

# BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in our prayers:

## BOHERLAHAN

Sat 19 Jan 7.30pm

Peggy & Bobby Manton, Synone

Sun 20 Jan 11.00am

John O' Connell, Ardmayle & dec. O' Connell family

## DUALLA

Sat 26 Jan 6.30pm

Deceased members of the Fogarty family, Garraun;  
Michael Sheehy, Rathclough

**PRAY FOR:** Jimmy Fogarty, Garraun; Martin Nolan, Cornelscourt, Dublin and formerly Dualla, who were interred last week.



**Today** Sunday 20 January is the **World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees**. There are over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. They are searching for somewhere to live in peace, and often must be willing "to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal" (Pope Francis). Urged by these words of Pope Francis concerning the plight of thousands of people across the world who are migrants or refugees, it is important that we come together to remember and pray for them. A particular concern must be the many children, often orphaned, who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me" (Mark 9:37). See the *Prayer for Unaccompanied Migrant Children* on this newsletter.

**Monday** 21 Jan is the **memorial of St Agnes**, virgin and martyr.

**Thursday** 24 Jan is the **memorial of St Francis de Sales**, bishop and doctor of the Church. He is regarded as one the great spiritual writers of the Church.

**Friday** 25 Jan is the **feast of The Conversion of Paul**, apostle. Today also marks the end of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. "Unity of action leads to full unity of faith" (*Ut Unum Sint*, 40). See note below.

**Saturday** 26 Jan is the **memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus**, bishops. They worked closely with St Paul on his missions.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Last Friday (18 Jan) saw the beginning of the week of prayer. It was prepared this year by Christians from Indonesia. About ten per cent of Indonesians are Christians from various traditions. There is a great diversity of ethnicity as well as language and religion in the country as a whole. Inevitable tensions arise in politics, business, justice, and distribution of wealth. Christian communities in Indonesia come together to find just responses in this fraught situation. They have taken inspiration from the words of Deuteronomy: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (see Deut. 16:18-20). We pray that this worthy intention will inspire Christian communities in Ireland to work for justice in all aspects of life in our country.

## HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next week)

**BOHERLAHAN:** Pat Maher; Margaret O' Sullivan & Roger Kennedy

**DUALLA:** Julie Ann Ryan; Maura O' Brien



**Next Sunday** (27 January) marks the **beginning of Catholic Schools' Week 27 January – 3 February**. Its theme is: *Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools*. During Catholic Schools Week we pray for all involved in our schools and we thank God for the dedication of our principals, teachers and other school personnel in the education and formation of our children. We are blessed in our parish with the unstinting service and dedication that is a hallmark of each of our three schools.

**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.

**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.

**Anam Cara Tipperary:** The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 21 January 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.

**Pope Francis and Life:** On 6 Jan 2019 Pope Francis published a thought-provoking Letter addressed to the Pontifical Academy for Life. In the Letter he reaffirms the Academy's objectives and activities, including "...its constant effort to promote and protect human life at every stage of its development, its condemnation of abortion and euthanasia as extremely grave evils that contradict the Spirit of life and plunge us into the anti-culture of death."

**Listening to the Gospel:** each gospel story keeps alive the mystery and the meaning of an event in our salvation. The gospel is the history of the past and the mystery of the present. The word of Jesus is spoken for today. I can ask how the gospel throws light on my life now and what it tells me about Jesus. Then the story will never be boring. It will leave...an imprint of love on the soul  
(Donal Neary SJ).

## PRAYER FOR UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN

Mary, you travelled alone  
To reach the loving embrace  
Of your beloved family member.  
Elizabeth welcomed you with  
Open arms and an open heart.

Be with those children  
Who are travelling across borders  
To seek solace with family.  
Protect them from exploitation  
And from traumatising experiences.

Teach us by the example of the Visitation.  
Grant us open arms and open hearts  
To receive your children trying to find the way  
To a new, life-giving home.

Mary, Mother of the human family,  
Help us end the misery  
Of children separated from family  
By man-made borders  
But not by love.  
May they arrive, as you did,  
To joy and to the benediction  
Of a loving embrace. Amen