

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in our prayers:

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 12 Jan 7.30pm **John, Elizabeth and Tom Connolly**, Ardmayle East
Sun 13 Jan 11.00am **Jim Barry**, Freighduff (Month's Mind); **Augusta Thabab**, India
Sat 19 Jan 7.30pm **Peggy & Bobby Manton**, Synone
Sun 20 Jan 11.00am **John O' Connell**, Ardmayle & **dec. O' Connell family**

DUALLA

Sat 12 Jan 6.30pm **Ned Dwyer**, the Shop, Ballytarsna
Sun 13 Jan 9.30pm **Denis & Mary Kennedy**, Lowergate, Cashel

PRAY FOR: Denis White, Cashel and formerly Gortnakellis, who died recently.



Today is the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. In the Gospels it marks the formal beginning of Jesus' ministry among the people. The feast might well be thought of as a call to every Christian to put their Baptism into action, just as Jesus did. Every parishioner in Boherlahan-Dualla can give thanks that so many people are willing to offer their service to the life of the parish in a variety of ways: Communion ministers; readers of God's Word; choir; altar servers; sacristans; altar societies; parish councils; boards of management and other groups. Without them the parish could not function. More people, however, are needed. Your parish needs you. Why not consider volunteering for a ministry in the parish? A good opportunity presents itself at the beginning of a new year. Please consider volunteering and making your contribution to the life of the parish.

Thursday (17 Jan) is the **memorial of St Anthony**, abbot (died 356). Known as the "Father of Monasticism," he lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

Friday (18 Jan) is the first day of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January is: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel in the world.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next week)

BOHERLAHAN: Julia O' Dwyer; Jim Mulligan & Bernadette McGrath
DUALLA: Pauline Toomey; Marie O' Gorman



Sick and Housebound: If any member of your family or a neighbour would like to be included in the priests' monthly visits for the sacraments this year, please contact either priest of the parish (see telephone numbers at top of newsletter).

New Year Resolution: Living your life as a Catholic in Ireland at this time can be challenging. The need to be educated in the faith is very important. One way to help you in this would be to read some Catholic literature. Would you consider buying *The Irish Catholic* or *The Sacred Heart Messenger*? It would be a good start. Let us know in the sacristy if you are interested.

Anam Cara Tipperary: Parent Evening on Mon 21 Jan 7:20pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents.

Journal Society: Thanks to all our patrons who helped to make the launch of the 2018 journal a success. Plans are underway for the preparation of this year's journal. If you are thinking of writing an article, let Paddy O' Dwyer or any member of the society know within the next two weeks. Also if you have any photos for inclusion, they will be gratefully received and safely returned in due course.

The Mass: some good reasons for joining in weekly mass:

- Jesus invites me – Do this in memory of me.
- The community needs the support of my presence
- My faith needs the support of a blessing community
- The scripture readings can guide and challenge me
- The Bread of Life can nourish and strengthen me
- Weekly mass anchors my week and my life
- God has blessed me, so I give thanks
- I have needs, so I ask God for them
- Worship combats spiritual laziness
- Worship gives depth, direction and meaning to my life

Thought for the Day:

*Yesterday is a cancelled cheque
Tomorrow is a promissory note
Today is the only cash you have -
So spend it wisely!*

LITANY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God : have mercy on us,
Lord Jesus, promised messiah and saviour : have mercy on us,
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit: have mercy on us,
born of the Virgin Mary, our flesh and blood : have mercy on us,
cradled in danger, guarded by Joseph : have mercy on us,
nurtured in God's ways within your home : have mercy on us,
entrusting all disciples to your Mother's care: have mercy on us.*

*Blessed Mary, open in soul to the will of God, pray for us,
courageous in faith, joyful in hope : pray for us,
pondering the words of wise men and shepherds : pray for us,
bearing the shadow of sorrows to come: pray for us,
interceding for a wedding-day family: pray for us,
giving comfort on the road to crucifixion : pray for us,
praying by the Cross at the dark hour of death : pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, man of noble faith : pray for us,
attuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit : pray for us,
shield of Mary and Jesus in times of trouble : pray for us,
escorted by both to the gates of heaven : pray for us,*

*model of manhood : pray for us,
teacher of tradition : pray for us,*

Patron of the People of God : pray for us.

Let us pray.

Holy Family of Nazareth, as you bid us take our place at your open table, we pray you to visit our homes and families, and abide as our unseen guests.

May your presence bring peace, healing and shelter and confirm us in the joy of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The reason I go to Mass is that God always has something to offer...Every Mass is an invitation into the sacred space of Jesus Christ and a call to bring Jesus into our world, saving and loving (Donal Neary SJ)

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.

Gathering in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families: “Walking Together as Families Today.” St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, 19-20 June 2018. Speakers, workshops, conversations, prayer, and much more, on variety of topics relating to family life. Registration: €15 (incl. lunch & teas/coffees). Tickets available on www.eventbrite.ie (under “Walking Together as Families Today”). Further info: contact Aoife at specialevents@spcm.ie

