

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

26th April 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	25 th Apr	7pm	Anniv	John and Mary Brennan, Hempfield
Sat	25 th Apr	7pm	Anniv	Noel Galvin, Barntick (3 rd Anniv)
Sun	26 th Apr	12am	Anniv	Phil O'Hora
Mon	27 th Apr	10am	Anniv	Matthew Moroney, St. Joseph's Terrace - Kilmaley
Fri	1 st May	10am	Anniv	Alice Russell, Quay Road
Sat	2 nd May	7pm	Anniv	Mary & Martin Moroney, Claremount
Sat	2 nd May	7pm	Anniv	Jackie Canny, Carrowgar
Sat	2 nd May	7pm	Anniv	Pappy McCready, Main St.
Sun	3 rd May	12noon	M.M.	Noel Shannon, St. Joseph's terrace

Ballyea Mass Intentions

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



Remember in our prayers **Charles (Cha) MeEnery**, Springfield, Ennis brother of Brendan (Primrose Gardens) and Jimmy (Ballybeg), **Bernard Collins**, Fergus Manor and formerly Abbeylawn, **Madge McGrath**, Limerick, mother of Fr Lance McGrath, and **Jimmy Riordan**, Coachford, Co. Cork father of Mary Dinan (Primrose Gardens). We offer our condolences.

Rosary and Benediction: Sunday 26th April at 7pm and Wednesday 29th at 7pm.

Morning Mass: Morning mass each weekday, Monday – Friday at 10.00am on the parish radio link and on the webcam. **First Friday: 1st May:** Mass broadcast at 10am

Míle Buíochas: We wish to acknowledge the contributions that we received from parishioners during the week for church funds and priests collections. Thank you for your support. Contributions can be dropped into the parochial house or parish office or by post if people wish to make them.

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE 0818 222 024, Mon-Fri, 8-8.

ACCORD Covid-19 Relationships Support: 01-5313331, 028-95680151, 01-9059555 9am – 8pm.

Domestic Violence or Abuse Victim Support: Women's Aid Helpline 1800 341900, Safe Ireland/Clare Haven Services – 0656822435, Men's Aid - 01 5543811

Readers of The Sacred Heart Messenger Free digital edition. Email c.henry@messenger.ie.

Clarecastle Tidy Towns: the Tidy Towns competition is cancelled this year. The Tidy Towns group has been working with Clarecastle Covid –19 Support Network CCSN (Helpline No. 085 801 3112) during the pandemic. To acknowledge this fantastic community effort, the Tidy Towns will be putting up street baskets and filling the street boats with flowers in early June - while strictly adhering to the HSE social distancing requirements. They would appreciate if all householders would keep own properties tidy over the summer.

Earth Day – 50th Anniversary: “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who bring good news”, so the psalmist tells us. Walking for the daily stroll these days really opens one's eyes to the beauty that is unfolding around us. A stroll around the village and one sees the beauty of the trees, the opening of the buds in the flowers, the beginning of the flowering of the shrubs, the bluebells and the first sightings of the swallows. The Quay is beautiful and peaceful and full of memories of yester year. Looking over the bridge at Thomond Villas towards Roche, the natural beauty of that scene with water, natural rushes, cattle and the occasional bird affords us a glimpse of the natural wonders and beauty we have been entrusted with.

No Tidy Towns Competition this year but the fruits of the efforts of other year's entries are all around us to see. The glory of the Barracks at the bridge crossing, the beautiful streetscapes and the pride people have in their own places are shining beacons as one journeys through our village. With no competition this year, we are given a golden opportunity to continue to keep our village and community in a manner that justifies the great beauty God has given us. An opportunity to rejoice, protect and develop our environment into a healthy, enjoyable place to live. This year offers us the opportunity to bond together to create a spirit of pride in our place that will have it looking even better next year. Then, with our combined efforts, not only will our eyes be focused on the beauty around us, but when the results of the competition 2021 are announced so too the eyes of the nation.

A walk out Barntick, up the Old Road of Ballyveskil opens up the delights of the countryside. The beautiful country roads sheltered with the arching of trees. The smells of mowed grass, sight of cattle, or of sheep lambing, brings one into the magic of the countryside. A further stroll past the church in Ballyea, up towards Killerk and the Cascades unleashes an experience of emotional ease, listening to the glistening waterfall, is refreshing, renewing and even effervescent.

Finish the journey in the other direction with a walk into Killone Abbey and that journey alone just makes time stand still. Everything is there; scenic beauty, country smells, cattle, the unfolding of the expanse of the lake, and the spirituality of the old monastic abbey. Here one is offered the space to come in touch with oneself and the majesty and opportunities that life brings our way. Moving a little further to the well of St John the Baptist in the cocooned beauty it is enveloped in by the natural environment it sits on, one remembers the many thousands of people who made their ways to this special place, finding in it an oasis of payer, and inner stillness, while remembering their faith and all who journeyed to the well for reassurance.

Thank You God! We are so lucky to live where we do. Open our eyes to the beauty around us. May we cherish what we have. The Psalmist was right “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet that bring good news”. How wonderful it is to be here in this parish where our feet enable us to walk through our environment, with eyes open to its glories. May our hearts appreciate it, and may we enjoy it all our days.