

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

BOHERLAHAN:

Sat 3 Dec 7.30pm: **Tim & Annie O'Dwyer**, Longfield Cross

Sun 4 Dec 11.00am: **David & Kate Barry**, Freighduff & great grandchild **Robin Ryan**

Mon 5 Dec 7.30pm: **Martin & Nora McGeough & Jim, Annie & Mary Quirke**, Lr Nodstown

Sat. 10 Dec. 7.30pm **Michael and Paddy Egan**, Bawnmore; **Michael O'Dwyer**, Ardmayle.

Sun. 11 Dec. 11.00am **Jerry, Bridget, Aileen and Timothy Coffey** and dec. members of the

Coffey and Maher families; **Louise Spearman (nee Maher)**, Cashel

Mon. 12 Dec. 7.30pm: **John Ryan** London and Castlemoyle; **Thady O'Donnell**, Lr.

Nodstown. Mass has been offered.

DUALLA

Sat 3 Dec 6.30pm: **Danny & Alice Troy**, Grawn; **Jimmy Connolly**, Rathmore

Thu 8 Dec 9.30 am: **Mary O'Reilly, Tom & Wattie Doherty**, Ballytarsna

Sun 10 Dec 9.30 am: **Christy Doherty**, Grangemore (Month's Mind)

Pray For: Margaret O'Dwyer, Ballinure Hill: **Joe Sweeney**, Ballyknock: **Biddy Ryan**

(*nee Meskeel*), Clonoulty who were interred last week.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE: Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Wednesday 7 Dec is the memorial of **St Ambrose** (340-97), bishop and doctor of the Church. Patron of Milan, Italy.

Thursday 8 Dec is the Solemnity of **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. A **Holyday** of obligation. Masses on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning as at weekends.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty for Holyday)

BOHERLAHAN: Roger Kennedy; Pat Maher & Mary Ryan (F)

DUALLA: Ann Barry Ward; Majella Crosse

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

BOHERLAHAN: Mairéad Sweeney; Mary Coman & Denis O'Dwyer

DUALLA: Kathleen O'Donnell; Maura O'Brien



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sunday 11 Dec. in Boherlahan Parish Hall. We plan to commence with Mass at 1.30pm followed by dinner, music and song. The invitations are going out at the moment. Please let the representative in your area know if you plan to attend. All invitations to be in for Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6 Dec. Anyone wishing to help should come along to this meeting.

LADIES FOOTBALL AGM: Tuesday 6 December 8pm at Boherlahan Sports Centre.

CAROL SERVICE: We hope to hold our Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 15 December in Immaculate Conception Church, Boherlahan commencing at 7pm. It is a wonderful night of song, remembrance and prayer. Do come along and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere of peace, hope and joy.

CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICES: Going to confession for Christmas should be part of our preparation. In this Year of Mercy let us avail of this wonderful grace of reconciliation. A visiting priest will attend in Boherlahan on Mon 19 Dec. from 7pm to 8pm. (Mass at 7.30pm) and in Dualla on Wed 14 Dec 6.30 to 7.30 (including Mass at 6:30 pm).

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Most of the parishes around us have introduced Parish Weekly Envelopes. We have decided to introduce them also, commencing on 1 January, 2017. The packet of envelopes plus calendar and financial statement etc. will hopefully be distributed to you in the middle of December. We truly appreciate your continued support.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: On next weekend Sat/Sun 10/11 Dec bring your baby Jesus figure from the crib at home to be blessed at Masses in the parish. This is an ancient tradition begun in Rome that has spread throughout the world. In Ireland this initiative is being supported by the Catholic Grandparents Association.

BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA GAA LOTTO RESULTS: Winning nos: 5; 13; 16; 21. Two match 3 winners: Billy Mitchell; Michael Hallinan.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE: Are you called to be "*A herald's voice in the desert*" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If so, contact: Fr Joe Walsh 086-7714888 or your local priest.

TRACTOR RUN & AUCTION: Dualla Ploughing are holding a Tractor Run in association with Boherlahan Dualla GAA on Sunday, 4 December. An auction will take place in Boherlahan GAA Grounds on the day where the tractor run will finish. Houses will be visited in the coming weeks. Donations of any items welcome and much appreciated.

COMMUNITY WEBSITE: Parishioners, at home and abroad, are only a click away from this link to home. Remind your friends of this service at boherlahandualla.ie. Next meeting Tues 13 Dec. Horse and Jockey Hotel 8.30pm. All are welcome. We've had excellent entries for the Primary Children's Competition – read them on the website. We hope to receive more before the closing date of 16 Dec. If any local business wishes to have its details on the website, please send them to editor@boherlahandualla.ie. This facility is free!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND SANTA: Ardmayle Church. A chance to buy Christmas presents and baking made by the local "Stitch Together" craft group – in conjunction with Santa's visit to "Winter Wonderland at Ardmayle" Sat 10 Dec. from 10.30am to 5.00 pm, and Sunday 11 Dec. from 12.30 pm. to 5.00 pm.

COME TO THE TABLE: The journey in the Archdiocese of getting to know Scripture better as nourishment for our lives continues over the next two weeks: Tues 6 / Tues 11 Dec in Cashel Parish Centre at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

CHRIST AMONG US: *Our God is not a stranger, he is a God who comes...whether we await him or not. He is always coming because he is life and light and, above all, love. And life must create, and light must shine, and love must give itself. We may do all things well or all things ill, yet he comes, for his coming depends on no decision of ours. He has loved us first...and freely. He has no debts and we no claims. Willing victim of his own love, he comes to us even in the midst of our sins: the Father embracing the prodigal offspring, the shepherd seeking his lost and frightened lamb. Because he has promised, and because he loves, and for no other reason...*