

## 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](mailto:parish@clarecastleballyeaparish.ie)

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	7pm	Anniv	John (JJ) McCarthy Ballybeg
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	7pm	Anniv	Tony Lynch Lissane
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	9.00am	Anniv	Johnny Daly St Joseph's Tce & Dec'd Family Members
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	12 noon	M.M.	Abbie O'Connor Abbeylawn & Anniv Gerry O'Connor Abbeylawn
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	12noon	Anniv	Philomena Holloway Ballybeg
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	12 noon	Anniv	James Nestor Main Street
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	12 noon	Anniv	Michael Hassett Cloughjordan
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	Feb	7pm	Anniv	Peter, Phylis & Paulette Cosgrove Castlewood Park, Ennis

### Ballyea Mass Intention

Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	10.30am	Sacramental Mass
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We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Grace Gilmore** Killoo daughter to Hilary Gilmore Clarecastle. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to her families and friends at this sad time.



**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of Lent, a time for reflection, Repentance & Renewal. The weeks of Lent give us a time to prepare for the celebration of the Great Christian Feast of Easter. Lent begins liturgically with the blessing of Ashes which we wear on our foreheads as a sign of our need and desire for Repentance. Ashes will be blessed at the 10am mass in Clarecastle on Wednesday next and at the 7pm Mass in Ballyea on the same day. There will be an evening mass in Clarecastle on Wednesday evening also at 7pm.

**Ash Wednesday** is a day of fast and abstinence, one of two such days during the Lenten Season, the Second being Good Friday. People obviously are free to fast on other days in

Lent if they so wish. The obligation to fast and abstain on the two days in Lent is for all between the ages of 18 to 59 who are in good health. Those who have medical conditions between these ages that fasting would not help them medically have no obligation to fast. The obligation to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday falls to all from the age of 14 years onwards, though families may decide to adopt it for younger family members.

**Lenten Masses:** There will be an evening mass in Ballyea Church on the Fridays of Lent. That mass will be at 7.00pm.

**The Clarecastle Tidy Towns:** In tandem with Clarecastle & Ballyea Heritage & Wildlife Group are delighted to announce our successful Biodiversity grant from Community Fund Ireland CFI! This grant shall enable the Clarecastle & Ballyea Heritage & Wildlife Group to generate an enhanced Biodiversity action plan authored by a registered Ecologist, which shall succeed our current successful plan and enable support & funding on future Biodiversity projects. This shall ensure the preservation & promotion of Biodiversity in our community. To generate awareness of Biodiversity and to quantify the number of species through improved participation in citizen Science data collection projects to assess the result of proposed actions through this action plan. This action plan shall serve to actively encourage local groups to participate in supporting green initiatives and will complement the following programmes: School – Green Schools, GAA -Green Clubs Sustainability, Church - Killaloe Diocese Clare 10 Parishes Return to Nature. Please contact [clarecastlett@gmail.com](mailto:clarecastlett@gmail.com) if interested. We would love to hear from all!

**Grow a Tree for Life:** Members of the Ballyea Tree Group will be outside the church on this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10.15 to 11.30am with a variety of native tree saplings on offer. The first tree is free with 3 trees for €5. Contact 087 7917589 for details.

**Bishop Willie 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** Bishop Willie's first anniversary mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Ennis on Saturday next 21<sup>st</sup> Feb at 11am. After mass, the new Cathedral Plaza in front of the Cathedral will be dedicated to his memory and will be known as the Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza. All are welcome to attend.

**Reflections For The Season of Lent and Our Faith Journey:** In response to Bishop Fintan's invitation, the Adult Faith Group is planning a number of gatherings at different locations in the Diocese during LENT, one of which is being organised for the Abbey Pastoral Area. The venue is the **Daycare Centre in Clarecastle (V95 NY67)** on Monday Nights, **23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> March** at 8pm each night (for approx. 1hr). The purpose of these gatherings is to engage with the *Baptised and Sent Program*; the weekly prayer and reflection resource prepared as part of the Irish Synodal Pathway. **All are welcome.**