

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

22nd December 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat. 21 st Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	Mary Ita & Edward Doyle, St. Joseph's Tce.
Sat. 21 st Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	John & Louisa Hayes, Patrick Street.
Sat. 21 st Dec.	7pm	Anniv.	Tom & Dettie Kelleher, Clareabbey.
Sun. 22 nd Dec.	9am	Anniv.	Patsy O'Loughlin, Madden's Tce.
Sun. 22 nd Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Michael & Mary Starr, St. Flannan's Tce.
Sun. 22 nd Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Kitty Dooley & Phyllis Jordan, Clareabbey.
Sun. 22 nd Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Mary McGoldrick, Ballyea & Gortglas.
Mon. 23 rd Dec.	10am	Anniv.	Thomas Considine, Main Street.
Tues 24 th Dec.	10am	1 st Anniv.	Ciss Moloney, Church Drive.
Thurs. 26 th Dec.	11am	Anniv.	Kitty Dillon.
Fri. 27 th Dec.	11am	Anniv.	Sean Connolly, Clareabbey
Sun. 29 th Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Tommy Geoghegan, Ballybeg.
Sun. 29 th Dec.	12noon	Anniv.	Noreen Moloney, Skehanagh.

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun. 29 th Dec.	10.30am	Anniv.	Ronan Kelly, Ballyea.
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Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Daphne Egan (nee Hickey) late of Madden's Tce. who died during the week in Wales and Richard Bibley, Athlone brother of Kathy Lynch, Barntick. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle: Coin: €482.20: Envelopes: €902.95 = **€1,385.15**

Offertory Collection – Ballyea: Coin: €183.45: Envelopes: €870.00 = **€1,053.45**

Priests Collection Sincere Thanks to all who contributed so very generously to this collection last week. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Mass on New Year's Eve Tuesday, 31st December at **11am** & **7pm** in Clarecastle.

Mass on New Year's Day Wed. 1st Jan. at **11am** in Clarecastle & **12noon** in Ballyea.

Charity Turkey Trot annual 5k Turkey Trot takes place on St. Stephen's day at 1pm from Ballyea Community Centre. In aid of SVP and the RNLI. Refreshments and raffle after. Organised by Ennis Track A.C.

Morning Masses from 26th December to Friday, 3rd January 2020 mass will be 11am.

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Thursday, 9th January 2020

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 2020 be a very specially blessed year for all of us. Kind regards. **Fr. Pat. Malone Co - PP.**