

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in our prayers:

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 1 Dec 7.30pm

Tim and Annie O' Dwyer, Longfield Cross

Ann O' Riordan, An Ullard, Boherlahan

Sun 2 Dec 11.00am

Jerry, Bridget, Aileen and Timothy Coffey and **dec. members of the Maher and Coffey families**

Sat 8 Dec 7.30pm

Paddy & Michael Egan, Bawnmore

Michael O' Dwyer, Ardmayle

Mon 10 Dec 7.30pm

John Ryan, London and Castlemoyle

PRAY FOR: Thady O' Donnell, Lr. Nodstown (Mass has been offered); also for

Mícheál Darmody, Boscabell.; **Biddy O' Dowd**, Cashel, who were interred last week.

DUALLA

Sat 1 Dec 6.30pm

Margaret O' Dwyer, Ballinure Hill;

Danny & Alice Troy, Garraun



Today is the first Sunday of **Advent**. It is a holy season that invites us to reflection as we prepare for Christmas. 'The journey of Advent is to kneel where the knees of the ages have knelt! The pilgrim's path makes all places holy...The way of Christmas is through all the corners, and streets and places of these days, and everything can be made holy—the shopping, the office party, the dinner for the friends, the cards written, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. All of December life is holy just because the God we call Father sent the Son, a small baby, to us. We will kneel at the manger...with hearts filled with memories, hopes, grief and joys. With the joy of family and friends, and the whole Christian

Mon 3 Dec: Memorial of **St Francis Xavier** (1506-52), priest. One of the first seven Jesuits. Patron of the missions, reflecting his extensive missionary work in India, Goa and Japan.

Fri 7 Dec is the memorial of **St Ambrose** (340-97), bishop and doctor of the Church. He is patron of the city of Milan and of bee-keepers and domestic pets.

Sat 8 Dec is the solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A **holyday of obligation, masses in the parish on Friday evening and Saturday morning will be as at weekends.**

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty Holyday)

BOHERLAHAN: Mary Ryan (F.); Mary Donnelly & Mary Coman

DUALLA: Ann Barry Ward; Maura O' Brien

BOHERLAHAN: Katie O' Dwyer; Mary Ryan (N) & Nellie Taylor (*On duty next week*)

DUALLA: Kathleen O' Donnell; Majella Crosse



First Friday: Next Friday is the First Friday in December. Fr. Egan and Fr. Dunne will make the usual calls to the sick and the housebound. Masses on Friday evening in both churches. No masses on Friday morning.

Boherlahan Parish Council: Meet Tues eve to finalise plans for Annual Christmas Party.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society: Meeting Tue 4 Dec after 9.30 Mass in Dualla. Adoration in Acorn Lodge NH on Thursdays Dec 13 and 27 at 2.30 – 3.30pm. All welcome.

Christmas Confessions: A visiting priest will hear confessions in Boherlahan Church on Monday, 17 Dec at 7.15pm. Confessions will be heard in Dualla Church at 6.00pm on Sat 22 Dec and on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party is on Sun 10 Dec in Boherlahan Parish Hall commencing with Mass at 1.30pm. Invitations are going out at the moment. The committee would like you to return the invitations to any member of the Parish Council by Tue 4 Dec. The organising committee would like to thank all who supported their collection last weekend.

Christmas Carol Service: Friday 14 December in Immaculate Conception Church, Boherlahan. A full programme of carols, poems reflections and prayers will add up to a wonderful evening of hope and celebration.

Community Website: www.boherlahandualla.ie has an interesting article connecting Fr James Feehan with "The Rosary Priest", Fr Patrick Peyton. We also have reports and photos of local involvement in the recent Community Games Cross Country Athletics, and in the Dublin City Marathon. Thanks to everyone who supports the website by sending material to the editor@boherlahandualla.ie.

Boherlahan – Dualla Camogie Club: Cake sale Sat 1 Dec after 6.30 Mass in Dualla Hall and on Sun 2 Dec after 11.00 Mass in Boherlahan Hall. All donations greatly appreciated.

Cathedral Gala Concert: Raise the Roof Thurles Cathedral Choir accompanied by Clonmel Orchestra, in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles on Sun Dec 2 @ 8pm. An evening of seasonal music and song. Proceeds to Cathedral Re-Roofing Project.

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)

A STRANGE WAITING *Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus, But it's a strange waiting: We are waiting each year for someone we know is here! We recall in Advent that the Lord Jesus has come among us, is present all the time and will come again in glory. He is the child who is born each year, for the world always needs its God and Saviour. He is the child awaited each year, for our lives are new each year, and we need him in different ways at different stages of life, and the world has different needs of God at different times.*

We need the child of peace to be born in our wars and violence, the child of wisdom in our search for truth and meaning, the child of gentleness in a world which can be harsh and greedy. We need to know in Jesus that birth and life are among the most precious gifts of God, and that in the birth of Jesus each year is the everlasting promise of God to be with us. And Advent looks ahead, letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over, that the truth of Jesus is always spoken, that the love of Jesus is always real, and that he will one day be seen in glory. For we are people of Advent and Easter, of waiting and of resurrection; we are people of earth and heaven, and he is the Son of God and Son of Mary, and leads us through our life on earth to the eternal glory of heaven.
(Donal Neary SJ)