

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in prayer:

Sat 30 Nov 7.30pm

Boherlahan

John O' Dwyer, Freighduff;

Tim and Annie O' Dwyer, Longfield Cross;

Bridie O' Connor, Nodstown (Month's Mind)

Sun 1 Dec 11.00am

Jim & Jerry Barry, Freighduff, & dec. family members

Connie Hayes, Talbot Park (Month's Mind)

Sat 7 Dec 7.30pm

Michael O' Dwyer, Ardmayle;

Lily Tuohy, Gaile (Month's Mind)

Sun 8 Dec 11.00am

Jerry, Bridget, Tim and Aileen Coffey & dec. members of the

Coffey and Maher families, Ballinree and Nodstown North;

Mary Barry, Freighduff & England. Burial of ashes after mass.

Mon 9 Dec 11.00pm

John Ryan, Castlemoyle and London

Dualla

Sat 30 Nov 6.30pm

Margaret O' Dwyer, Ballinure Hill

Sat 7 Dec 6.30pm

Dan & Alice Troy, Garraun

Pray for: Sr Aileen Fenton, Presentation Convent, Clonmel & Ballinure, interred recently.



Today is the first Sunday of **Advent**. *It is a holy season that invites us to reflect as we prepare for Christmas. 'The journey of Advent is to kneel where the knees of the ages have knelt! The pilgrim's path makes all places holy...The way of Christmas is through all the corners, and streets and places of these days, and everything can be made holy—the shopping, the office party, the dinner for the friends, the cards written, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. All of December life is holy just because the God we call Father sent the Son, a small baby, to us. We will kneel at the manger...with hearts filled with memories, hopes, grief and joys.*



With the joy of family and friends, and the whole Christian world' (Donal Neary SJ).

Tue 3 Dec: Memorial of **St Francis Xavier** (1506-52), priest. He was one of the first seven Jesuits. Patron of the missions, reflecting his missionary work in India, Goa and Japan.

Sat 7 Dec: Memorial of **St Ambrose** (340-97), bishop and doctor of the Church. Patron of the city of Milan and of bee-keepers and domestic pets.

Mon 9 Dec: Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Masses :Sun eve 6.30pm (Dualla) ; Mon morn 11.00am (Boherlahan).

Holy Communion Ministers (on duty next weekend)

Boherlahan: Mary Ryan (F); Jim Mulligan & Aidan Ó Gormáin

Dualla: Martina Ivors; Julie Ann Ryan



St Joseph's Young Priests' Society: Meeting Tue 3 Dec after 9.30 Mass in Dualla.

Adoration at Acorn Lodge NH on Thursday Dec 12 from 2.30 – 3.30pm. All welcome.

Boherlahan Dualla Christmas Carol Service: Thursday 19 December at 7.00pm.

Practices will be held 5 & 12 December.

First Friday: This Friday is the First Friday of December. Fr. Egan and Fr. Dunne will be making their usual calls on Thursday 5. Masses and confessions as usual on the Friday.

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas. The Archdiocese has launched a programme to help us in our spiritual preparation for Christmas called 'Listening to God's Word in Isaiah during Advent.' We had our first gathering on last Tuesday evening. We thank those who came along. The second night is planned for Tues 10 Dec Parochial Hall, Boherlahan 8pm

Christmas Confessions: A visiting priest will hear confessions in Boherlahan Church on Monday 16 December commencing at 7.15pm. Confessions will be heard in Dualla on Saturday evenings 14 & 21 December after vigil masses.

Christmas Party: Sun 8 Dec commencing with Mass at 1.30pm in the parish hall, Boherlahan. Invitations will be going out in the coming weeks. The committee hopes to hold a collection this weekend (outdoors) to help cover the costs.

Advent at Glenstal Abbey 2019: A series of 3 talks on the first 3 Sundays of Advent (December 1st, 8th, 15th). Venue: Monastery Library – Glenstal Abbey at 4.30pm. Speakers: Dr Jessie Rogers, Luke Macnamara OSB, Cuthbert Brennan OSB

Seinn Musical Event: Cathedral Thurles on 5 December. All are invited. Admission free and donations to Cashel & Emly Youth Ministry are welcome. Please visit www.cashel-emly.ie for further details.

Community Website: On www.boherlahandualla.ie read about the 3-in-a-row and other achievements attained recently by Boherlahan-Dualla Community Games in Cross-Country athletics, and see the photos of those involved. To : editor@boherlahandualla.ie.

Boherlahan NS Parents Council: Cake sale in Boherlahan on Sun 8 Dec after 11am mass. It will be held in the school this year. Donations of cakes etc will be gratefully appreciated.

Thurles Concert: Thurles Cathedral Choir accompanied by Clonmel Orchestra in concert Sun 1 Dec in the Cathedral of the Assumption, 7.30 p.m. Admission free. Donation optional

Viatores Christi: Wishes to thank us for our generosity and prayers.

Safeguarding Night: Sincere thanks to all who came along last Thursday evening. It was an informative and rewarding evening. Together let us all work to make our parish a very safe and happy environment for all the children.

A Strange Waiting

Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus,

But it's a strange waiting:

We are waiting each year for someone we know is here!

We recall in Advent that the Lord Jesus has come among us, is present all the time and will come again in glory.

He is the child who is born each year, for the world always needs its God and Saviour.

He is the child awaited each year, for our lives are new each year,

and we need him in different ways at different stages of life, ...

And Advent looks ahead,

letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over, that the truth of Jesus is always spoken,

that the love of Jesus is always real, and that he will one day be seen in glory.

For we are people of Advent and Easter, of waiting and of resurrection;

we are people of earth and heaven,

and he is the Son of God and Son of Mary, and leads us through our life on earth

to the eternal glory of heaven.

(Donal Neary SJ)

