

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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We remember in prayer:

Sat 14 Dec 7.30pm

Sun 15 Dec 11.00am

Mon 16 Dec 7.30pm

Tue 17 Dec 9.00am

Sat 21 Dec 7.30pm

Sun 22 Dec 11.00am

Tue 24 Dec 7.30pm

Wed 25 Dec 11.00am

Sat 14 Dec 6.30pm

Wed 25 Dec 9.30am

Boherlahan

Paddy & Nellie Sheehy and decd. members of the Connolly family, Tobberadora

Louise Spearman, Cashel

Bridget (Dill) Dwyer, Ballytarsna

Eileen O' Gorman, Bawnmore

Michael O' Dwyer, Tobberadora

Pat & Margaret Maher, (boreen) Thurlesbeg

Catherine Moloney, Ardmayle and Clonmel

Wm. Dwyer, Ballytarsna

Dualla

Bridie Heffernan, Bown

Decd. members of the Ryan family, Raheen

Pray for: John J. Hassett who was interred recently; **Kathleen & Dave Quaid,** Enniscorthy, for whom Mass has been offered.



Today is Baminelli Sunday: Blessing the Christ Child. This beautiful Advent tradition was instituted by Pope St John Paul II during his papacy. The tradition follows that on this Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) children would bring their Baby Jesus figures to St Peter's Square where the Pope would bless them. We share in the spirit of that tradition by giving a blessing at the masses this weekend to all the Baby Jesus figures in your homes. Use the blessing that follows at home as well, with all the family gathered around your crib.

Baminelli Blessing: *Dear children, gathered with all the family, we ask God to bless our Baby Jesus figure. + May the protection of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph protect us all. The crib in our home reminds us that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. May Jesus bless us and our families with joy and peace. When we pray at our family crib this Christmas, may we be thankful for the gift of each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The O Antiphons: a feature of the liturgy in Advent is the singing of an antiphon before and after the Magnificat in the Evening Prayer of the Church. They are sung on the seven evenings before the Christmas vigil Mass. They are also used on the same days as the text of the versicle for the Gospel Acclamation at each of the daily Masses. Through them an atmosphere of expectation for the Christmas feast is created.

Holy Communion Ministers (on duty next weekend)

Boherlahan: Julia O' Dwyer; Pat Maher & Mary Quinn (next weekend)
Roger Kennedy & Mary Ryan (N.); Bernadette McGrath & Katie O' Dwyer (Christmas)

Dualla: Mona Heffernan; Bridget Flynn (next weekend and Christmas)

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas. Sincere thanks to all who attended. A special word of appreciation goes to the facilitators.

Christmas Confessions: A visiting priest will hear confessions in Boherlahan Church on Mon 16 Dec 7.15pm; Dualla on Sat 14 & 21 Dec following Vigil Masses.

Christmas Party: We had a wonderful Christmas Party last Sunday. Almost one hundred and fifty dinners were served. The good spirit, happiness and joy were shared by all. Congratulations and well done to the Parish Councils and to a very dedicated and efficient committee for a lovely occasion enjoyed by all who attended.

Boherlahan Dualla Christmas Carol Service: Thurs 19 Dec 7.00pm. This is always a night of great rejoicing, friendship and happiness. A sincere thanks to all involved and particularly to the musicians, conductors and leaders.

Christmas Priests Collection: The Christmas Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend. We sincerely thank the many generous people in our parish who are so loyal in supporting these collections.

Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report: During the coming weeks, the Annual Financial Report, Parish Calendar and Collections Envelopes will be distributed to the homes of the parish. The bundles of envelopes are available in the sacristies this weekend for the members of the Parish Councils to collect and distribute. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who contribute to our parish and all who help in the preparation and distribution of the envelopes.

Visitation of the Sick: Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer permitted to provide priests with 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).

Scoil San Isadóir Carol Service on Thurs 19 Dec 1:15pm. All welcome. The parents and staff raised €1,776 for Temple Street Children's Hospital last week. Thank you for your great generosity.

Community Website: This week www.boherlahandualla.ie has a report and a big selection of photos from the Parish Christmas Party held last Sunday. We also have the latest Bulletin from our local Legion of Mary. We like to receive notices, reports and photos about any events going on in the parish, and are very grateful to all contributors. Please send whatever you can to editor@boherlahandualla.ie.

The Ardmayle Heritage Society: Copies of 'Stories in Verse' by Philip Ryan are still available at shopping outlets in Cashel or from any member of the Society. Price €10. The perfect Christmas gift for a family member friends away from home or friends overseas. Thank you for your support.

❖ What about a few ways to keep the true meaning of Christmas alive?

- Send a Christmas card with a religious picture
- Pray each day in your own way coming up to Christmas
- As a Catholic, take part in a Penitential Service or go to confession to know the mercy of God
- Pray as a family coming up to Christmas
- Take part in the Mass in a more conscious way
- Remember the less fortunate in our society at Christmas.



Safeguarding Policy in the Archdiocese and in the Parish: A concise policy leaflet is available in the church and on the Diocesan website. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are Chris Hayes and Ann Marie Devane. The Diocese has introduced Child Friendly safeguarding leaflets and a poster, which can be found in the porch of the churches. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church.