

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@clarecastleballyeaparissh.ie

12th April 2020 ~ Easter Sunday

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat. 11 th Apr.	8pm	Anniv.	Breda and Christy Sheridan, Church Drive.
Sun. 12 th Apr.	12noon	Anniv.	Séan Clune, Quin.
Sat. 18 th Apr	7pm	Anniv.	Michael Colleran, Abbeyview.
Sat. 18 th Apr	7pm	Anniv.	Mary and John Joe Shannon, Quay Road
Sun. 19 th Apr.	12noon	Anniv.	John, Agatha & James Longe, Ballyea

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Ballyea Anniversary masses moved to Clarecastle Church for broadcasting during Covid-19



Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Colm O'Mahony, Darragh, and Noel Shannon, St Josephs Terrace, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to their family and friends.

Anniversary Masses: Anyone who wishes to have anniversary masses said for their relatives and friends during this time, and are happy to join the mass on the parish radio link or on webcam, can arrange same by contacting the parish office on 065-6823011

Míle Buíochas: We wish to acknowledge the contributions that people have made to the parish fund, and to the priests salary fund in the last two weeks, by posting same or dropping them into the parish office or parochial house. Sincere thanks to you.

Easter Holy Water Blessing: COVID-19 restrictions prevent the distribution of holy water as normal during Easter. However, water will be blessed "virtually". Simply prepare a bottle of water and leave in front of your mass broadcast. Water will be blessed during the ceremony: Saturday Easter Vigil, 8pm and Sunday 9am & 12midday

Clarecastle Covid -19 Support Network CCSN Helpline No. 085 801 3112 ~ Shopping, Chemist, Post, Other. See details on Parish Website / Facebook page.

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.. If you or someone you know requires this support please contact our Community Support Officer James Lafferty on 086 8323456.

Trocaire Collection: Please retain your trocaire box until the church reopens.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE has launched a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties during COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance. Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, Telephone 0818 222 024.

Fitness for Fun for Over-50s – Exercise class online with John Conroy next Tuesday, 14th April at 10am on Facebook. Fundraiser for Clare Suicide Bereavement Support Telephone 087 3698315 or 086 0565373.

Easter Message: *Easter 2020 will be an Easter that will always be remembered by people who lived through that time. There is self-isolation, cocooning, physical distancing, restricted visits out of doors, all in the public interest and in the interests of public health. Abiding by these restrictions is how we can best exercise our Christian and human duty to one another at this time.*

The Easter Ceremonies which are always a highlight of the Church's liturgical year will be celebrated very differently too this year. No congregations in churches, church doors closed, celebrant on his own. Nevertheless the powerful influence of prayer in our lives and our world are equally present and in some ways maybe more deeply felt than in other years.

The awareness that as a family of Christians we are gathered around the liturgical table to continue our prayer in "Memory of Him", Jesus Christ and Lord and Saviour. Through various modern media methods many of you join us in prayer and that prayer is so powerfully moving, uniting and consoling. We in Clarecastle Ballyea Parish welcome you who join us through the parish radio link or on the web. Knowing that we are connected in prayer enriches our liturgy and enables us to realise that the Christian faith is a community based organisation and when that community gathers in prayer, a powerful force for good is unleashed.

This year we miss our singing, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, sacristans, basket collectors, money counters and all who give of their time and energy to the church here in our community. It would have been lovely to have you with us, but in the interest of public safety it is best that we suspend your participation this year. We want you all well to be here with us next year, D.V. and in the immediate time after the public health embargo is lifted.

*To you all, and to all who make our parish what it is, we say a million thanks. May the risen Christ give you comfort, hope, confidence and support at this time, and may the generous blessings of God be upon us all. **Happy Easter.***

