



# BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER



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*We remember in our prayers the following whose anniversaries occur around this time:*  
**Michael O'Dwyer**, Ardmayle; **John Ryan**, London & Castlemoyle; **Stephen O'Dwyer**, Bawnmore; **Bridget (Dill) Dwyer**, Ballytarsna; **Eileen O'Gorman**, Bawnmore; **Philip De Vere Hunt**, Ardmayle; **Dave & Kate Barry**, Freighduff and their great grandchild **Robyn**; **Denis & Joan O'Sullivan**, Ballinure; **Bridie Heffernan**, Bown; **Croke Family**, Ballytarsna; **Sheila O'Sullivan**, Fethard.  
**PRAY FOR:** **Geraldine McGrath**, Knockavilla & Cashel; **Marie Ryan**, Cahir; **Tom Crosbie**, New Ross who died recently.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

**DUALLA :** Kitty McGrath; Ann Barry Ward  
**BOHERLAHAN :** Pat Maher; Mairead Sweeney; Mary Ryan (F)

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICES:** Going to Confession for Christmas should be part of our preparation. The good Lord is offering us peace of mind, peace of heart. He wants us to share and enjoy His PEACE. A visiting priest will attend in **Boherlahan on Monday evening** and on Tuesday evening in Dualla from 7 – 8pm. Mass will be celebrated in both churches at 7.30pm..

Going to Confession would be a wonderful start to the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*.

**PRIEST'S CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. I do thank you for your loyalty, support and generosity. I thank in particular the young parents and families who contribute. We ask all householders and wage earners to help. Spare envelopes available in the church porch.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:** We hope to hold our Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 20 December in St John's Church, Ardmayle, commencing at 7.30pm. It is a wonderful night of song, remembrance and prayer.

Do come along and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere of peace, hope and joy.



**CHRISTMAS YOUTH RETREAT:** *Youth 2000 Ireland* will hold its annual Christmas Youth Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare, from Friday 18 to Sunday 20 December. Booking is essential. For more information see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie). Tel 01-6753690.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY : BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA

**This Sunday commencing with Mass at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall.** This is a wonderful gathering of the senior people of our parish. We welcome them and we express our sincere and grateful thanks to them for their involvement, generosity and participation in the general life of the parish over many years. The Christmas Party Committee have worked very hard to make sure everything is in order. They wish to express their thanks to all the sponsors who have contributed. Spot prizes and biscuits, cakes or buns for the evening tea, will be gratefully accepted. It promises to be a great afternoon and evening of friendship, fun, music and dance.

## BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA G.A.A. LOTTO

Winning No: 1-3-22-29. Match 3 winners: Seamus Leahy, Tobberadora; Emma, Aoife and Conor Marshall, Boherlahan. **Lucky Dip Winners:** P. J. Croke; Tessie O'Meara; Mgt Ryan; Christopher Nagle; Michael Ryan, Slatefield. **Christmas Dip Winners:** John Brazil; Pat Butler; Monica Butler; Christy Croke; Willie Crosse. Jackpot: €19,600.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY, KRAKOW, POLAND 25 -31 JULY.

Are you interested in travel . . . experiencing new places . . . new people . . . new cultures?. Are you interested in a week of faith and fun that could change your life? Why not represent your parish as a pilgrim at WYD. Contact your local priest or see poster in church porch.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

A *Year of Mercy* is so-called, that we may experience God's Mercy, and in turn exercise mercy towards other people. The coming *Year of Mercy* will actually contain 347 days and not 365 as in a calendar year. The Chambers dictionary defines mercy as '*willing to forgive or to be lenient*'. Mercy is never earned. If mercy were earned, it would be JUSTICE. Since mercy is free, it is a gift. We are free to give mercy, and we are free to withhold it. If we withhold mercy – unwilling to forgive – God is entitled to withhold mercy from us, and not forgive us. '*Treat others as you would like them to treat you*'.  
*(Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31).*



## LAUDATO SI : PRAISED BE TO YOU

In the encyclical, Pope Francis refers to St Francis of Assisi, for whom care of the Earth and care for the poor of the Earth are two sides of the one coin. This is the key message of the encyclical. There is an "inseparable bond", Pope Francis tells us, between "concern for nature, justice for the poor; commitment to society and interior peace".

CO2 concentrations before the industrial revolution were 280ppm. In 2000 they had reached 380ppm.

The average American is responsible for 20 times more CO2 emissions than a person in India.

Pesticides are between 10 and 100 times more toxic than they were 40 years ago.

3 million people worldwide are poisoned by pesticides each year. 200,000 die as a result.

## 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 purity, beauty and 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 fear 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?



*Help us this Christmas to know joy as a spring always welling up within us and give us the power to dance through life, not as men and women who are blind to sorrow, misery or shame, but as those who know your victory over evil and over death and who cannot but rejoice in your birth.*