

Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish

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

Saturday Mass: Clarecastle 7pm Ballyea 8pm

Weekday Mass: Clarecastle 10am

All items for Newsletter to Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesday or email: clarecastleballyea@eircom.net

7th January 2018 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat. 6th Jan. 7pm Anniv. Carmel Neville, Patrick Street.

Sun. 7th Jan. 12noon Anniv. Michael Lynch, Clare Road.

Sun. 7th Jan. 12noon Anniv. John Neylon, Kilmorane.

Sat. 13th Jan. 7pm Anniv. Victor Greene, Abbeyview.

Sun. 14th Jan. 9am Anniv. Frankie Dooley, Clareabbey.

Sun. 14th Jan. 12noon Anniv. Patrick Cusack, Madden's Tce.

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sat. 6th Jan. 8pm Anniv. Noel Galvin, Barntick.

Sun. 7th Jan. 10.30am Anniv. Gertie Cusack & Kathleen McCarthy, Buncraggy.

Sun. 7th Jan. 10.30am Anniv. Stuart Merrigan.

Sun. 14th Jan. 10.30am **M.M.** Willie Burke, Drimeen.



Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Michael McNamara, Ballygirreen, Newmarket-on-Fergus, brother of Phil O'Gorman, Skehanagh and Bride Russell, Naas, wife of the late Michael Russell, St. Michael's Tce. who died during the week. We offer our condolences to their family and friends.

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle: Coin: €465.40: Envelopes: €908.40 = €1,373.80

Clarecastle Basket Collectors for month of January – Group B

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Thursday, 11th January.

Lay led liturgies We are making an appeal through the newsletter for a number of people willing to lead liturgies on weekdays in the absence of a priest. These liturgies will take place instead of the morning mass, on the very rare occasions that the priests of the parish are unable to be present for morning mass. This situation may arise when the priests are away on retreat, at diocesan in service or sick. There is a format to be followed and anyone willing to lead these liturgies will be trained in the manner to conduct them. Please contact Fr. Pat if you would like to volunteer.

Confirmation Preparation Mass for 6th class children of Clarecastle N.S. will take place on Sat. 20th January at 7pm.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting on Monday, 8th Jan. in the District Daycare Centre.

Irish Cancer Society Mass Celebrated by Bishop Fintan Monahan on Sunday, 21st Jan. in Cathedral, Ennis at 3pm. Refreshment served afterwards. All are welcome.

Pro Life Speakers: Two women who are members of the Pro-Life movement and are recognised by the Diocese and the pro-life movement to represent them, will speak to us about this important topic at all masses next weekend in Clarecastle and Ballyea.

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.

Killaloe Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the 62nd Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on **Tues. 26th June returning Sun. 1st July.** €695 full board for online booking at www.joewalstours.ie or €705 for paper booking. Special section for sick or assisted pilgrims at a reduced price. Early booking advisable. For details phone Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 061-364133. **Clarecastle/ Ballyea Comhaltas** Set dancing classes will recommence on Monday, 8th January in the Abbey Hall at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Mindful Movements with James Talty 086 803 6225: Tai Chi is low-impact, slow motion exercise with many health benefits, it Increases your strength, flexibility, balance and well-being. Its movement, its medicine, its mindfulness all in one which allows you to overcome the stresses of daily living. Classes commencing on Monday, 15th January in the Old School, Clarecastle from 9.30am – 11am.

Clarecastle/Ballyea Community Games Art Competition: U8 (over 6), U10, U12, U14, U16 and special category. Contact Zoe on 085-8135982 by Monday, 8th January if your child would like to take part.

Killian Mullarney the internationally renowned bird and wildlife artist will give a talk at the Templegate Hotel on Friday, 12th Jan. at 8pm - will be of interest to artists, birders or outdoor enthusiasts. Hosted by the Clare Branch of Birdwatch Ireland.

Clarecastle Community Lotto: Winning Numbers for 29th December '17

9, 11, 18, 24: No Jackpot Winner: 3 Match 3 Winners of €50.00 ea.

Austin Cooney, St. Joseph's Tce: Mark Sheehan, Kildysart: Marie McDonnell, Ennis: Next Week's Jackpot €2,800.00: Friday, 5th January '18

Ballyea-Clondegad G.A.A. Lotto: Winning Numbers for 2nd January '18

3, 11, 20, 25: No Jackpot Winner: 6 Match 3 Winners of €35.00 ea :

Conor Hogan, Newhall: Phil Lynch, c/o Sean Scanlan: Mary Barrett, Newhall: Gerry Barry & Triona McNamara, Newhall: Lisa Moloney, Kildysart: Peggy O'Shea, Ballynacally:

Next Week's Jackpot €2,200.00 in Daly's Bar: Monday, 8th January '18

A Prayer for the New Year

May we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable
Enough trials to keep us strong, Enough sorrow to keep us human,
Enough freedom to keep us happy, Enough failure to keep us humble
Enough success to keep us eager, Enough wealth to meet our needs,
Enough faith to banish depression, Enough hope to look forward,
Enough love to give us comfort, and enough determination to keep going.

Happy New Year