

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 16 Dec 7.30pm

P. Quirke, Lr. Nodstown; **Jim, Annie, Mary, Sr. Agnes** and dec. 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

Wed 20 Dec 9.00am

Dave & Kathleen Quaid, Enniscorthy.

Sat 23 Dec 7.30pm

Philip De Vere Hunt, Ardmayle Hse.

Sun 24 Dec 11.00am

Tom & Mairéad Kevin and dec. members of the **Kevin family**

Sun 24 Dec 7.30pm

Catherine Moloney, Ardmayle and Clonmel.

Mon 25 Dec 11.00am

Willie Dwyer, Ballytarsna

DUALLA

Sat 16 Dec 6:30 pm

Willie Maxy, Ballinure; **Bridie Heffernan**, Bown

PRAY FOR: Daniel McCarthy, Bawnmore (Mass will be offered).



The O Antiphons: a feature of the liturgy in Advent is the singing of an antiphon before and after the Magnificat in the Evening Prayer of the Church. They are sung on the seven evenings before the Christmas Vigil Mass. They are also used on the same days as the text of the versicle for the Gospel Acclamation at each of the daily Masses. Through them an atmosphere of expectation for the Christmas feast is created.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next weekend)

BOHERLAHAN: Jim Mulligan; Mary Donnelly & Julia O' Dwyer

DUALLA: Billy Gleeson; Pauline Toomey

(On duty Christmas Eve/Day)

BOHERLAHAN: Bernadette McGrath; Mary Quinn; Margaret O'Sullivan & Mary Ryan N

DUALLA: Kathleen O' Donnell; Marie O' Gorman



World Meeting of Families: Meeting Parochial House, Mon, 18 Dec at 8.15pm.

World Meeting of Families: Christmas is a time when we celebrate family. To mark our preparation for the World Meeting of Families a beautiful icon will be distributed to each family as they leave the church next weekend also a Family prayer. We invite families to place the icon on the family table over the Christmas period and recite the prayer.

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

Christmas Priests Collection was taken up at all masses last 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: We had a wonderful Christmas Party last Sunday. Sincere thanks to all involved in the preparation and arranging of the party. Our special guest of course was Bridie O Connor, Nodstown who celebrates her 100th birthday at this time. We congratulate her and we wish her many more years of health and happiness.

Christmas Carol Service: The parish Christmas Carol Service will be held this Sunday evening 17 December in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dualla at 7pm. All welcome to an evening of music, song and prayer.

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

New Candle Shrines: Two new candle shrines, one in each church, were installed last week. They replace the old electric ones that can no longer be repaired. The small increase in the suggested offering will offset candle purchase cost. Any profits will go into parochial funds.

Scoil San Isadóir: Thanks to all who supported the Cake Sale last Sun week. It was a great success. We are having a Christmas Carol Service on Thurs 21 Dec at 1:15pm in the Church. Please join us if you can. To ensure the health and safety of our pupils the Board of Management of the school request that the privacy of the school grounds being respected during the holidays - no walking dogs or recreational activities please. Have a happy and safe Christmas. School re-opens on Monday 8 January 2018.

COMMUNITY WEBSITE: The picture galleries at www.boherlahandualla.ie are a great place to visit to be reminded of parish happenings during the year gone by. As well as enjoying them yourself, why not bring them to the attention of friends and relations at home and abroad? The editor@boherlahandualla.ie asks all parish organisations to use the website to announce their events; reports and photos afterwards are also very welcome. Thanks to everyone who sends in the material which sustains the website.

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA – TOP 5 CHRISTMAS TIPS

- *You, your family or friends should never walk home alone, remember safety in numbers.*
- *If you have no other option, walk in well-lit areas.*
- *Take care when carrying your handbag, smart phone or tablet in crowded areas. Keep them in a safe location, within view.*
- *Take care of your Christmas shopping and never leave it unattended, especially in your car.*
- *Park your car in secure, well lit areas and make sure to lock it.*
- *Avoid burglaries at Christmas – Secure all doors and windows and use your alarm.*