

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in our prayers:

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 8 Dec 7.30pm

Paddy and Michael Egan, Bawnmore
Michael O' Dwyer, Ardmayle

Sun 9 Dec 11.00am

Bridget (Dill) Dwyer, Ballytarsna.

Mon 10 Dec 7.30pm

John Ryan, London and Castlemoyle

Tue 11 Dec 9.00am

Eileen O' Gorman, Bawnmore.

Sat 15 Dec 7.30pm

Paddy & Nell Sheehy and dec. members of the Connolly and Sheehy families, Tobberadora

Sun 16 Dec 11.00am

Pat and Margaret Maher, Thurlesbeg (Dublin Rd)

PRAY FOR: John O'Dwyer, Cashel, who was interred last week.

DUALLA

Sat 15 Dec 6.30pm

Willie & Joan Maxy, Ballinure
Bridie Heffernan, Bown



Today is the second Sunday in the season of **Advent**. 'During Advent, the Christian population relives a double movement of the spirit. On one hand, it raises its gaze to the final goal of pilgrimage in history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, recalling his birth in Bethlehem with emotion, it bends down before the crib. The hope of Christians is directed to the future, but always remains well rooted in a past event. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary, "born of woman, born under the law," as St. Paul writes (Galatians 4:4)... We could say that Advent is the time in which Christians must awaken in their hearts the hope of being able, with the help of God, to renew the world' (Pope Benedict XVI). Think of ways this week in which you could cooperate with God's renewal of our world.

Thu 13 Dec is the memorial of **St Lucy** (d. 304), virgin and martyr. She is honoured particularly in Sicily.

Fri 14 Dec is the memorial of **St John of the Cross** (1542-91), priest and doctor of the Church. He was a Carmelite priest, poet, and spiritual writer.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next week)

BOHERLAHAN: Julia O' Dwyer; Mary Quinn & Pat Maher

DUALLA: Billy Gleeson; Mona Heffernan



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 Priests Collection: The Christmas Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend. We sincerely thank the many generous people in our parish who are so loyal in supporting these collections.

Christmas Carol Service: The Annual Christmas Carol Service will take place on 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.

Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report: During the coming weeks, the Annual Financial Report, Calendar and Collection Envelopes will be distributed to the homes of the parish. The bundles of envelopes are available in the sacristy for the members of the Parish Council to collect. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who all who contribute to our parish and to all who help in the preparation and distribution of the envelopes.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party is on this Sunday 10 December in Boherlahan Parish Hall commencing with Mass at 1.30pm. followed by dinner, music and song. We look forward to meeting all our senior people in our parish and celebrating Christmas with them.

Christmas Gifts: We are fortunate to have in our parish some creative writers. Early in the year Tim Joe McGrath launched his book of Poems,.....Just a couple of weeks ago, our wonderful Boherlahan-Dualla Historical Journal was launched and now Willie Fahey, Dualla has just published a novel, a work of fiction about a young boy growing up in Tipperary in the 50s and 60s. These publications are all available in Bookworm (Thurles) and in most of the local shops. Any of them would make a perfect Christmas gift.

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 17 Dec at 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



Advent: Our Journey is our Security

Strange way of looking on life.

Normally we want our security to be where we are:

Our house, our family, our job, our love.



The journey of Mary and Joseph is scary; all they had was the certainty that this journey was the right one and the angels they knew would stay with them...over rough country, among robbers, anything could happen.

Their journey rooted them, rather than their destination. We are people who come from God and go to God, and what could be more certain, more mysterious, than that!

Advent is somewhere to go, somewhere to move; a space where time never stands still;

Advent is God's pilgrim promise; his promise that God, the pilgrim from heaven, walks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING CARE

*When I look back on my life
I can see you hand at work.*

*Perhaps at the time
I was too busy to see it,
Too occupied with worldly affairs.*

*I realise now how you have always loved
me,
How you have always held me
In the palm of your hand,
Always cared for me.*

*How I've neglected you, Lord!
How easily I've hurried through
Busy days and weeks and years
Without ever giving you
So much as a "Thank You."*

*So I do it now. I thank you, Lord,
With all my being,
With all my soul, all my heart,
For all your loving care. Amen.*