

Parish of Boherlahan and Dualla
Newsletter 24 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
Sat 30 Apr 7.30pm **Molly & Tommy Moloney**, Farnavarra & **dec members of the Heffernan**
family, Synone; **Margaret & Michael Moloney**, Peake
Sun 1 May 11.00am **Kitty Tuohy**, Tobberadora & **dec family members**
Pray for: **John Lawrence**, Cashel & Camas who died last week

Dualla

Sat 23 Apr 6.30pm **Frank Mulcahy**, Carrow; **Norman Lavender**, Middlesex, England
Sun 24 Apr 9.30am **John & Mary Gleeson**, Erry

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Fri 29 Apr is the **feast of St Catherine of Siena** (1347-80), virgin and doctor of the Church. She is honoured as a co-patron of Europe.

Good wishes: we wish all our parishioners a happy, peaceful and joyful Eastertide—which runs for the fifty days from Easter Sunday to the feast of Pentecost. 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 helped out in our parish throughout the year and especially in Holy Week recently.

Holy Communion Ministers (*on duty next weekend*)

Boherlahan: Joan O’ Dwyer; Julia O’ Dwyer

Dualla: Julie Anne Ryan; Josephine Gleeson

Ministers for the Month of May:

Boherlahan

Readers: Sat. eve. 7.30 pm Teresa Uí Dhuibhir
Sun. 11.00 am Mary O’ Donnell (school)
Collectors: Sat. eve. Sun. Morn.
Main Aisle: Willie Crosse Jim Meskell
Our Lady’s: Betty Stapleton Tom Quinn
St. Joseph’s: Michael Murphy Austin Maher

Dualla

Readers: (Sat. 6:30 pm) Tom Clarke; (Sun 9:30 am) Joan Kennedy

Altar Society: Kathleen Dwyer; Mary Moloney; Maura O’ Brien; Eileen Falvey

Collectors: (Sat. 6:30 pm) Catherine Hayes; Séamus Crosse; (Sun 9:30 am) Anne Leamy; Maura O’ Brien

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: Offerings may be handed in at any time.

The Third Collection will be taken up next weekend. It traditionally was the Sacristan and Church Maintenance Collection. It is a reminder to us all to appreciate our churches and our freedom to worship and also the work of our sacristans.

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. This weekend we launch officially the booklet *Seeds of Hope*. We ask you to read it and if you have any ideas or plans that may help in living out our faith in the parish, the Parish Pastoral Team would love to hear them.

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.

A Prayer for the Easter Season

Risen Lord, help us to remember that you are with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct; that you are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and console; that you are with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to inspire; that you are with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and befriend; that you are with us even in death to bring us to the glory of your side. Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity which can separate us from you, so that in your presence we may meet life with gallantry and death without fear. You turn our darkness into light, in your light we shall see light. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia.

A Reflection on Resurrection (especially for those grieving)

'I am alive forever!'
This is the word he said;
In him there is no dying,
In him there are no dead;
I am alive forever!-
This is his word to me
Through season after season
To live eternally.

I am alive forever!
Oh tell it far and near;
No more can winter trouble
Or autumn bring a tear.
I am alive forever!
Let seasons go or stay,
For Christ is mine forever,
Forever and a day.

Forever and forever!
Oh fling it to the breeze,
To live with him forever,
Creator of the trees,
To paint with him the sunsets.
To visit with the stars,
To flash across God's highways
Beyond all earthly bars.

I know not how the future
Shall change me or surprise,
But this will be my heaven,
To look into his eyes,
To hear again the promise
As he sweetly welcomes me-
'Thou art alive forever,
Alive eternally!'

(—Ralph Spaulding Cushman)