

# BOHERLAHAN & DUALLA NEWSLETTER

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## We remember in prayer

Sat 28 Dec 7.30pm **Boherlahan**  
Sun 29 Dec 11.00am **Frs James Feehan & Maurice Morrissey**  
Sun 5 Jan 11.00am **Tom & Mairéad Kevin, Lr Nodstown**  
**Mattie Connolly, Ardmayle East**

Sat 28 Dec 6.30pm **Dualla**  
Sun 29 Dec 9.30am **Tom Hannon**  
**Bay O' Reilly; also Josephine Long, Ballinure**  
**PRAY FOR: Mary O' Connor (née Leahy), Bansha, who was interred during last week.**



**Today is the feast of the Holy Family.** It is seen as the model of the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of Jesus' birth has brought us to see God's closeness to us. Our own families too are a reflection of the life of God in our world.

**Wed 1 Jan: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.** Mary is honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer (Vatican II).

**Thurs 2 Jan: Memorial of Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,** bishops and doctors of the Church. Both were fourth century figures who had a profound influence on the development of theology and monastic life.

**Mon 6 Jan: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord,** and a **holyday** of obligation. **Holyday Masses on Monday only: Dualla 9.30am; Boherlahan 7.30pm.** The great feast of the Epiphany recalls the adoration of Jesus by Magi. They represent followers of neighbouring pagan religions who come to recognise in Jesus the one and only Saviour.

**New Year Good Wishes and Thanks:** As priests of the parish, we wish to express sincere good wishes to all the people of the parish. 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. Thanks to all who have helped in so many different ministries in the parish during the past year. We pray that all the parishioners of Boherlahan-Dualla will find good health, friendship, hope and peace in 2020.

**Holy Communion Ministers** (next weekend)  
**Boherlahan:** Mary Ryan (F); Jim Mulligan & Nora Moloney  
6 Jan 7.30pm Ann Flanagan  
**Dualla:** Pauline Toomey; Ann Marie O' Keeffe



**First Friday:** Friday 3 January. Fr. Egan and Fr. Dunne will make the monthly house visits. Masses and Confessions at usual times in Boherlahan and Dualla.

**Parish Envelopes and Annual Financial Report:** The Annual Financial Report, Parish Calendar and Collections Envelopes have been distributed to the homes of the parish. If you did not receive yours, please let us know and we will rectify that situation. We sincerely thank all those who helped in the distribution. We are so grateful for the support and generosity of so many people in our parish.

## MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020

### Boherlahan

**Readers:** Sat. eve. 7.30 pm John Devane Sun. 11.00 am Michael Taylor  
**Collectors:** Sat 7.30pm. Sun. 11.00am  
**Main Aisle:** Brendan Ryan Willie Joe Dwyer  
**Our Lady's:** Mairéad Sweeney Tricia Donnelly  
**St. Joseph's:** Paddy & Mgt O' Dwyer Ryan family, Farranavarra

### Dualla

**Readers:** (Sat. 6:30 pm) Ann Leamy; (Sun 9:30 am) Tiarnan O' Donnell  
**Altar Society:** Maura Hunt; Mairéad Power; Mary Smyth  
**Collectors:** (Sat. 6:30 pm) Séamus & Declan Crosse;  
(Sun 9:30 am) Carmel Flanagan; Catherine Hayes

HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Sincere thanks** to all involved in preparing for the refreshments at the parish hall, Boherlahan, following Mass on Christmas Eve. Thanks too to the many people who gathered and made the occasion so worthwhile.

**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.

### Prayer at the End of the Year

*Lord, as the year draws to an end,  
We thank you for so much;  
For all the good and happy times,  
Each smile and loving touch.  
We thank You, too, for other times  
When things went sadly wrong,*

*For being there to understand,  
You helped us to be strong  
Now as the year is ending, Lord,  
We ask You to be near,  
To be our guide and guardian  
Throughout the coming year.*

### The Word was made flesh and lived among us

Too often people think of God as a common name which has become part of everyday language; as a vague "being" who is supposed to have magical powers; as the creative force behind the universe and its evolution; as an idea which can be demonstrated in order to comfort the minds of people. But this is not the God of Christians.

Too often, and for too many people, the "act of faith" is summed up in this manner: there is "something" greater than us, "something" unapproachable because it is so distant, unknowable because it is mysterious; something we must contend with and endure; something whose good will we must cultivate. This is in no way the faith of Christians. Too often people speak of being religious or of having religion. They refer to a complex of badly assimilated religious information, of badly observed moral laws, of rituals performed distractedly. This is by no means the religion of Christians.

The God of Christians is not a God-object, a God-idea, a God-morality, a God of Social Order. The God of the Christians is a person, a person who is called Jesus Christ; a person who, historically, once lived among people. The God of the Christians is not something greater than us, but someone among us. Christmas, then, is God come among us, made visible to us. Christmas is God. Hitherto inaccessible and unknown, becoming man and joining hands with people, greeting people, speaking to people, loving people, dying for people. No one has ever seen God; it is only the Son, who is nearest the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**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

**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).

