

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 February 2020

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat. 22 th Feb.	7pm	Anniv.	Maura Geoghegan, Abbeyville.
Sat. 22 nd Feb.	7pm	Anniv.	Tony Lynch, Lissane
Sun. 23 rd Feb.	9am	Anniv.	Harry & Jimmy Cullen, Manus.
Sun. 23 rd Feb.	12noon	M.M.	Martha Kennedy, St. Joseph's Tce.
Fri. 28 th Feb.	7pm	Anniv.	Seán Keane, Patrick St., Ann Tallon & Michael Joe Flanagan.
Sat. 29 th Feb.	11am	M.M.	Mary Connolly, Limerick Road.

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun. 23 rd Feb.	10.30am	M.M.	Eithne Cleary, St. Joseph's Tce & Darragh.
Sun. 1 st Mar.	10.30am	M.M.	Ita Eyres, Ballybeg & Ballyea.



Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Moylan, Louth & Clarecastle, brother of Eugene, Frankie and Gabriel, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle: Coin: €503.00: Envelopes: €551.75 = **€1,054.75**

Offertory Collection – Ballyea: Coin: €101.12: Envelopes: €363.39 = **€ 464.51**

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 8pm in Ballyea Church during Lent.

Lent Wednesday next 26th February is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. The blessing and distribution of Ashes will take place at all Masses on Wed.

Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. While we are all encouraged to fast and abstain on other days during Lent, there are only two days of obligatory Fast and Abstinence – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **Masses on Ash Wednesday:** Clarecastle at 10am & 7pm Ballyea at 8pm.

Evening Masses during Lent The following is the arrangement for evening Masses during the Season of Lent: *Wednesday – 8pm in Ballyea Church & Friday – 7pm in Clarecastle Church.*

First Confessions: Congratulations to the young people of second class in Clarecastle school who received the sacrament of First Penance recently. We hope they found it a very pleasant experience and we wish them well on their journey to First Holy Communion in May. A special word of thanks to the teachers who prepared them along with their parents / guardians and all others who accompany them on their journey. May Christ be with us always.

The Lenten Weekly Home Prayer Groups Year A will reconvene on Monday 24th Feb. If you would like to join an existing group or start your own, please phone Ada at 087 944 6261.

Free Talk on Bereavement in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy on Tuesday 25th February from 7pm – 8.30pm. All are welcome. For more information please contact the Social Work Department at 061 485800 or socialwork@milfordcc.ie

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.

Trócaire: Lent is the season of the year when Trócaire appeal to us to assist them in their good work, undertaken under the stewardship of the Irish Catholic Church. This year the Trócaire campaign is focused on meeting the needs of brave women who struggle to provide the basic food and water so that their children and families won't die of hunger and the diseases associated with hunger. Many of these women live in fear. They are fearful for the lives of their families and that fear is present every day. Trócaire through its investment with these women and with the generosity of the people of Ireland help fight that fear. In this parish we have never been found wanting in our support of Trócaire and no doubt it will be the same this year. The campaign by Trócaire in 2020 is focused on families in Honduras who face a deadly threat to life every day, and on families struggling to survive in Kenya. The Trócaire pack and envelopes are available at the church doors; please use the Lenten season to make provision for those women living in fear for their families. Contributors can return their contributions at any time during Lent or during Holy Week. Once again thank you for your generous support.

Clarecastle Tidy Towns next meeting takes place on Monday, 24th Feb. at 8pm in the Old School. New members very welcome.

ClarecastleBallyea Community Games if you are interested in taking part in any Community Games talent please contact Therese on 087 986 0913 or Annette on 086 238 0636. Please express your interest before Tuesday 25th February. Further information on www.comunitygames.ie

The Irish Red Cross Clare will hold their annual Fun Table Quiz on Sat. 29th Feb. at 9.15pm in the Grove Bar & Restaurant in aid of our Community Transport, supporting the people of Co. Clare. Table of 4 €40.00 – spot prizes – Raffle.

Arise – National Young Adult Event: Young Adult 18+ National Event takes place in Knock Shrine on 7th March '20. Inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults and much more. Registration from 10am and day will finish at 4:30pm, Cost €10. For more info. booking, etc. please phone Joanne O' Brien, Director of Youth Ministry, Killaloe Diocese. Text, Call, etc. to 085 874 9207 or email: jobrien@killaloeodiocese.ie

Clarecastle Community Lotto: Winning Numbers for 14th February 2020

2, 5, 11, 27: No Jackpot Winner: 4 Match 3 Winners of €38 ea:

**Eileen Kears, c/o Bingo: Emma Lynch, Quay Rd: Bríd O'Neill, Clareabbey:
K. Healy, c/o Bingo:**

Next Week's Jackpot €5,600.00: Friday, 21st February 2020

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Trócaire Envelopes are available in Church porch.