

Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish

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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: clarecastleballyea@eircom.net

23rd December 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat.	22 nd	Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	John & Louisa Hayes, Patrick Street.
Sun.	23 rd	Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Kitty Dooley, Clareabbey & Phyllis Jordan.
Mon.	24 th	Dec.	10am	Anniv.	Thomas Considine, Main Street.
Wed.	26 th	Dec.	11am	Anniv.	Kitty Dillon, Church Drive.
Thurs.	27 th	Dec.	11am	Anniv.	Sean Connolly, Clareabbey.
Fri.	28 th	Dec.	11am	Anniv.	Fr. Joe Hayes, Abbeyview.
Sat.	29 th	Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	Noreen Moloney, Skehanagh.
Sun.	30 th	Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Moiria O'Kane, St. Joseph's Tce.
Sun.	30 th	Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Tommy Geoghegan, Ballybeg.

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun.	23 rd	Dec.	10.30am	M.M.	Anna Barrett
Sun.	23 rd	Dec.	10.30am	Anniv.	Frank, Delia, Maura & Sylvester Barrett.
Sun.	30 th	Dec.	10.30am	Anniv.	Ronan Kelly, Ballyea.



Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dr. Donagh Moylan, father of Pat, Dromadrehid, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle: Coin: €487.45: Envelopes: €471.90= **€959.35**

Jimmy Doyle would like to thank all who generously donated to him for the Dublin City Marathon in aid of Milford Hospice. A total of €2230 was raised.

Recycling of Stamps & Holy Christmas cards, please leave them in the boxes provided at Clarecastle Church door. Thank You.

All Ireland Rosary Rally for Faith & Life, 1st January 2019. Bus leaving St. Joseph's for 12noon at Dail Eireann, Merrion Sq. Phone Ann 087 780 3459.

Ballyea Christmas Collections The nominated charities for the Christmas collections are Cancer Support Centre, Sláinte an Chláir & Youth Wellness Centre, The Elevate Foundation

Goal Mile Ennis on Christmas Day in the Fairgreen, Ennis from 11am to 1pm. Join us to walk or run the mile and donate what you can to help the poorest of the poor on this very special day.

Mass on New Year's Eve, Monday, 31st December at 10am & 7pm in Clarecastle.

Mass on New Year's Day: Tues. 1st Jan. at 10am in Clarecastle & 8pm in Ballyea

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Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve ~ Children's Christmas Mass at 5pm in Clarecastle Church

Clarecastle & Ballyea Church at 8pm

Christmas Day ~ Clarecastle 9am and 12noon

Ballyea at 10.30am

St. Stephen's Day ~ Morning Mass at 11am



Christmas Greetings: I wish to express my warmest wishes to all parishioners and visitors who join our community for Christmas celebrations this year. May this very special time of the year renew our faith in the love and care of our God for each one of us. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this year may we be inspired by his courage, generosity, goodness and acceptance of all. May each one of us in the very varied experiences of our lives know the embrace of God and may that embrace bring to us The Peace the angels heralded on the First Christmas night. At this time of the year when we emerge ourselves in the great mysteries of our faith may we discover at the crib and on our journey in life, that Christ is a beacon that leads us through life, guiding our steps and smoothing our paths. In times of turmoil and adversity may the awareness of his presence with us, assure us of his love and may that assurance make all the difference. I wish to say a word of sincere thanks to all our parishioners and to all who support us in the parish of Clarecastle/Ballyea. May we continue in our efforts to build up a truly caring Christian community and through the sharing of the very many wonderful gifts God has bestowed on the members of our community may we build a place of welcome and inclusion for all. I extend my appreciation and the appreciation of all to the very many people involved in the many ministries and roles that enable our parish to function as smoothly as it does. The contribution of so many people who offer their time, gifts and talents voluntarily and in such abundance makes this the Christian Community it is. So without naming anyone or any group whatever your role in the parish is I say thank you for your contribution. In saying that I invite people who are not presently involved in the life of the parish and who have time and skills they would like to offer the community while serving through the parish to come forward. In making that declaration know you will be welcomed and we will find an opportunity for you to become involved actively in the life of the parish community. The great message of Christianity is its stress on the importance of community. Christianity is not an individualistic based religion it is a community based religion. It is the role of the religious community working together that makes it a Christian one. With that in mind may we always remember that "Many stones an arch doth make, singly none". So a Thank You for your part in building the arch in this community through your generous involvement in parish life.

So once again Happy Christmas everyone and may 2019 be a very specially blessed year for all of us. Kind regards. **Fr. Pat. Malone PP.**