

# BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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... We remember in our prayers:

## BOHERLAHAN

Sat 15 Dec 730pm **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);  
**Louise Spearman**, Freighduff

Mon 17 Dec 7.30pm **Philip De Vere Hunt**, Ardmayle House

Sun 23 Dec 11.00am **Michael O' Dwyer**, Tobberadora

Mon 24 Dec 7.30pm **Frs James Feehan and Maurice Morrissey**

Tue 25 Dec 11.00am **Willie Dwyer**, Ballytarsna

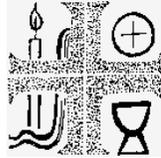
**PRAY FOR: Jim Barry**, Freighduff, who was interred last week.

## DUALLA

Sat 15 Dec 6.30pm **Willie & Joan Maxy**, Ballinure;

**Bridie Heffernan**, Bown

Thu 20 Dec 9.30am **Ryan Family**, Rathclough



**Today** is the third Sunday of Advent, called **Gaudete (or rejoicing) Sunday**.

“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 world”  
*(Donal Neary SJ).*



**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.

**Bambinelli Sunday: Blessing the Christ Child.** This beautiful Advent tradition was instituted by St Pope John Paul II during his papacy. The tradition follows that on this Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) children would bring their Baby Jesus figures to St Peter’s Square where the Pope would bless them. We share in the spirit of that tradition by giving a blessing at the masses this weekend to all the Baby Jesus figures in your homes. Use the blessing that follows at home as well, with all the family gathered around your crib.

**Bambinelli Blessing:** *Dear children, gathered with all the family, we ask God to bless our Baby Jesus figure. + May the protection of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph protect us all. The crib in our home reminds us that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. May Jesus bless us and our families with joy and peace. When we pray at our family crib this Christmas, may we be thankful for the gift of each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS** (*On duty next week*)

**BOHERLAHAN:** Jim Mulligan; Maire Ryan & Bernadette McGrath

**DUALLA:** Pauline Toomey; Marie O’ Gorman

(*On duty Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*)

**BOHERLAHAN:** Mgt O’ Sullivan; Aidan Ó Gormáin; Roger Kennedy; Nora Moloney

**DUALLA:** Ann Barry Ward; Julie Ann Ryan



**Christmas Confessions:** *A visiting priest will hear Confessions in :*

Boherlahan Church on Mon, 17 Dec at 7.15pm. : Dualla Church 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 this 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:** 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:** We had a wonderful Christmas Party last Sunday . Almost one hundred and fifty dinners were served. The good spirit , happiness and joy were shared by all. Congratulations and well done to both Parish Councils and to a very dedicated and efficient committee for a lovely occasion enjoyed by all who attended.

**Christmas Carol Service:** We had a most enjoyable Christmas Carol Service on Friday evening last. Every age group was involved. Sincere thanks to all Choirs, musicians and organisers for a pleasant and entertaining evening.

**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:** Parent Evening Mon 17 Dec 7:20pm Horse & Jockey Hotel.

**Community website:** [www.boherlahan-dualla.ie](http://www.boherlahan-dualla.ie) has the December bulletin from our local Legion of Mary, containing Frank Duff’s reflection on **Christmas**. Thanks to all who support the website by sending material to the [editor@boherlahan-dualla.ie](mailto:editor@boherlahan-dualla.ie)

**Christ 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...*

**What about a few ways to keep the true meaning of Christmas alive?**

- Send a Christmas card with a religious picture
- Pray each day in your own way coming up to Christmas
- As a Catholic, take part in a Penitential Service or go to confession to know the mercy of God
- Pray as a family coming up to Christmas
- Take part in the Mass in a more conscious way
- Remember the less fortunate in our society at Christmas