

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

All items for Newsletter to Parish Office please, or email: clarecastleballyea@eircom.net

26th March 2017

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sun.	26 th	Mar	12noon	Anniv.	Patrick Talty, Islandmcgrath.
Mon.	27 th	Mar	10am	Anniv.	Mary Mullins, Church Drive
Wed.	29 th	Mar	7pm	Anniv.	Dettie & Tom Kelleher, Clareabbey.
Sat.	1 st	Apr.	7pm	Anniv.	Michael Leyden, Clareabbey.
Sun.	2 nd	Apr.	9am	Anniv.	James Cahir, Buncraggy.
Sun.	2 nd	Apr.	12noon	Anniv.	P.J., Mai & Anthony Cleary, Clarehill.

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sat.	25 th	Mar.	8pm	Anniv.	Deceased members of the Kenny Family, Bansha.
Sun.	26 th	Mar.	10.30am	Anniv.	Jack Killoughery, Ballyea.
Sun.	2 nd	Apr.	10.30am	Anniv.	Paddy & Gisela Hogan, Bushypark.

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle Coin: €1,133.27 Envelopes: €646.00= €1,779.27:

Priests Collection *Sincere Thanks to all who contributed so generously to this collection last weekend. Your continued support is very much appreciated.*

Annual Mass & Anointing for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses will be held in Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday, 3rd May at 2pm with Bishop Fintan Monahan as chief celebrant and homilist. All are welcome.

Fr Richard Mc Alear from U.S.A. is a healing priest and he is celebrating mass in the Cathedral, on Monday, 3rd April @ 7.30 p.m. followed by healing service after mass.

‘Sincere Thanks’ to Ballyea Pastoral council, those that prepared refreshments, the senior choir, youth choir members and all who worked so hard in background organising my Silver Jubilee Mass. To the people of Ballyea, for your support, it’s much appreciated. **Fr. Robbie.**

Trócaire’s Lenten Campaign: “...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune.” Ecclesiasticus, 3:4. This Mother’s Day we pray for mothers around the world who agonise over their children’s futures in the harshest environments. We think of Miriam, who appears on this Lent’s Trócaire Box, as she wonders if she will manage to get her little daughter Maria to safety when the next storm hits northern Honduras and floods their home. Read Miriam and Maria’s story at www.trocaire.org/lent



Mother’s Day: May mothers, grandmothers and all those in caring roles be blessed with good health, peace of mind and simple pleasures.



Confirmation will be held next Saturday, 1st April at 11am for the children of Clarecastle N. S. in Clarecastle Church.

Cardiac Screening will take place on Saturday, 8th April in Clarecastle G.A.A. Clubhouse. It is open to everyone *but advance booking* is required. For details, go to www.ameds.ie then click ‘Online Booking’ and enter the clinic code **Clarecastle**.

Clarecastle Tidy Towns Spring Clean 2017 commences 1st – 15th April. See parish website at www.clarecastleballyeaparish.ie for Clarecastle ‘Spring Clean’ events with times, locations and contact persons.

Candlelight procession please join us for a **Candlelight procession from Abbey St Carpark, on Friday 7th April at 8.30pm to the Cathedral** for mass of remembrance ‘Rising against cancer’ in conjunction with the Sláinte an Chláir 48hr fast. All welcome. **The 38th annual Clare 250 Mile Cycle** takes place on the 20th & 21st May. If you are interested in taking part, please phone 6841600 or email clare250mile@gmail.com.

Well Done Ballyea: The journey for Ballyea Senior Hurling ended on St. Patrick’s Day in the All Ireland Club final in Croke Park. It was a wonderful achievement by the club and one that will always rank as an important day in the history of the club. One of the lovely features of the occasion was the joy that the bonding of a community brought to so many people. The celebrations at the homecoming were a mark of the esteem these players and their mentors are held in our community and the pride that the community has in itself. So congratulations to all, and may the spirit that has been created continue to blossom. May the community of Ballyea continue to be on fire.

Parish Statistics – 2016

The following statistics for our parish for the year 2016 may interest you. We include them for your information and reflection:

Baptism’s	64
Received First Penance – First Communion	75
Received Sacrament of Confirmation.....	68
Parishioners who received Sacrament of Marriage	32
Marriages celebrated in the Parish	17
Parishioners who died during the year.....	20
Children in Primary Schools.....	570

Clarecastle 372
Ballyea 198

Thanks to all who have given of their time, talents and services to this busy parish in the past year. We are always delighted to welcome anyone who offers to help. There is a place there for you.

Contact Fr. Pat, Fr. Harry or the chairpersons of the Pastoral Councils.