle East.

DUALLA

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



Today 31 December is the **feast of the Holy Family**. In the months of preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018, the Holy Family of Nazareth is a source of inspiration for every Christian family.

Monday 1 January is the **solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**. Mary is honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer (Vatican II). Why not begin the New Year by coming to Mass today?

Tuesday 2 January is the **memorial of Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**, bishops and doctors of the Church. Both were fourth century figures who had a profound influence on the development of theology and monastic life.

Saturday 6 January is the **solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**, and a **holyday** of obligation. **Masses in the parish as at weekends**. The great feast of the Epiphany recalls the adoration of Jesus by Magi. They represent followers of neighbouring pagan religions who come to recognise in Jesus the one and only Saviour.

New Year Good Wishes and Thanks: As priests of the parish, we wish to express sincere good wishes to all the people of the parish. 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. Thanks to all who have helped in so many different ministries in the parish during the past year. We pray that all the parishioners of Boherlahan-Dualla will find good health, friendship, hope and peace in 2018.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty Holyday)

BOHERLAHAN: Aidan Ó Gormáin ; **DUALLA:** Julie Ann Ryan; Maura O' Brien

(On duty next weekend)

BOHERLAHAN: Paddy O' Dwyer; Roger Kennedy & Katie O' Dwyer

DUALLA: Ann Barry Ward; Majella Crosse



First Friday: The First Friday in January is on the 5th. Fr. Egan and Fr. Dunne will make the usual house calls. Masses and confessions at usual times in Boherlahan and Dualla.

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)

MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

BOHERLAHAN

Readers: Sat. eve. 7.30 pm : John Devane; **Sun 11.00am:** Michael Taylor

Collectors:	Saturday 7.30pm	Sunday 11.00am
Main Aisle:	Paddy O'Dwyer	Patk O'Connor & Wm O'Dwyer
Our Lady's:	Máiréad Sweeney	Mar Donnelly
St. Joseph's:	Brendan Ryan	Ryan Family, Farranavarra

DUALLA

Readers: (Saturday 6:30 pm) Noel Hayes; (Sunday 9:30 am) Ann Leamy

Collectors: (Saturday 6:30 pm) Willie Fahy; Declan Crosse;
(Sunday 9:30 am) Carmel Flanagan; Maura Lahart

Altar Society: Maura Hunt; Máiréad Power; Mary Smyth



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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: We thank you for your cooperation last weekend in distributing the icon and in helping us to build up our email base. This weekend we are celebrating our **Monthly Family Mass**. We appreciate all who helped in the preparation.

New Candle Shrines: Two new candle shrines, one in each church, were installed in recent weeks. 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.

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 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

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.



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.

