

Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish

www.clarecastleballyeaparrish.ie

Fr. Pat Malone 6823011 / 086 8572023: Fr. Harry Brady 086 2349798

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

5th April 2020 ~ Palm Sunday

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat. 4 th Apr.	7pm	Anniv.	John, JohnJJ & Susan McCarthy, Ballybeg.
Sat. 4 th Apr.	7pm	Anniv.	Michael Leyden, Clareabbey.
Sun. 5 th Apr.	9am	Anniv.	James Cahir, Buncraggy
Sun. 5 th Apr.	12noon	Anniv.	P.J., May & Anthony Cleary, Clarehill.
Sat. 11 th Apr	7pm	Anniv.	Breda & Christy Sheridan, Church Drive.
Sun. 12 th Apr.	12noon	Anniv.	Sean Clune, Quinn.

Ballyea Mass Intentions



Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tommy Gavin, Darragh, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Palm Sunday 5th April: Benediction of Blessed Sacrament at 7pm in Clarecastle Church via webcam & Parish Radio Link.

Clarecastle Covid – 19 Support Network CCSN Helpline No. 085 801

3112 ~ Shopping, Chemist, Post, Other. See details on Parish Website / Facebook page.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Monahan at the Cathedral, Ennis on Thursday, 9th April. It will be live streamed via webcam from the Cathedral at 11am.

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June '20 has been rescheduled to 29th June '21. May our Lady of Lourdes & St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks and months.

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.

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.



Easter Ceremonies in Clarecastle Ballyea Parish

All ceremonies will be from Clarecastle Church and will be accessed on the Parish Radio Link and by Webcam.

Holy Thursday, 9th April: *Mass of the Lord's Supper* **8pm**

Good Friday, 10th April: *Stations of the Cross* **12noon**
Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ **3pm**
Night Prayer **8pm**

Holy Saturday, 11th April: *Easter Vigil* **8pm**

Holy Week: We enter Holy Week this year, the most solemn week in the Churches year in a very different way than we do in other years. We celebrate our liturgies in a closed Church and with no congregation present. However we join with each other and with Christian people throughout the world in remembering the hope and joy which was brought to us through the suffering and death of Christ. This year we know how our prayer unites us, even when we are not physically present with each other in celebrating our liturgies. We know too the tremendous comfort and energy our prayers can bring to one another. It is in that knowledge we gather to pray during this very sacred week. This year too we know what it is like not to be in full control of our movements, we are restricted all but for the common good but we know what it is like not to be able to go where we will. We know too the suffering, pain and loss that so many people throughout the world are enduring due to the current pandemic of Covid – 19. We join with all who suffer this year as we unite that suffering to the suffering of Christ.

We know too the joy and hope and indeed energy that is brought into our day as we see the heroic work of medics and carers, and all on the front line caring for the sick and providing for our essential needs. We see the source of loving care and concern expressed in community ventures of help and supportive gestures expressed so generously by so many. As we celebrate Holy Week 2020, may we bring our experiences of struggle, apparent helplessness with us into the celebration of Easter this year. Reflecting on them and praying with them, may we experience then the joy and the hope and the assurance of success that Jesus offers us through his suffering death and resurrection. On Easter morning may we rejoice in the resurrection with a newly found and firmly grounded hope, based on our faith, that we too will rise from and above the present epidemic and we will thrive again. For Jesus teaches us that Good Friday is always Followed by EASTER SUNDAY. With this knowledge and confidence may we be able to sing Alleluia – we rejoice and are glad, our God journeys with us and will see us through.