

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in our prayers:

BOHERLAHAN

Sat 29 Dec 7.30pm Frs. James Feehan and Maurice Morrissey
Sun 30 Dec 11.00am Tom and Máiréad Kevin, Lr Nodstown
Sat 5 Jan 7.30pm Stephen O' Dwyer and 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

DUALLA

Sat 29 Dec 6.30pm Tom Hannon, Meldrum
Sun 30 Dec 9.30am Bay O'Reilly, Ballinure; Josephine Long, Rathkeevan, Clonmel
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: Edmond and Annie Hayde, Ballinure (Mass has been offered).



Today is the feast of the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. It is seen as the model of the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of Jesus' birth has brought us to see God's closeness to us. Our own families too are a reflection of the life of God in our world.

Tuesday 1 Jan is the solemnity of **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**.

Wednesday 2 Jan is the memorial of **Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**, bishops and doctors of the Church.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next week)

BOHERLAHAN: Mary Coman; Katie O' Dwyer & Mary Ryan (N)

DUALLA: Kathleen O' Donnell; Majella Crosse



MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

BOHERLAHAN

READERS: Sat. eve. 7.30 pm John Devane; Sun. 11.00 am Michael Taylor

COLLECTORS: SAT. EVE. SUN. MORN.

Main Aisle: Brendan Ryan Willie Joe Dwyer
Our Lady's: Máiréad Sweeney Mary Donnelly
St. Joseph's: Paddy O' Dwyer Ryan family, Farranavarra

DUALLA

READERS: (Sat. 6:30 pm) Ann Leamy; (Sun 9:30 am) Tiarnan O' Donnell

ALTAR SOCIETY: Maura Hunt; Máiréad Power; Mary Smyth

COLLECTORS: (Sat. 6:30 pm) Séamus & Declan Crosse;

(Sun 9:30 am) Carmel Flanagan; Catherine Hayes



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.

January First Friday: The priests of the parish will make the monthly visits on Friday Jan 4. Masses and Confessions in Boherlahan and Dualla at the usual times.

Christmas Eve Mass, Boherlahan. We had a very enjoyable gathering after the Christmas Eve mass in Boherlahan. Sincere thanks to all involved in the organization and carrying through of this happy event.

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.

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US

Too often people think of God as a common name which has become part of everyday language; as a vague "being" who is supposed to have magical powers; as the creative force behind the universe and its evolution; as an idea which can be demonstrated in order to comfort the minds of people. But this is not the God of Christians.

Too often, and for too many people, the "act of faith" is summed up in this manner: there is "something" greater than us, "something" unapproachable because it is so distant, unknowable because it is mysterious; something we must contend with and endure; something whose good will we must cultivate. This is in no way the faith of Christians. Too often people speak of being religious or of having religion. They refer to a complex of badly assimilated religious information, of badly observed moral laws, of rituals performed distractedly. This is by no means the religion of Christians. The God of Christians is not a God-object, a God-idea, a God-morality, a God of Social Order. The God of the Christians is a person, a person who is called Jesus Christ; a person who, historically, once lived among people. The God of the Christians is not something greater than us, but someone among us. Christmas, then, is God come among us, made visible to us. Christmas is God. Hitherto inaccessible and unknown, becoming man and joining hands with people, greeting people, speaking to people, loving people, dying for people. No one has every seen God; it is only the Son, who is nearest the Father's heart, who has made him known.

PRAYER AT THE END OF THE YEAR

Lord, as the year draws to an end,
We thank you for so much;
For all the good and happy times,
Each smile and loving touch.
We thank You, too, for other times
When things went sadly wrong,
For being there to understand,
You helped us to be strong.
Now as the year is ending, Lord,
We ask You to be near,
To be our guide and guardian
Throughout the coming year.

