

BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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.. We remember in prayer:

Boherlahan

Sat 21 Dec 7.30pm **Michael O' Dwyer**, Tobberadora
Sun 22 Dec 11.00am **Pat & Margaret Maher**, (boreen) Thurlesbeg
Mon 23 Dec 7.30pm **Philip de Vere Hunt**, Ardmayle
Tue 24 Dec 7.30pm **Catherine Moloney**, Ardmayle and Clonmel
Wed 25 Dec 11.00am **Wm. Dwyer**, Ballytarsna
Sat 28 Dec 7.30pm **Frs James Feehan & Maurice Morrissey**
Sun 29 Dec 11.00am **Tom & Mairéad Kevin**, Lr Nodstown



Dualla

Sun 22 Dec 9.30am **Cyril O' Hara**, Carrick-On-Suir
Wed 25 Dec 9.30am **Decd. members of the Ryan family**, Raheen
Sat 28 Dec 6.30pm **Tom Hannon**
Sun 29 Dec 9.30am **Bay O' Reilly**

As Christmas approaches, we remember that it is a celebration of God's choosing to come among us and build his Kingdom on earth. "Jesus' message of the in breaking Kingdom of God offers us a new vision of how to be human; a vision that is orientated towards fostering relationships of mutual love and support. At Christmas we commemorate how into the world of darkness and deep shadow God has shone a light. This light can penetrate the darkness that surrounds our self-centred living and makes relationships possible. It is a light that can overcome our pride, deceit, self-seeking, and hate. Not only can this light restore what was lost due to our sin, but it can restore to wholeness the shadows caused by sorrow and suffering, pain and loss." (Shane Daly SJ)

Thurs 26 Dec: Feast of **St Stephen**, first martyr. He is honoured as a patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.

Fri 27 Dec: Feast of **St John, Apostle and Evangelist**. St John repeatedly emphasises for us that God is love.

Sat 28 Dec: Feast of **The Holy Innocents**, martyrs. 'He came to his own, and his own did not receive him.'

Holy Communion Ministers

Boherlahan: Roger Kennedy & Mary Ryan (N.);
Bernadette McGrath & Katie O' Dwyer (Christmas)
Aidan Ó Gormáin; Nellie Taylor & Marie Ryan (next weekend)

Dualla: Mona Heffernan; Bridget Flynn (Christmas)
Josephine Gleeson; Billy Gleeson (next weekend)



Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: Same as at weekends.

No Masses on 26 & 27 December

Christmas Eve Mass, Boherlahan. Following 7.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in Boherlahan, there will be a cup of tea and biscuits available in the Parish Hall.

We invite you to come along and share the memories of past times and also share the hopes for the coming year. You will be most welcome.

Christmas Priests Collection: The Christmas Priests Collection was taken up at all masses last weekend. We sincerely thank the many generous people in our parish who are so loyal in supporting these collections. If you were away or missed out, you may hand in your envelope at any time.

Christmas Wishes and Thanks: As priests of the parish, we wish to express sincere thanks to all who have helped in so many different ministries in the parish during the past year. We are indeed very grateful for the friendship, support and cooperation we receive from so many people. We have so many loyal, committed and dedicated people in the parish and we appreciate you all. We pray that all the parishioners of Boherlahan-Dualla will find friendship, hope and peace this Christmas and that we will bring a good spirit of joy and care into 2020.

Christmas Confessions: Dualla on Saturday evening 21 December after Vigil Mass.

Boherlahan Dualla Christmas Carol Service: A sincere thanks to all involved and particularly to the musicians, conductors and leaders. It was a most enjoyable night.

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.

Dualla NS: Our U11 footballers completed an historic double recently when both of our boys' teams secured county titles for the school. We have now amassed six county titles in both codes since our maiden victory in 2015. Best wishes to our Rang 3 - 6 choir who take part in the Peace Proms in WIT, Waterford in March.

All enrolment applications need to be submitted by February 1. Please contact the school at duallans@gmail.com if you wish to call in for an enrolment application form.
Happy Christmas from Dualla NS!

Boherlahan Dualla GAA: St Stephen's Day 5k Fun Run/Walk at 12 noon. Registration in the complex at 11.30am. All proceeds towards development of clubhouse.

Dualla Car Park: Plans for the proposed upgrade of the car park are on display at the entrance to the church, where they will remain for public consultation until 6 January. Your comments and suggestions will be most welcome.

Are you going home for Christmas?

Christ made his home with us.

A home is a place of friendship and joy for the lonely and despairing.

A home is where I can speak freely and be respected for who I am.

In a home you find pure and beautiful love stored, shared and accepted.

Home is large enough for everyone-big people and little people,

Sick and healthy, good and bad.

Home is for smiles lavishly given and received.

There is no place like home.

Will you be home for Christmas?

Will you help make home for Christmas?



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).

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.

