

# BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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## We remember in our prayers:

Sat 5 Jan 7.30pm

**BOHERLAHAN**  
Stephen O' Dwyer & dec. members of  
the O' Dwyer family, Bawnmore

Sun 6 Jan 11.00am

Mattie Connolly, Ardmayle West.

Mon 7 Jan 7.30pm

Pauline Tanner, Gaile

Sat 12 Jan 7.30pm

John, Elizabeth and Tom Connolly, Ardmayle East

Sun 13 Jan 11.00am

Jim Barry, Freighduff (Month's Mind); Augusta Thabah, India

## DUALLA

Sat 5 Jan 6.30pm

Jim & Peggy Sheridan and their son Kevin, Dualla

Sun 6 Jan 9.30pm

Judy Frankovich (née Flanagan, Racecourse) and her mother  
Nell Flanagan, Erry

**PRAY FOR:** Maureen Cullinan, Abbeyleix; Daniel O' Connell, Kilkenny, died recently.



## Today is the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

**Epiphany Reflection:** People find God in many different ways: through prayer, nature, love, sacraments and even suffering. Like the Magi, we find God in our own way. Each of us is following a personal star that leads to God. The Magi did not follow many of the ordinary routes that the people of their day travelled towards God. They embarked on their own way, and ultimately found God in a child. This kind of search in part and parcel of being human. When we are captivated by beauty, pray for another's health; show love to another; question the meaning of life; act for justice; and search for the meaning of suffering, we have touched something of the Divine. Without perhaps being aware of it, we are following our own star. All of us travel a road similar to that of the Magi whenever we follow the star of love, goodness, faith, courage, justice. The light of the star is the light of God. Jesus, once the child at Bethlehem, continues to reach out to people, finding them as they look for him. He found, and continues to find, people in religious and non-religious places. On this Epiphany, let us ask the Lord Jesus to keep us moving towards him. (adapted from a note by Donal Neary SJ in The Sacred Heart Messenger January 2017)

**New Year Good wishes and Thanks.** As priests of the parish, we wish all our parishioners a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year. We are very grateful for your support, friendship and generosity during the past year. Let us together in hope and joy continue to live and hand on the faith during 2019.

## HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next week)

**BOHERLAHAN:** Nellie Taylor; Mary Quinn & Maire Ryan

**DUALLA:** Mona Heffernan; Billy Gleeson



**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society:** monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 January after 9.30am Mass in Dualla. All welcome.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Acorn Lodge Nursing Home:** 2.30 – 3.30pm on Thursdays 10 and 24 January. All welcome.

**Visiting the Crib:** Christmas is a season of many things but above all it is the Season of the Child – the Child of Bethlehem. Let us focus on this and bring the attention of your children to it, by praying at the Crib and telling the story. We have two beautiful Cribs and sincere thanks the Sacristans, Johnny Carew (Boherlahan) and Donnacha Ó Cinnéide (Dualla) for their directing and designing the Cribs. May the Child of Bethlehem bring us all peace, hope and joy this coming year.

**Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report.** At this time the Annual Financial Report, Calendar and Collection Envelopes are being distributed to the homes of the parish. 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.

**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.

**Community Website:** [www.boherlahandualla.ie](http://www.boherlahandualla.ie) has photos of the Boherlahan Christmas Eve Mass and get-together in the hall, as well as of the recent visit to Scoil San Isadóir by our victorious club hurling teams and mentors. You can also look back over the parish news and events of 2018 in the galleries and other sections. Please send any content for the website to the [editor@boherlahandualla.ie](mailto:editor@boherlahandualla.ie).

*I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.  
I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practise what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.  
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.  
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.  
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.  
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to God who said, "Behold, I make all things new."*

**A Thought at the Start of a New Year:** "To run away from the reality of the world as it is, is not Christian. Christians are called to make their stand for the values of Jesus in the world as it is and suffer the consequences of that stand."  
(Shane Daly SJ)

**PRAYER AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR:** *Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with your help and guidance. Amen.*