

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

BOHERLAHAN:

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 deceased members of the **Coffey** and **Maher** families.; **Louise Spearman (nee Maher)** Cashel

Mon. 12 Dec. 7.30pm: **John Ryan**, London and Castlemoyle

Sun. 18 Dec. 11.00am: **Philip De Vere Hunt**, Ardmayle.

Ann Riordan, An Ullard, Boherlahan. (Month's Mind).

Mon. 19 Dec. 7.30pm. **Bridget (Dill) Dwyer**, Ballytarsna.

DUALLA

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

Sat 17 Dec 6:30 pm: **Deceased members of the Croke family**, Ballytarsna

Sat 22 Dec 6:30 pm: **Edmond & Annie Hayde**, Ballinure

Pray For: **Alice O Connell**, Killenaule, and **Agnes Keneally**, Killea, who were interred last week.



Today is Gaudete Sunday. This Latin word, meaning "rejoice" is an invitation to all to renew our trust that Jesus, who was born for us in Bethlehem, is a Saviour who will return to the world as he promised. We rejoice in what he has done for us. Hope is a mark of the committed Christian.

Tuesday 13 Dec: Memorial of **St Lucy**, virgin and martyr. St Lucy is honoured, especially in Sicily, as one of the Church's early martyrs.

Wednesday 14 Dec: Memorial of **St John of the Cross** (1542-91), priest and doctor of the Church.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

BOHERLAHAN: Jovita Delaney; Breda Trainor & Bernadette McGrath

DUALLA: Mona Heffernan; Billy Gleeson



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. Come along to this great community celebration in preparation for Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE: Christmas Carol Service Thurs 15 Dec 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 (incl mass at 6.30 pm).

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE: Will be taken up at all masses this weekend. Your support is always greatly appreciated. Spare envelopes are available in the porch of the church.

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: Today we celebrate the blessing of your baby Jesus figure from the crib at home. 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.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT: You are receiving this report a couple of months earlier this year as we are introducing Parish Weekly Envelopes from 1 January. The packet of envelopes (61 in total) plus a letter from the priests; the yearly Financial Report and the Parish Calendar will be distributed to you in the coming weeks. Sincere thanks for your support of the parish over the past year. We thank all who helped in the preparation of the material. We also thank in advance the members of the Parish Councils who always help in the distribution of the envelopes.

CELEBRATING FIVE SCORE: Heartiest congratulations to Elsie O' Dwyer, Ballytarsna, on reaching her hundredth birthday, celebrated in the company of family and friends on last Thursday at Acorn Lodge. We wish her every blessing, happiness and continued health and vitality as she begins her life's second century.

COME TO THE TABLE: The journey in the Archdiocese of getting to know Scripture better as nourishment for our lives concludes next week: Tuesday 13 December in Cashel Parish Centre at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Community Website: This coming Friday, 16 Dec, is the final date for entries to the Primary Schools' Competition to be sent to editor@boherlahandualla.ie. You can read the entries at boherlahandualla.ie. The prize winners will be announced before Christmas. As we celebrate the Christmas season, why not remind your friends at home and abroad of the website. Also, refer to it to be reminded of upcoming events in the parish. Our next meeting, to which all are welcome, is on Tuesday 13 Dec. in the Horse and Jockey Hotel at 8.30pm.

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" Sunday 11 Dec. from 12.30 pm. to 5.00 pm.

ANAM CARA: Is an organisation that supports bereaved parents, holds its next Parent Evening on Monday 19 of Dec 19:30 to 21:00 pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel.

SENIOR HELP LINE: Ireland's only national listening service for older people. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: due to lack of personnel, the local Boherlahan/Dualla Conference is unable to stay in operation. We thank the people of Boherlahan/Dualla for their wonderful support over the past years and ask God's blessing on you. Should anyone wish to contact S.V.P. the regional office is 061-317327.

The Parish Newsletter: please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter by 6.00 pm on Wednesday evenings. The email address is: **boduparish@gmail.com**. As space is limited, notices may occasionally have to be shortened.

Vocations to Priesthood/Religious Life:

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact: Fr Joe Walsh 086-7714888 or your local priest

A Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen

(Henri J.M. Nouwen)

