

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 by 5pm on Wednesday, please, or email:

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7th February 2016

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat.	6 th	Feb.	7pm	Anniv.	Bridgid & Tony McNamara, Patrick Street
Sun.	7 th	Feb.	9am	Anniv.	Noel Coughlan, Portarlington
Sun.	7 th	Feb.	12noon	Anniv.	Mary Connolly, St. Joseph's Tce.
Sat.	13 th	Feb.	7pm	Anniv.	Hannah Daly, Orchard Drive
Sun.	14 th	Feb.	9am	Anniv.	John Daly & Family, St. Joseph's Tce.
Sun.	14 th	Feb.	12noon	Anniv.	Gerry O'Connor, Abbeylawn

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun.	7 th	Feb.	10.30am	Anniv.	Josie & Nancy Mulvihill, Killerk
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Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Ann Keogh, Lissane, and Patrick (Paddy) Barrett, Ennis, brother of Josie Leahy, Ballyea, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to their family and friends

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle Coin: €621.30: Envelopes: €518.70= €1,140.00:

Clerks Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 6th & 7th February.

Lent Wednesday next the 10th February 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.

Sacramental Preparations - Thurs. 11th Feb. at 7p.m. First Confession for our young people in Second Class in Clarecastle School who will make their First Communion on Sat. 23rd May. We welcome the young people and their families to this celebration of the Sacrament on Thursday evening and we thank our teachers during this Catholic Schools week for the great work they do in our schools. – **Sat. 13th Feb. at 7p.m.** Clarecastle Confirmation Preparation Mass.

The 13 Lenten home-prayer groups commence this week to reflect on the Sunday Mass Readings in a prayer setting and make them relevant to life today. If you would like to join a group or start your own, contact Ada at 6824482.

The Pro Life Campaign are holding a public information meeting on Thursday, 11th Feb. in the West County Hotel, Ennis at 7.30pm, to update the public on the current situation as regards the protection of the unborn and their mothers and present an opportunity to get involved as a volunteer. All are welcome.

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. As we are aware Pope Francis has named this year a 'Holy Year of Mercy'. The Trocaire appeal this year reminds us "Be merciful as your father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). 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.

Confirmation Retreat: The confirmation retreat for our young people for the Clarecastle and Ballyea schools will take place this year on Monday, 29th Feb. in Ballyea 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.

Clare County Council is holding a **free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** at Ennis Mart on Sat. 13th Feb. from 9.30a.m to 3.30p.m. Information email: envawareness@clarecoco.ie or Tel 065 6846386.

Arts & Crafts Classes for children commencing in the Abbey Hall on Tues. 23rd, Wed. 24th & Thurs. 25th Feb. in the evening. Phone 085 134 3989 for further details.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Shannon on, 25th May for 7 days with Group Leader Kathleen Lee. Deposit before 17th Feb. allows €50 discount to €609 p.p.s. - thereafter €659 applies. Kathleen will be happy to deal with your enquiries at 086 103 1508.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting on Monday, 8th Feb. at 8pm in District Daycare Centre Clarecastle. All are welcome.

Ladybird Lane Crèche, free pre-school year, full day care and after school places available. School drop off and collection from Clarecastle N.S. included. Contact Maeve on 087-7901291. Checkout the facilities on Facebook or www.Ladybirdlane.ie

Clarecastle Village Market makes its return for 2016 at the new time of 11am – 3p.m., Sunday, 7th Feb. Please come along and support the local crafters and business.

Int'l Police Assoc. - Clare Region; Poker Classic At Ciaran's Bar on Sunday, 7th Feb. commencing 6pm; Tickets €20 from Ennis Garda Station. Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice, Ennis.

Clarecastle Community Lotto: Winning Numbers for 29th January '16

11, 20, 23, 27: No Jackpot Winner: 1 Match 3 Winner of €150.00:

Mary & Martin Murphy, Clarecastle:

Next Week's Jackpot €11,200: Friday, 5th February '16.

