

Parish of Boherlahan and Dualla
Newsletter 27 March 2022

We remember in prayer:

Boherlahan

Sat 26 Mar 7.30pm **Willie Joe & Bridie O' Dwyer**, Thurlesbeg

Sun 3 Apr 11.00am **Kitty Ryan**, Freighduff

Pray for: **Mary Murphy (née Hayes)**, Bawnmore & London, who was interred last week.

Dualla

Sat 26 Mar 6.30pm **John & Kathleen Tynan**, Ballinree; **Helen Ryan**, Horeabbey; **Denis & Mary Hannon**, Meldrum, & son **Jim**

Sun 27 Mar 9.30am **Billy & Marian Maher**, Ballytarsna

Sat 2 Apr 6.30pm **Michael & Mary Cunningham**, Raheen

Holy Communion Ministers (*on duty next week*)

Boherlahan: Bernadette McGrath; Carolyn Hyde

Dualla: Mona Heffernan; Gerard Kennedy

Ministers for the Month of April [Note that normal collections during Mass return this month]

Boherlahan

Readers: Sat. eve. 7.30 pm Pat Maher, Freighduff

Sun. 11.00 am Brendan Ryan & Tim Joe McGrath

Collectors: Sat. eve. Sun. Morn.

Main Aisle: MI Wallace Tommy Shelly

Our Lady's: Josie Fahey Jovita Delaney

St Joseph's: Oliver Hassett Johnny Ryan

Dualla

Readers: (Sat. 6:30 pm) Con Ryan; (Sun 9:30 am) Michael Heffernan

Altar Society: Ann Leamy; Kate Fahey; Rosie Gahan; Grace Ryan

Collectors: (Sat. 6:30 pm) Gareth McLoughlin & Willie O' Gorman; (Sun 9:30 am) Brian O' Connor & Séamus Crosse

First Friday: this Friday 1 April. Fr. Egan and Fr. Dunne will make the usual contact with the sick and housebound. Masses and confessions at usual times.

Lenten Talks at Glenstal Abbey: There is a notice in the porch of the church giving all the details.

Covid and Safety in Church

Here are some of the important current guidelines for our parish:

1. We suggest to those coming into the church to wear a face covering.
2. Please consider sanitising your hands entering and leaving the church.
3. Please continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
4. Current guidelines for choirs and singers remain in place.
5. The Collection Box is in the porch of the Church if you wish to make a contribution. Note that normal collections during Mass return in April.
6. Guidelines are aimed at protecting and reassuring. We ask everyone to use good common sense in regard to these measures. We thank you for your wonderful cooperation thus far.

Scoil San Isadóir: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of our school, the launch of the publication *From Nodstown to St Isidores* will take place on Sunday April 10 at 2.00pm in the parish church in Boherlahan. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion. The book will be available for purchase for €10 on the day.

The Parish Pastoral Team will hold its next meeting at the Parochial House on **Wednesday evening at 8pm**. Please feel free to come along and help with organising the first parish function planned for the last week of April.

Prayer to St Roch (Protector against infectious diseases)

O Blessed St Roch, Patron of the sick, look with mercy on those who suffer illness.

Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is no less. Offer to God our intentions and tears and obtain for us the physical and spiritual health we seek. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Roch: Pray for us, that we may be relieved from all diseases of body and soul.

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, or at home, who would like a visit from a priest, please contact either priest of the parish. Your request will be very welcome.

Special Collection for Ukraine: The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

Community Website: This week www.boherlahandualla.ie has a great set of photos from Jim Meskell which were taken in 1987 at the launch of 'Boherlahan and Dualla: A Century of Gaelic Games' by John G. Maher and Philip F. Ryan. See your younger self and remember many no longer with us. Please send any material for the community website to editor@boherlahandualla.ie.

Mothers' Day: (Today Sunday 27 March) Every blessing and good wish to all mothers of the parish.

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavour.
There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.
- Author Unknown

From Solitude to Communion (A Reflection for Lent)

‘Man is alone, since he is unique, but he is made for communion. Sin divides and isolates us. We must grow closer, share the burden of each other’s sins, and atone for them, to overcome the obstacle to our oneness. Solitude causes suffering; it is not part of the Father’s plan. Redemptive love alone can conquer it and cement our unity.’ (Michel Quoist)