

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 9 Dec 7.30pm **Michael O' Dwyer**, Ardmayle and also for **Michael & Paddy Egan**, Bawnmore
Sun 10 Dec 11.00am **Louise Spearman**, Cashel; **Sarah Danagher**, Clareen
Mon 11 Dec 7.30pm **Dil Dwyer**, Ballytarsna
Tue 12 Dec 9.00am **Eileen O' Gorman**, Bawnmore
Sat 16 Dec 7.30pm **P. Quirke**, Lr. Nodstown & also for **Jim, Annie, Mary, Sr. Agnes** and all deceased members of the **Quirke family**
Sun 17 Dec 11.00am **Jimmy Devane**, Lr. Nodstown ; **Mary Moylan**, Kilbreedy & Clonmel (Month's Mind); **Martin & Catherine Moylan**, Synone
Mon 18 Dec 7.30pm **John Ryan**, London & Castlemoyle

DUALLA

Sat 9 Dec 6:30 pm Deceased Members of **Dualla and Cashel ICA**
Sat 16 Dec 6:30 pm **Willie Maxy**, Ballinure; **Bridie Heffernan**, Bown

PRAY FOR: Tony Donnelly, Thurles, who was interred last week.



Wednesday (13 December) is the memorial of **St Lucy** (d. 304) virgin and martyr.

Thursday (14 December) is the memorial of **St John of the Cross** (1542-91), priest and doctor of the Church. He worked for the reform of the Carmelites, becoming an outstanding poet and thinker in the process.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

BOHERLAHAN: Pat Maher; Nellie Taylor & Mary Ryan (F.)

DUALLA: Ann Barry Ward; Majella Crosse



World Meeting of Families: Next meeting of Organising Committee in the Parochial House on Monday, 18 December at 8.15pm. All are welcome.

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.

Boherlahan Parish Council have completed their term. We hope to have a new council elected by the New Year. Ballot papers have been distributed to your homes recently. There is a box in both churches for the returned ballot papers. They should be returned by 10 December.

Christmas Priests Collection: Will be taken up at all masses this weekend. We sincerely thank the many generous people in our parish who are so loyal in supporting these collections.

Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report: The Annual Financial Report, Calendar and Collection Envelopes will be distributed to the homes of the parish in the coming weeks. The bundles of envelopes are available in the sacristy for the members of the Parish Councils 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 Party: Our annual Christmas Party is on this Sunday 10 December in Boherlahan Parish Hall commencing with Mass at 1.30pm, followed by dinner, music and song. We look forward to meeting all our senior people in our parish. Ballot papers for the election of the new Parish Council may also be handed in at the party.

Christmas Carol Service: We hope to hold our Christmas Carol Service on Sunday evening 17 December in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dualla at 7pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Confession: A visiting priest will hear confessions in Immaculate Conception Church, Boherlahan on Monday 18 December at 7.15pm. Confessions will also be available after the Sat. evening masses in Dualla church on 9 and 16 December.

Community Website: This week www.boherlahandualla.ie has some pictures from the recent auction in aid of GAA developments. The editor@boherlahandualla.ie asks all parish organizations to use the website to announce their upcoming events. Reports and photos afterwards are also very welcome. Thanks to everyone who sends in the material which sustains the website.

Towards Peace is a service that provides a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is here for you: www.towardspeace.ie / 01 505 3028.

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

A STRANGE WAITING

Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus, But it's a strange waiting: We are waiting each year for someone we know is here! We recall in Advent that the Lord Jesus has come among us, is present all the time and will come again in glory. He is the child who is born each year, for the world always needs its God and Saviour. He is the child awaited each year, for our lives are new each year, and we need him in different ways at different stages of life, and the world has different needs of God at different times. We need the child of peace to be born in our wars and violence, the child of wisdom in our search for truth and meaning, the child of gentleness in a world which can be harsh and greedy. We need to know in Jesus that birth and life are among the most precious gifts of God, and that in the birth of Jesus each year is the everlasting promise of God to be with us. And Advent looks ahead, letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over, that the truth of Jesus is always spoken, that the love of Jesus is always real, and that he will one day be seen in glory.

For we are people of Advent and Easter, of waiting and of resurrection; we are people of earth and heaven, and he is the Son of God and Son of Mary, and leads us through our life on earth to the eternal glory of heaven.

(Donal Neary SJ)