

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in prayer

Sat 4 May 7.30pm

Sat 11 May 7.30pm

Sun 12 May 7.30pm

PRAY FOR:

Sat 4 May 6.30pm

Sun 5 May 9.30am

Sat 11 May 6.30pm

PRAY FOR: Stan Murphy, Ballynonty & Fethard (Mass offered)

BOHERLAHAN

Michael Ramsey, Thurlesbeg; Maureen O' Dwyer, Nodstown
Denis and Mary Keane, Tobberadora; Liam Keane, Slatefield;
Michael Fahey, Gaile

John and Mary O' Dwyer, Synone; Tommy Wade, Ballyroe
Kit Tuohy, Tobberadora;

Francis Maher, Clonoulty, interred last week.

DUALLA

Billy & Marian Maher, Ballytarsna

Billy & Chrissie Nolan & sons Tony and John, Garranmore

Betsy Heffernan, Birr & Dualla (Month's Mind)



Next Sunday (12 May) is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Let us keep this intention foremost in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (On duty next week)

BOHERLAHAN: Roger Kennedy; Margaret O' Sullivan & Aidan Ó Gormáin

DUALLA: Theresa Lawrence; Marie O' Gorman



Easter Holy Water: We invite you to continue the good tradition of taking home Easter Water and sprinkling it on the houses and land. This Easter may God bless all our homes and our daily work.

Examination Time: The Parish Leadership Team have decided to remember and pray for all those sitting examinations at our Masses on Sat/Sun next May 4/5 at 6.30pm in Dualla and at 11.00am in Boherlahan. If you are studying for exams at this time, we invite you to come along to either Mass and join us.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society: Annual Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly on Thurs 9 May at 7.30pm at Cashel Parish Church. The AGM will follow the Mass. The annual trip for members to Maynooth Seminary will be held on Thursday 16 May. Enquiries about the trip: please contact Joan O' Brien 087-2794199.

Boherlahan Parish Council: Meeting Tues week 14 May in Boherlahan Parish Hall 8pm.

Boherlahan Annual Novena for the Sick: Commences on Friday evening next 10 May at 7.30pm. It concludes on Sat. 18 May.

Sacrament of Confirmation & Faith Friends: Archbishop Kieran O' Reilly will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the 5th and 6th class pupils attending the three schools in the parish on this **Wednesday 8 May** in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dualla. Fifty-nine young people will receive the sacrament. Please pray for these young people receiving the Sacrament, their sponsors and families.

Camas Grotto May Novena: Wednesday 1 May - Thursday 9 May. Prayers each evening at 7.30pm except on Sat & Mon at 7pm. All are welcome.

Sacristans and Church Maintenance Collection: As you are aware our two wonderful sacristans are now on a paid wage. This is in compliance with the recent Government Finance Act. We also had demands on resources arising from the new Heating System in Boherlahan. This collection helps to meet these commitments. If you are writing a cheque, please make it payable to Boherlahan-Dualla Parish Account. The collection is being taken up this weekend (Salmon envelope).

Visitation of the Sick: Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide a list of parishioners who are their patients or residents. This is due to the new law called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If you have a family member in a hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest, please contact either priest of the parish (see telephone numbers at the top of the newsletter).

Community Website: www.boherlahandualla.ie has all the questions from the Good Friday Quiz for anyone who wants to have a go. If you have old photos of people or events we would be delighted to feature them on the website. You can give them to Liam Ó Duibhir, who will return the originals immediately; or send any content for the website to the editor@boherlahandualla.ie.

Buíochas: Thank you all to all who attended and supported the Table Quiz in aid of Féileacáin on Good Friday in Boherlahan. A special word of thanks to our quiz masters Liam Ó Duibhir and John Devane and to the great team who organised it. A great evening was enjoyed by all. On behalf of Féileacáin - €990 was raised- a sincere **Thank You**.

Ardmayle Heritage Society: Will hold a Tractor Run on Sunday 12 May starting in Ardmayle with the finish in Dualla at about 2.30pm. Registration in the Church in Ardmayle from 12 noon with refreshments. All tractor models are welcome. Contact: Tommie Shelly at 087 9062173 or Billy Maher at 087 9180815.

A Reflection on Easter: Cross and Crown

The Celtic cross has a unique shape derived from the union of an ordinary cross and a circle which is a crown. This combination teaches a great truth. In life there is an inclination within each of us to focus solely on either the cross or the crown. On the one hand, we may be given to seeing only the dark, painful sides of life or, on the other hand or at another time in life, we may be prone to seeing only what is bright and beautiful. The insight presented by the Celtic cross shows balance. There is more to life than pain and sin, than the dreary and disastrous. Jesus had to endure the cross before rising in the glory of the Resurrection.

Similarly with us. The weight of the cross presses on us as we journey towards heaven. Yet, the great Easter message is that heart-break, back-break, suffering and death do not have the last word. Cross and crown. There is no Easter without a Good Friday. Yet Calvary is not the end. There is no cross without an Easter Day. This is why we rejoice and are full of hope. The crown rounds off the cross in God's scheme of things.