

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: parish@clarecastleballyeaparrish.ie

29th March 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat. 28 th Mar.	7pm	Anniv.	Harry & Kitty Ward, Quay Road.
Sun. 29 th Mar.	12noon	Anniv.	Dettie & Tom Kelleher, Clareabbey.
Sun. 29 th Mar.	12noon	Anniv.	Deceased members of Kenny Family, Bansha.
Sun. 29 th Mar.	12noon	Anniv.	Patrick Talty, Island McGrath.
Sun. 29 th Mar.	12noon	Anniv.	Rita O'Dwyer, Clarehill.
Tues. 31 st Mar.	10am	Anniv.	Joan Gleeson.
Fri. 3 rd Apr.	7pm	M.M.	John Lynch, Jnr. Ballybeg & Ennis.
Sat. 4 th Apr.	7pm	Anniv.	John & Susan McCarthy, Ballybeg.
Sun. 5 th Apr.	9am	Anniv.	James Cahir, Buncraggy
Sun. 5 th Apr.	12noon	Anniv.	P.J., May & Anthony Cleary, Clarehill.

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Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael O' Donoghue, Ballybeg, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

First Friday This Friday 3rd April. Please note that the Priests of the parish will not be visiting housebound parishioners this month.

To Bless the Space Between us this is the time to be slow, Lie low to the wall until the bitter weather passes. Try, as best you can, not to let the wire brush of doubt scrape from your heart All sense of yourself and your hesitant light. If you remain generous, time will come good; and you will find your feet again on fresh pastures of promise, where the air will be kind and blushed with beginning. (John O'Donoghue, A Book of Blessings)

Baptisms: On direction from the HSE, the Bishops have issued a Memo stating that Baptisms will not take place until further notice. Baptisms already booked can be rescheduled at a later date.

Coronavirus Support: The Irish Red Cross Clare with the support of Clare GAA Clubs & Local Community Groups are offering assistance to anyone who may find it difficult to get access in getting your medications, food supplies and household essentials. We are here to support you where possible; please watch out for neighbours. If you or someone you know requires this support please contact our Community Support Officer James Lafferty on 086 8323456.



Reminder: Clocks go forward one hour this weekend.

Webcam: In these very challenging and difficult times we continue to wish one another well, and to reach out to each other through prayer, social media and communication with family, friends. Let us in these days be aware of our need as human beings to have contact with one another. In this regard and in an effort by our parish community to keep in contact, ***the Pastoral Council has decided to install a WEBCAM in Clarecastle church.*** One of the main effects of the virus and public health situation is that Churches are closed to the faithful for religious services, due to the need of physical distancing in the fight against the spreading of the disease. The webcam will enable people in our parish and indeed anywhere else in the world to tune into Mass and other religious services as they are being celebrated live from our local church. This will enable people to be part of these celebrations from their own home. It will also allow for the providing of information to people that may be helpful during this time, and it will enable, most of all the community to gather in prayer as a community. We thank the Pastoral council for making this decision to enable us keep contact as a parish community. We thank all who have supported the venture in any way and we hope it will enrich your lives. Mass will also continue to be broadcast on the parish radio link, as normal and there is no change in that arrangement. We are grateful that our Church remains open for a period each day which allows people to come and pray. We ask people to respect physical distancing in the Church, people are asked to stay at least 2 metres which is about 7 feet apart. To tune into the live streaming of religious services from the Church, go to the parish website clarecastleballyeaparrish.ie and click on the button webcam and you will be able to view the service on your phone, ipad, computer or smart T.V. In these difficult times, thanks to all who keep the services of the parish going, to the parish secretary and the office staff who keep the communication going, to the members of the Pastoral Council for all their work and encouragement. To you the parishioners and our friends who support us in so many ways, by encouragement, financial contributions, and attending our service we say Míle Buíochas. Finally it has been possible to keep the church open each weekend 11am – 5pm and Sunday 1pm – 6pm so far. This is due to the great efforts of a small number of people who come each evening and clean down the Church with the appropriate materials to keep it as safe as possible for those who come during the day. Our deep gratitude goes to you for your kindness and efforts. When visiting the church please follow the guidelines for physical distancing. In the meantime stay safe and well and ***Wash Your Hands.*** Our Lady Queen of Ireland..... Pray for us

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.