

### 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

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10<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Fri	8 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	M.M.	Colm O'Mahony, Darragh
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Anniv	Martin & Mary O'Grady, St Michael's Terrace
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> May	12noon	Anniv	Teenie (Christina) Fitzgibbon, Darragh
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> May	12noon	Anniv	Michael Nagle, Tiermaclane
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup> May	10am		All deceased at this time
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Anniv	PJ Hennessy, Old Road
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	M.M.	Tommy Gavin, Darragh

#### Ballyea Mass Intentions

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



Remember in your prayers **Michael (Fonto) Frawley**, Maddens Terrace, who died during the week. We offer our condolences.

**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

**Rosary and Benediction:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Morning Mass:** Morning mass each weekday, Monday– Friday 10.00am on the parish radio link and on the webcam.

**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.

**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

**SVP:** The local conference of Saint Vincent de Paul phone number for those who wish to contact them is 085-7378695

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

**Confirmation:** The confirmations scheduled for May are postponed until further direction from the diocese. We will post more information as soon as it is available. We appreciate this is disappointing for all involved, especially the children of 6th class and we wish them well.

#### We Remember Them:

This week my thoughts are with the families who have experienced bereavements during this Covid-19 time. The death of a loved one is a very traumatic, emotional and upsetting time whenever that happens. However, it strikes me that the death of a loved one during our present crisis is even more so. All the traditional supports of neighbours, families, work-mates gathering have been removed. Members of families may not be able to meet each other, except briefly at the funeral, certainly no hugs, no meals afterwards, and of course the absence of closest friends on days like this, add to the sense of loss and grief. Even the church, if it happens at all, is different – ten people to attend, while understandable, it is difficult to endure.

For those families where their loved one died of covid the grief is acute. Listening nationally to the numbers of people dying each day of covid related illnesses, we must not just hear numbers. Each number represents a person's life/death journey, each number tells a story, each number is a statistic in the fight of a disease, but each number is a person, who touches the lives and hearts of many. A person who can never be replaced, whose leaving our world even to go to God, leaves a huge vacuum in the world of so many and in the communities too. The stark reality is, that number could be you or me.

This weekend I want to remember all who have died through non-covid or covid related illnesses at this time. I will remember them in mass on Tuesday morning at 10am. If relatives or families wish to send me in the names of their loved ones who died at this time, dropping it in the letter box of the parochial house or calling the parish office on 065-6823011 to leave their name, I will remember them at mass. For it is only right that we remember them.

For the considerable future it is important too that we keep in touch with the bereaved, by phone, letter etc and so assure them of our support, care and prayers at this time.

*It is important that they know that not only do we remember their deceased loved ones, we remember them too.*