

# BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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... We remember in our prayers:

## BOHERLAHAN

Sat 22 Dec 7.30pm **Martin and Winnie Browne** and son **Matthew**, Ballytarsna

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

Mon 24 Dec 7.30pm **Catherine Moloney**, Clonmel and Ardmayle

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

Sat 29 Dec 7.30pm **Frs. James Feehan and Maurice Morrissey**

Sun 30 Dec 11.00am **Tom and Máiréad Kevin**, Lr Nodstown

**PRAY FOR: Kathleen and Dave Quaid**, Wexford (Mass has been offered)

**Daniel McCarthy**, Ardmayle (Mass has been offered).

## DUALLA

Sat 29 Dec 6.30pm **Tom Hannon**, Meldrum

Sun 30 Dec 9.30am **Bay O'Reilly**, Ballinure



*As Christmas approaches, we remember that it is a celebration of God's choosing to come among us and build his Kingdom on earth. "Jesus' message of the inbreaking Kingdom of God offers us a new vision of how to be human; a vision that is orientated towards fostering relationships of mutual love and support. At Christmas we commemorate how into the world of darkness and deep shadow God has shone a light. This light can penetrate the darkness that surrounds our self-centred living and makes relationships possible. It is a light that can overcome our pride, deceit, self-seeking, and hate. Not only can this light restore what was lost due to our sin, but it can restore to wholeness the shadows caused by sorrow and suffering, pain and loss."*

(Shane Daly SJ)

## HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS

*(On duty Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)*

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

**DUALLA:** Kathleen O' Donnell & Ann Barry Ward; Julie Ann Ryan

*(On duty next week)*

**BOHERLAHAN:** Mary Ryan (F); Anne Flanagan & Mary Donnelly

**DUALLA:** Maura O' Brien; Ann Barry Ward



**Christmas Confessions (Dualla):** 6.00pm on Sat 22 Dec and on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm.

**Christmas Masses:** In both churches Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be as on weekends: Boherlahan 7.30pm (Mon.) and 11.00am (Tues.); Dualla 6.30pm (Mon) and 9.30am (Tues). Weekday masses: after Christmas next weekday masses in Boherlahan and Dualla: Friday 28 December.

**Christmas Eve Mass, Boherlahan.** Following the 7.30pm Christmas Eve Mass in Boherlahan, there will be a cup of tea and biscuits available in the Parish Hall. We invite you to come along and share the memories of past times and also share the hopes for the coming year. You will be most welcome.

**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. If you were away or missed out, you may hand in your envelope at any time.

**Christmas Wishes and Thanks:** As priests of the parish, we wish to express sincere thanks to all who have helped in so many different ministries in the parish during the past year. We are indeed very grateful for the friendship, support and cooperation we receive from so many people. We have so many loyal, committed and dedicated people in the parish and we appreciate you all. We pray that all the parishioners of Boherlahan-Dualla will find friendship, hope and peace this Christmas and good spirit of joy and care into 2019.

**Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report:** The Annual Financial Report, Calendar and Collection Envelopes are being distributed to the homes of the parish at present. 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.

**Listening Process:** Listening Gatherings have now taken place in all 46 parishes of our diocese. You're welcome **to have your say online** and to help plan the future of our parishes in Cashel and Emly by visiting [www.cashel-emly.ie](http://www.cashel-emly.ie) – just follow the links to our Listening Questionnaire. This stage of our Listening Process will conclude on **December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018** and feedback will commence in Spring 2019. With thanks to all who have participated in our Listening Process as we seek to plan a way forward.

**Community Website:** [www.boherlahandualla.ie](http://www.boherlahandualla.ie) has a big set of photos from the Parish Christmas Party, and links to videos, homilies and blogs from the WMOF 2018. We also picture the Christmas Carol Service, Dualla Ploughing's recent presentations to local services, the Tractor Run in aid of Scoil Chormaic, and some scenes from the past which will bring back memories. Website : [editor@boherlahandualla.ie](mailto:editor@boherlahandualla.ie).

## *Are you going home for Christmas?*

*Christ made his home with us.*

*A home is a place of friendship and joy for the lonely and despairing.*

*A home is where I can speak freely and be respected for who I am.*

*In a home you find pure and beautiful love stored, shared and accepted.*

*Home is large enough for everyone-big people and little people,*

*Sick and healthy, good and bad.*

*Home is for smiles lavishly given and received.*

*There is no place like home.*

*Will you be home for Christmas?*

*Will you help make home for Christmas?*



## *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



**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 *My Memory Road*. Just a few weeks ago, our wonderful Boherlahan-Dualla Historical Journal was launched. 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.