

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 2 Dec 7.30pm **Tim and Annie O' Dwyer**, Longfield Cross
Sun 3 Dec 11.00am **Mary Tarrant**, Thurlesbeg (Month's Mind Mass)



Sat 9 Dec 7.30pm **Thady O' Donnell**, Lr. Nodstown
Michael O' Dwyer, Ardmayle; **Michael & Paddy Egan**,
Bawnmore

Sun 10 Dec 11.00am **Louise Spearman (née Maher)** Cashel; **Sarah Danagher**, Clareen
Mon 11 Dec 7.30pm **Dil Dwyer**, Ballytarsna

DUALLA

Sat 2 Dec 6:30 pm: **Matt & Mary Ryan**, Garryard & sons **John, Liam & daughter-in-law Kitty**; **Danny & Alice Troy**, Garraun

Sun 3 Dec 9:30 am: **Mary O' Reilly**, Ballytarsna also **Watty & Tom Doherty**

Sat 9 Dec 6:30 pm: Deceased Members of **Dualla Altar Society**

PRAY FOR: Betty Maher, Carrigaline & Ardmayle; **Sheila Wade**, Nodstown, who were interred last week.

Thursday (7 December) : Memorial of **St Ambrose**, bishop and doctor of the Church. He is patron of the city of Milan and of domestic pets.

Friday (8 December) is the solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A **holyday of obligation, Masses in the parish on Thursday evening and Friday morning will be as at weekends.**

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS

BOHERLAHAN: Paddy O'Dwyer; Roger Kennedy *(On duty holyday)*

DUALLA : Pauline Toomey; Marie O'Gorman

BOHERLAHAN : Katie O'Dwyer; Mary Coman; Denis O'Dwyer *(On duty next weekend)*

DUALLA : Julie Ann Ryan; Maura O'Brien

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

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society: Monthly meeting on Tue 5 Dec following 9:30 am Mass in Dualla. All welcome.

World Meeting of Families: Join in the preparations for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) by visiting www.worldmeeting2018.ie to; 1) get details of resources already delivered to the parish, 2) find information on the Preparation Programme for Parishes centred on 'The Joy of Love' (Amoris Laetitia) by Pope Francis, 3) register for the WMOF Newsletter, 4) tune into weekly podcast updates, 5) purchase tickets for the WMOF event in Dublin 21 – 26 August 2018 and 6) volunteer as an individual or as a group for the event. There are also WMOF Parish Newsletter reflections. Finally, a date for your diary – Cashel & Emly WMOF Family Fun Day – Rockwell College, Sunday 29 April 2018.

Boherlahan Parish Council have completed their term. We hope to have a new council elected by the New Year. Ballot papers will be distributed to your home in the coming weeks. 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 next weekend. We thank the many generous people in our parish who are so loyal in supporting these collections.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party is on Sunday 10 December in Boherlahan Parish Hall commencing with Mass at 1.30pm. Invitations are currently being sent out. The organising committee wish to thank all who contributed to their collection last weekend. Ballot papers for the election of the new Parish Council may also 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. How about some of the wonderful artists from "Stars in their Eyes" playing a part? You will be most welcome.

Scoil San Isadóir: Cake sale in the parish hall, Boherlahan, after 11 o'clock Mass today 3 December. We would appreciate any baked goods, donations, prizes for the raffle and any support people can give on the day.

Seinn Cashel and Emly: Encouraging liturgical music in secondary schools, will hold a concert at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, on Wed 6 Dec 7.30pm. Admission free, but any donations will be accepted and given to youth ministry projects in the diocese.

Community Website: If you haven't yet seen the "Parish Family Flyer" concerning activities planned for the coming months, it can be read on www.boherlahandualla.ie. The November Bulletin from our local Legion of Mary is there also. Every week we have parish news, notices of events, photos of community life, and more. The editor@boherlahandualla.ie welcomes articles, photos etc. from everyone, and thanks all those who send 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.

Sale of Work & Auction: Boherlahan GAA Grounds on Sun 3 Dec from 1.30 pm. Any donations of goods to the auction would be greatly appreciated, There is a lot of timber and many household items in the Auction so do come along on the day.

GAA AGM: Saturday, 9 December in Boherlahan Sports Centre at 8.30pm.

World Meeting of Families: Thanks to all who organized and participated in our "Family Masses" last weekend. Next meeting of Organising Committee in the Parochial House on Monday, 18 December at 8.15pm. All are welcome.

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

Advent— Christ Comes 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...

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.

CHOIR GALA EVENING: Thurles Cathedral SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 at 8.00 pm with Clonmel Concert Orchestra. A beautiful programme of sacred and classical music. All welcome. Admission Free. (Donations welcome on the night).

