

## 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](mailto:clarecastleballyea@eircom.net)

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Anniv. Jackie Canny, Carrowgar.  
Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May 12noon Anniv. Mary & Martin Moroney, Claremount.  
Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Anniv. Martin & Mary O'Grady, St. Michael's Tce.  
Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May 12noon Anniv. Eamon & Mary Callinan, Main Street.

### Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Anniv. Patrick & Gisela Hogan, Bushypark.  
Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Anniv. Michael Nagle, Tiermaclane.  
Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Anniv. Patrick & Mary Custy, Darragh.

**Offertory Collection – Clarecastle:** Coin: €383.85: Envelopes: €608.90 = **€992.75**

**Lourdes Invalid Fund Collection** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**May Devotions:** Ballyea Grotto, across from the Church, Rosary daily at 7pm:  
Claremount Grotto, Rosary daily at 8pm & Ballybeg Grotto, Rosary daily at 8pm.

**First Communion Preparation Mass** will be held for children from Ballyea on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am Mass.

**Clarecastle Apostolic Work** Our annual display is rescheduled for Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone would like to remember a loved one or friend by donating a sacred vessel please Phone Patricia Frawley on 087 648 5930.

**National Day of Reparation to avert the Abortion Crisis. 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** A day of reparation and repentance at St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick. From 2.30pm – 6pm including Mass. Phone Margaret 087 941 2372. Cost €17.

**Bus to "Stand Up for Life" Rally,** Merrion Square, Dublin, on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May for those who wish to protect mothers and unborn babies. To book a seat phone 086 318 4888.

**Mass & Anointing for people with disabilities & chronic illnesses** will be held in Ennis Cathedral on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2 pm.** Bishop Fintan Monahan will graciously be chief celebrant & homilist. All are welcome.

**Lough Derg 2018:** Season opens for One Day Retreats on Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> May. Advanced booking is essential. Please phone 071 986 1518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

*We ask all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and those entering and exiting the Sanctuary from the church; to enter at the side aisle sides, using the brass handrails to assist them. This is a very important request in the interest of Health & Safety.*



**Congratulations:** To all the boys and girls of Clarecastle National School who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in our parish on Saturday. We thank all who helped in preparing them, parents, friends and a special word of Thanks to our teachers for the truly wonderful work they do with the young people in their care, and especially for their dedicated care in preparing the children for First Holy Communion. We truly appreciate your work and your example to these young people. Thanks too to the choir who prepared for the day so carefully and added enormously to the celebration. We say Thanks to our Sacristan and all who prepared our church for the day. We hope all the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion, their families and visitors to our parish community enjoyed the day.

**Bishops Pastoral Letter:** Please take a copy of Bishop Fintan Monahan's Pastoral letter, titled, an Invitation to Choose Life. The bishop points out to us that on May 25<sup>th</sup> we will be asked to express our opinion on a vital issue of life or death in relation to the eight amendment of our constitution. It is a question that has profound moral and religious implications for all of us and especially for the right to life of the unborn child. The choice we make will shape our society for generations to come. Please take a copy of the pastoral letter and reflect on its contents.

**Set-Dancing** Once a month set-dancing commences in Abbey Hall on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm. Sets will be called by Mike Mahoney. All are welcome.

**Family Picnic Day – The World Meeting of Families** takes place in Ireland this year, the highlight being the visit of Pope Francis in August. Here in the Diocese of Killaloe there is a **Family Picnic Day TODAY - Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May** as part of our celebrations. The venue is the Showgrounds in Ennis and will run from 2pm to 5pm. This is a free event with lots of things for children to do and lots of music and entertainment for all ages. Bring your own picnic and there will be prizes for the best. **No BBQ'S allowed.** **SAFEGUARDING:** The Diocese continues to ensure and maintain compliance with the safeguarding children policy and standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. Details on the policy please visit [www.killaloediocese.ie](http://www.killaloediocese.ie) and click the safeguarding.

**Forever Young Singers** celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> year with a concert in Church of Our lady, Roslevan on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. El Divas, Marettta O'Hehir, Quin & tonic and St. Flannan's Trad. Group. Tickets €15. Proceeds to Clare Branch of Council for the Blind. **Abbey Cluster Holy Hour for Life** from 4pm – 5pm Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May in Ennis Cathedral with combined choirs of the Abbey Cluster. All are welcome.

**Ballyea-Clondegad G.A.A. Lotto: Winning Numbers for 30<sup>th</sup> April '18**  
**2, 12, 16, 26: No Jackpot Winner: 1 Match 3 Winner of €160 & Co. Board Draw Ticket**  
**Mary Ronan, Lissycasey:**  
**Next Week's Jackpot €5,600.00 in The Local Inn: Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May '18**

**Basket Collectors for the Month of May – Group C**



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