

Clarecastle – Ballyea Parish

Fr. Pat Malone 6823011/086-8572023: Fr. Harry Brady 086-2349798

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

Saturday Mass: Clarecastle 7pm **Weekday Mass:** Clarecastle 10am

All items for Newsletter to Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesday

Or email: parish@clarecastleballyeaparish.ie

21st December 2025, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	20 th	Dec	7pm	M.M.	Mary Dillon Ballybeg
Sat	20 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Patsy & Helen O'Loughlin Madden's Tce
Sat	20 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Commune Families Rockmount, Newhall & Boston
Sun	21 st	Dec	12 noon	Anniv	Mary & Michael Starr St Flannan's Ave
Sun	21 st	Dec	12 noon	Anniv	Tom, Dettie & Edel Kelleher Clareabbey
Mon	22 nd	Dec	10am	1 st Anniv	Nancy Comyns Darragh
Fri	26 th	Dec	11am	Anniv	Kitty Dillon Church Drive
Sat	27 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Tommy Geoghegan Ballybeg

Ballyea Mass Intention

Sun	21 st	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Darren Long Ballyea
Sat	27 th	Dec	11.30am	M.M.	Pat Hogan Ballyea and Cork



We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Eamon Lalor** Durrow, Laois brother of Jim Lalor Ballybeg. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to his family and friends at this time.

Christmas Triduum: This year we will again have a Triduum of Masses which will be said on 30th & 31st December 2025 and 1st January 2026. The masses will be at 11am each day in Clarecastle Church. Over the past few years the Triduum has proved popular with people who choose to purchase a card, donate €5 and include a loved one, friend, neighbour in the masses. The money collected is given to the local conference of St Vincent de Paul and local charities. In these times where many people are struggling to make ends meet, this income to our local charity is welcomed by them. Cards are available at present in the Parish Office.

Parish Envelopes: Parish envelopes for contributions to the various collections in the parish during 2026 are being distributed at present. Thank you to all who distribute the envelopes and to all of you who contribute to our collections. This year you will note that the number of Priest Collections in our Parish have increased from 4 to 6. This arises out of a decision by the Diocesan Finance Committee that there will be 6 collections in all parishes for the priests of the Parish and Pastoral Area. There were a variety of parishioners around the diocese with collections for priest paying from

6 per year to 9 per year in parishes. Accordingly, the Diocesan Finance Committee have instructed all parishes to have six in these collections.. The dates of the collections to be the same in all parishes of the Pastoral Area. We hope this won't inconvenience any of our parishioners, and we assure you the priests of the parish are very appreciative of your generosity. There are many new people who have taken up residence in our parish and we invite you if you are not already doing so to request a box of envelopes and contribute in that manner. You can do so by calling the Parish Office, or by contacting Fr Pat, Fr Harry or any other member of the Pastoral Committee. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Christmas Mass Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve:</u>	Clarecastle	5pm & 8pm
	Ballyea	8pm

Children's mass is at 5pm on Christmas Eve in Clarecastle. All Children welcome!!

<u>Christmas Day:</u>	Clarecastle	9am & 12 noon
	Ballyea	10.30am

Weekday masses in Clarecastle from December 26th will be at 11.00am until further notice. Weekend masses as normal

Parish Office: The Parish Office will close at 1pm on Tuesday 23rd December and will reopen to the public on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 10am.

SVP Christmas Food Appeal: Those who wish to donate a food voucher from Centra/Maxol/Nearby/Tesco/Aldi/Lidl/Dunnes etc can make that donation by handing them into the Parish Office or Parochial House. The local SVP Conference will ensure those vouchers are delivered to families and individuals in need within our community in time for these families and individuals to do their Christmas shopping. A word of thanks to all who contributed to the SVP through their Pre Addressed Envelopes, as always, your concern and generosity throughout the years and especially at this time is greatly appreciated.

Clare Crusaders: Jimmy Doyle would like to thank all those that donated to the Clare Crusaders who ran the Dublin City Marathon to raise funds for free therapy for over 400 Children with Special Needs in Clare. A combined total of €70,000 was raised by the Clare Crusaders group.

Ballyea Christmas Mass: We are streaming both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass live link can be found on the Ballyea Parish Facebook page. The proceeds of the basket collection on both days will go to St Clare's Special School in Ennis.