

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

30th December 2018

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat.	29 th	Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	Noreen Moloney, Skehanagh.
Sun.	30 th	Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Maira O'Kane, St. Joseph's Tce.
Sun.	30 th	Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Tommy Geoghegan, Ballybeg.
Mon.	31 st	Dec.	10am	Anniv.	Jack & Ellen Keane, St. Michael's Tce.
Mon.	31 st	Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	Edel Brack Primrose Gardens.
Mon.	31 st	Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	Christy Coughlan, Clarehill.
Fri.	4 th	Jan.	7pm	Anniv.	Rita Culligan, Church Drive.
Sat.	5 th	Jan.	7pm	Anniv.	Carmel Neville, Patrick Street.
Sat.	5 th	Jan.	7pm	Anniv.	Victor Green, Abbeyview.
Sun.	6 th	Jan.	12noon	Anniv.	Pauline Scanlan West, Primrose Gardens.
Sun.	6 th	Jan.	12noon	Anniv.	Michael Lynch, Clare Road.

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun.	30 th	Dec.	10.30am	Anniv.	Ronan Kelly, Ballyea.
Fri.	4 th	Jan.	8pm	Anniv.	Andy Carroll, Ballyea.
Sun.	6 th	Jan.	10.30am	Anniv.	Gertie Cusack & Kathleen McCarthy, Buncraggy.



Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ciss Moloney, Church Drive, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle: Coin: €660.25: Envelopes: €480.00= **€1,140.25**

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.

Trocaire 'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

Parish Office Open on Thursday, 3rd January from 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm. Closed all day Friday, 4th January '19.

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019: The 63rd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the Diocese of Killaloe under the leadership of Bishop Fintan Monahan departs Shannon Airport on Tuesday 25th June returning Sunday 30th June. €725pps full board with €20 discount for online booking. Special section for assisted pilgrims with details from Fr Tom Ryan, Cathedral, Ennis 087 234 9816. All other bookings to joewalshtours.ie

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Easter 2019: (last remaining seats) with Papal Ceremonies in Saint Peter's Square in Rome for the 7 nights Ex Dublin €995 pps Payments can be made in instalment; contact James Treacy on 061 921470 or 086 057 2216.

Fatima & Lisbon Pilgrimage ex Dublin (last remaining seats) for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th / 14th June 2019. Full Board €675 pps Single supplement €32.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Date 13th June 2019 Flight from Shannon to Split. Spiritual director Fr Paddy Conway Cost €725. Phone Bernadette 086 163 4553.

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.**