

## Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish

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**Sunday Mass:** Clarecastle 9am & 12noon Ballyea 10.30am

**Saturday Mass:** Clarecastle 7pm Ballyea 8pm

**Weekday Mass:** Clarecastle 10am

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**26<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Feb.	7pm	M.M.	Tom Madden, Church Drive
Sun.	26 <sup>th</sup>	Feb.	9am	Anniv.	John Daly & Family, St. Joseph's Tce.
Sun.	26 <sup>th</sup>	Feb.	12noon	Anniv.	Mike McInerney, Cahercalla
Sat.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar.	7pm	Anniv.	Denis Smith, Skehanagh
Sat.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar.	7pm	Anniv.	John & Ellen Kierse & Kierse Family
Sun.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mar.	12noon	Anniv.	Peter Farrelly, Abbeylawn

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Sat.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Feb.	8pm	M.M.	David Purtill, Darragh.
Sat.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar.	8pm	Anniv.	John & Elizabeth Hehir, Ballyvulligan

 Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mai Whelan, Patrick Street, Josephine O'Sheehan, Dublin, sister of Kitty Quinn, Claremount and Ger Lawlor, Newmarket-on-Fergus, brother of Mike, Lissane, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to their family and friends.

**Offertory Collection – Clarecastle** Coin: €502.46 Envelopes: €517.14= €1,019.60:

**First Friday- 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Mass in Clarecastle at 10am & 7pm & Mass in Ballyea at 8pm

**Parish Development & Mtce Collection** Thanks to all who contributed to this collection last weekend. The collection is to fund the ongoing care and maintenance of our parish buildings, and to ensure they are kept at the very high standard we are accustomed to. The collection is still open for contributions from those who wish to do so.

**Apostolic Work – Clarecastle:** Would you like to donate a Chalice in memory of a family member or friend? All Sacred Vessels are for use in the missions and bear an inscription. A list of all Sacred Vessels is on display in the Church Porch or available from the following; Patricia @ 087 648 5930 / 6829717 or Anne @ 6822735. Annual display takes place on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Lent** Wednesday next the 1<sup>st</sup> March is Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Season of Lent. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at all Masses on Wednesday. Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. There are two obligatory days of fast and Abstinence in Lent – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Mass on Wednesday – Clarecastle: 10a.m. & 7p.m / Ballyea: 8p.m.**

*There will be an evening Mass in Clarecastle and Ballyea on the Wednesday and Friday during Lent: Clarecastle at 7p.m. & Ballyea at 8p.m.*

*If there is a poor take up on these Masses we will review the need for them.*

**Trocaire:** During the Season of Lent each year Trocaire makes a special appeal for people to contribute to their work in other countries where the need for assistance is requested. Our parish have contributed generously to the Trocaire campaigns over the years and no doubt we will continue that tradition this year also. *The Trocaire campaign this year is directed to helping the people on the Peninsula of Honduras, who are constantly threatened by coastal flooding leaving them very exposed to natural disasters.* Trocaire (meaning “mercy” and “compassion”) has been distinguished since its foundation in 1973 as a caring, compassionate and merciful organisation inspired by the values of the Good News of Jesus Christ. It has for more than 40 years now been the practical outreach of the Irish Church to those most in need. It is doing so in over 30 countries, through careful planning and management of your generosity. This is our time to be part of their work by offering our financial assistance to their efforts during Lent. Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of the Church.

**First Eucharist Preparation** for Clarecastle N.S. children on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

**Confirmation Preparation Mass** for Ballyea N.S. children on Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30a.m.

**Clarecastle N.S. Parents Assoc.** are organising Cash for Clobber fundraising event, from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** We welcome any of your unwanted used clothes, bags, shoes, towels, curtains, sheets, hats and belts, of any quality. Bags can be left into the Old National School, **Monday to Thursday 9am – 10.30am and 1.45pm– 3pm: Monday and Thursday night 6.30pm - 8pm and Friday 9am-10.30am only.** Your support is much appreciated!

**Confirmation Retreat** for our young people for the Clarecastle and Ballyea schools will take place this year on Thurs., 9<sup>th</sup> March in Clarecastle school. It is a time for these young people to reflect on the step they are taking as they receive the Sacrament. Let us as members of the local Christian community remember them in our prayers.

**Congratulations** to Roisin Spriggs. Who is now the chairperson of the Killaloe Diocesan Youth Council (KDYC). Well done and best wishes for the year ahead.

**Best wishes** to Grace Russell, Aileen O' Reilly and Laura Hogan who represent Clarecastle & Ballyea camogie clubs respectively in the Clare v Tipperary u16A Munster camogie semi-final on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 3pm in Whitegate GAA.

**Clarecastle Daycare Centre** sincerely Thank everyone who supported their recent Church Gate collection. **Thanks also to our collectors.** Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**PILATES** commencing at Clarecastle N.S. from Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7.15pm for 6 weeks. Cost €55. Men & Women welcome. Please contact Eilish on 087-7416724.

**National Tree Week (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March)** Clare County Council in conjunction with the Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte who are making young native trees available FREE to Community Groups for planting in public open spaces. Groups must undertake to plant these native trees in a suitable location in its own locality. Groups willing to take part should contact Clare County Council on 6846386 or 6846331 by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**13 Lenten Home Prayer Groups** will reconvene week of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to discuss, and reflect on, the Sunday Gospel Readings in a prayerful setting for an hour each week. A Lent Resource: HEARING, HAPPENING, HOPING is now available for downloading from Killaloe Diocesan Website. If you wish to join an existing group, or start your own, please contact Ada @ 087 9446261.