

Parish of Boherlahan and Dualla
Newsletter Easter Sunday 17 April 2022

We remember in prayer:

Boherlahan

Sat 23 Apr 7.30pm **Albert & Noreen Murphy**, St Joseph's Ave. & their grandson **Cathal**;
Nora Maher, Longfield; **Michael Purcell**, Longfield Park

Sun 24 Apr 11.00am **Fionnuala Treacy**, Camas

Pray for: **Thomas Hennessy**, Ardmayle East & London (Ashes interred recently at Ardmayle)

Dualla

Sat 16 Apr 6.30pm **Michael & Nellie O' Connor**, son **Richie** & daughter **Mary**, Garranmore

Sat 23 Apr 6.30pm **Frank Mulcahy**, Carrow

Sun 24 Apr 9.30am **John & Mary Gleeson**, Erry

The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the fifty days of the Easter season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, sometimes called the 'Great Sunday.' Next Sunday, 24 April, is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Easter wishes: we wish all our parishioners a happy, peaceful and joyful Easter. This feast, Christ's once-for-all victory over sin and death is the source of all our hope. May this hope sustain all our daily efforts to bring hope to our families and the parish community, especially where it is most needed as we continue to live with the Covid-19 pandemic. We are so grateful to the many different people who help out in our parish throughout the year and especially at Easter.

Holy Communion Ministers (*on duty next weekend*)

Boherlahan: Marie Ryan; Mary Coman

Dualla: Billy Gleeson; Joanne Flanagan

Ministers for the Month of April [Note that normal collections resume during Mass 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: Ml 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

Easter Holy Water: We invite you to continue the good tradition of taking home Easter Water and sprinkling it on the houses and land. This Easter may God bless all our homes and our daily work.

Trócaire Boxes and Holy Places Collections: Offerings may be handed in at any time.

The Second Collection was taken up last weekend. This traditionally would have been the Priests' Easter Collection. We really appreciate your support helping us to meet our diocesan targets. Your loyalty and generosity always gives us hope. If you missed out you may hand in your envelope at any time.

Parish Pastoral Team: Sincere thanks to the helpers who have distributed *Seeds of Hope* to most of the homes of the parish. It is a pastoral plan to be worked on by the parishes in the years ahead. In the booklet there are many good suggestions to help parishes in nurturing the faith we have received. Next weekend we launch the first celebration with the theme of Celebrating People; Sharing Hope. We plan to have a series of such events over time that will enable us to live our faith in ever more positive ways.

Scoil San Isadóir Book Launch: On behalf of the Editorial committee of our recent publication *From Nodstown to St Isidore's* I want to thank you sincerely for your support and generosity last Sunday and for turning out in such large numbers. We hope you enjoy the book and the sharing of happy memories from your schooldays. Books may be purchased from Committee members and also from the school after the Easter holidays. Happy Easter to all—Muinteoir Máire.

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.

Community Website: This week www.boherlahandualla.ie has photos taken by Tom Ryan at last Sunday's launch of *From Nodstown To St Isidore's*. You will also find information on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan: *Seeds of Hope*. Details about its commencement in the parish and suggestions for how we can participate are included. Please send any material for the community website to editor@boherlahandualla.ie.

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.

A Reflection on Easter

Sometimes the great is in the small. Some months ago a New Year resolution might have been just to walk every day. A prayer decision might be to take a few minutes every day at some fixed time to just be with God. A resolution to be kinder in speech might be to thank God for someone any time I feel unkind towards them. Small decisions help. Easter is a time of the great in the small. The impact of Jesus, risen from the dead, was in small ways. He listened to two people on the road and broke some bread with them and they believed. He came through a door but only when he ate their fish did they believe. He called someone by her name and she believed. No big lectures, no astounding apparitions. Faith grows in small ways mostly. Resurrection happened in these ways and in a garden they all knew, in the house they lived in, at the lakeside they grew up in. We find God and the risen Lord in the ordinary. The Lord ends his time with us with a breakfast in Galilee. So ordinary! He is present in the bread he gives. He is also present to us in each other. The spark of the life of the risen Lord is in all of us. (Donal Neary SJ)