

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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... We remember in prayer: **BOHERLAHAN**

Sat 11 May 7.30pm **Denis and Mary Keane**, Tobberadora; **Liam Keane**, Slatefield; **Michael Fahey**, Gaile

Sun 12 May 7.30pm **John and Mary O' Dwyer**, Synone; **Tommy Wade**, Ballyroe

Sat 18 May 7.30pm **Christopher Croke**, Regaile

Mon 19 May 7.30pm **Andy & Patti Fitzgerald**, St Joseph's Ave. & their granddaughter **Amber Heffernan**; **Lawrence and Mary Devane**, Lr. Nodstown

Mass has been offered for **David and Mary O' Donnell**, Freighduff.

Pray for: **Chanel Byrne**, Thurles, who was interred last week.

DUALLA

Sat 11 May 6.30pm **Betsy Heffernan**, Birr & Dualla (*Month's Mind*)

Sat 18 May 6.30pm **Frank La Flamme**, Garryard and his mother **Kathleen**



Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us keep this intention foremost in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Tues 14 May is the feast of St Matthias, Apostle.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS (*On duty next week*)

BOHERLAHAN: Mary Ryan (F); Mary Donnelly; Nora Moloney

DUALLA: Annette O' Donnell; Martina Ivors



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.

Prayer for Examinations: At our masses on Sat/Sun May 4/5 at 6.30pm in Dualla and at 11.00am in Boherlahan the community remembered and prayed for all those sitting examinations. Sincere thanks to all who were involved. Let us continue to remember in our private and family prayers all who are studying for exams at this time (see the Student Prayer below).

Boherlahan Parish Council: meet on Tuesday 14 May in Boherlahan Parish Hall at 8pm.

Boherlahan Annual Novena for the Sick continues each evening at 7.30pm. It concludes on Saturday 18 May.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Archbishop Kieran O' Reilly conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the fifth and sixth class students in the three schools in the parish on last Wednesday 8 May in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dualla, at 11.00am. Fifty nine young people received the sacrament. We congratulate all who were confirmed and we wish them well for the future. We say a very sincere thanks to all the teachers, school personnel and parents who helped in the preparation of these young people. We also thank the Faith Friends and all who helped in beautifying our church for the occasion. **NOURISH THE GIFT OF FAITH BECAUSE FAITH ALWAYS LOOKS UP.**

Diocesan Listening Process: All those who attended the last Deanery Gathering at Holycross Community Centre are invited to come again to the same venue on next Thursday evening May 16 at 8pm. At this meeting the Deanery will make a response to the questions that arose from our last gathering. We will also get a summary of the results of our own Parish Listening Process. The meeting is open to everyone.

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 was taken up last weekend (salmon-coloured envelope). If you missed out you may hand in your envelope at any time.

Scoil San Isadóir: Well done to the 5th & 6th class pupils and their teacher Ms. Sharon who raised €972.50 for Trócaire from a **bring and buy/cake sale** in Boherlahan hall on Friday 5 April. *Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí.*

Ardmayle May Novena for the Dead: Sun. 19 May- Mon. 27 May at 7.00pm each eve

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).

Ardmayle Heritage Society: Tractor Run today Sunday May 12 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.

Thought for the Day: *Sometimes we talk too much to hear what God would say. Other times we're preoccupied with activities of the day. Oh, how we need to just be quiet, and listen with our hearts to what the Holy Spirit speaks, that truth that He imparts.*

Devotion to Our Lady in May: Mary is a sign of *hope* because what she has done we can do, for in a certain sense we are all Mary. She is a *consolation* because in her humanity Mary had her doubts and hesitations; she had her moments of concern for a son who was not in the ordinary mould; her grief was real and her tears bitter in the face of her child's apparently senseless death. We pray therefore: Holy Spirit of God, help us to know and love Mary; Holy Mary, pray for us that we may be able to enter in love into the mystery of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of a Student before an Exam

Heavenly Father, be with me as I take this exam. Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp. Calm my nerves and help me concentrate.

I know that you walk with me, guiding my path and inspiring my heart.

I pray that I would feel you with me

And that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel.

I pray that I would pass this exam and go on to new things with you.

Thank you for your peace and your love in my life. Thank you for your kindness and care for me. Amen

