

## BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

### BOHERLAHAN

Sat. 7 Jan. 7.30 pm. Liam Keane, Slatefield.

Paddy & Nellie Sheehy, Tobberadora.

Sun. 8 Jan. 11.00am. Mattie Connolly, Ardmayle West.

Sat 14 Jan 7:30 pm John O' Connell, Ardmayle and dec. members of the family;

Augusta Thabab, India

Pray For: Margaret McCarthy, Golden, who was interred last week.

### DUALLA

Sat 7 Jan 6:30 pm Jim and Peggy Sheridan, Dualla, & son Kevin; Margaret O' Dwyer, Ballinure (Month's Mind)

Sun 8 Jan 9:30 am Nonie Spillane, California and Ballytarsna; Bay O' Reilly, Ballinree

Today is the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. In the Gospels it marks the formal beginning of Jesus' ministry among the people. The feast might well be thought of as a call to every Christian to put their own Baptism into action, just as Jesus did. Every parishioner in Boherlahan-Dualla can give thanks that so many people are willing to offer their service to the life of the parish in a variety of ways: Communion ministers; readers of God's Word; choir; altar servers; sacristans; altar societies; parish councils; boards of management and other groups. Without them the parish could not function. More people, however, are needed. Your parish needs you. Why not consider volunteering for a ministry in the parish? A good opportunity now presents itself. For the next three weekends at each Mass clipboards will be circulated and you will have the opportunity to make a commitment to volunteer in the parish. Please consider volunteering and making your contribution to the life of the parish.

### HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

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

DUALLA: Kathleen O' Donnell; Majella Crosse



**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society:** monthly meeting will be held at Dualla Parish Hall on Tuesday 10 January at 10 am. All welcome.

### Vocations to Priesthood/Religious Life:

"God chose us before the world began to be holy." God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood contact: Fr Joe Walsh 086-7714888 or your local Priest

**Weekly Envelopes:** We are very grateful to all who used the weekly envelopes last weekend, what is placed in the envelope can be the contribution of the family. It may mean

that the husband or the wife may have to let the bag pass as the other has the envelope. We know that you will cooperate with us in using the weekly envelope and in the Charity Tax Reclaim. The aim of the new arrangement is to help the financial health of the parish without having extra collections. The bags will go around as usual. You may place your envelope in the bag together with the contribution of visitors and others. You do not have to write your name on the envelope but you may. If we missed out on anyone in the distribution of the envelopes, we would love to hear from you.

**Appreciation and Thanks:** as priests of the parish, we wish to express sincere thanks to all who have helped in so many different ministries in the parish during the past year. 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. We pray that all the parishioners of Boherlahan-Dualla will find friendship, hope and peace this Christmas and that we will bring a good spirit of joy and care into 2017.

**Boherlahan-Dualla GAA Lotto:** winning nos: 3; 9; 23; 26. Two Match Three winners: Kathleen O' Dwyer; Tony Lacey.

**Community Website:** The website is being read "down under in Australia: see the email seeking Irish cousins on boherlahandualla.ie. We would love to hear from other parts of the world also, and indeed from closer to home. Send photos, written contributions, emails or any other material to editor@boherlahandualla.ie. There are events happening which should be recorded on the website. For example, does anyone have photos from the recent parish Christmas Party, or the Christmas Carol Service? Thanks to everyone who supports our community website.

### From the Message of Pope Francis for World Day of Peace 2017:

All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers. In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home. Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace. (See the full text at [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie))

### I am the New Year

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.  
I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practise what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.  
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.  
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.  
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.  
I am you opportunity to renew your allegiance to God who said, "Behold, I make all things new."