## 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@clarecastleballyeaparish.ie

3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Clarecastle Mass Intentions				
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	7pm	Anniv	Mary & Martin Moroney, Claremount
				Arwen Sullivan, Stamullen, Co. Meath
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	7pm	Anniv	Jackie Canny, Carrowgar
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	7pm	Anniv	Pappy McCready, Main St.
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	12noon	M.M.	Noel Shannon, St. Joseph's Terrace
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	Anniv	Michael Sheedy, Lismulbreeda, 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	Michael Nagle, Tiermaclane
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> May	12noon	Anniv	Teenie (Christina) Fitzgibbon, Darragh

## Ballyea Mass Intentions

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



Remember in your prayers **Clive Fogarty**, Tulla / London, brother of Greg (Knocknamana) who died during the week. **Kieran Murphy**, Labasheeda, father of Marion Daly, Barntick. We offer our condolences.

**Rosary and Benediction**: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Morning Mass:** Morning mass each weekday, Bank Holiday Monday 11am, Tue – Friday 10.00am on the parish radio link and on the webcam.

<u>Míle Buíochas:</u> 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.

<u>Anniversary Masses:</u> 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

<u>ACCORD Covid-19 Relationships Support:</u> 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.

**First Communion**: This weekend I want to say a special hello to all the First Communion class. I'm sad this weekend and will be next weekend also, as I am sure you are too. I was so looking forward to your First Communion masses in Clarecastle this weekend and Ballyea next weekend. You are all so very good and had so much preparation done for your First Holy Communion day.

I loved being at your masses in preparation for First Holy Communion and I want to say you did great at those masses. You helped me so much those days to tell your parents and all the adults present about Jesus the Bread of Life, who asked us to come to Holy Communion in memory of Him. I want to thank every one of you today for doing that.

Your First Holy Communion day won't happen in May this year, but I assure you it will happen. I don't know what date it will be. I know Ms Larkin, Ms Hickey, Ms Shortiss and MS O'Boyle are sad too that your communion didn't happen at the time we had arranged and they also say, yes, it will happen and they too are looking forward to that day.

You know what struck us was that your communion day will be very different than communion in other years. In may never happen like this again. It is going to be very special. We want you to know that you are very special too, a very special person and special friend of Jesus, who loves you and cares for you and is waiting for you to receive Holy Communion.

Together we can say every day between now and your First Communion day the following prayer. Will you do that and ask all at home to say it with you? I will say it too every day for you. So we say:

Lord Jesus, come to me Lord Jesus, give me your love Lord Jesus, come to me and give me your love Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now that I know all this news, I am feeling much happier, because now I know we will have a very joyful and remarkable First Communion day. I look forward to it, so do your teachers, as well, and I'm sure you do too. So lets smile and wait and the First Communion Day will come.