

Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish**www.clarecastleballyeaparis.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@clarecastleballyeaparis.ie***4th October 2020, Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time***Clarecastle Mass Intentions**

Sat	3 rd	Oct	7pm	Anniv	Chris & Gus Whelan, Main St.
				Anniv	Michael Howard, Patrick St.
Sun	4 th	Oct	9am	Anniv	Michael & Margaret Flynn, Clare Road
				Anniv	Lorraine Kelleher, Clareabbey
			12noon	Anniv	Sonny Enright, Hempfield
				Anniv	Phyllis & Moira O'Kane, St. Joseph's Tce
Thu	8 th	Oct	10am	Anniv	John, Betty & Richard McLoughlin
Sat	10 th	Oct	7pm	Anniv	Margaret & Tadgh Wynne, Ennis Rd.
				Anniv	Paddy, Bridie & Pat Roberts, Ballybeg
				Anniv	Joe & Mary Reidy, Clarecastle
				Anniv	Mary McCarthy, Clarecastle
Sun	11 th	Oct	12noon	Anniv	Mickey & Agnes Hanrahan, Barntick
				Anniv	Gabrielle Mangan, Newhall

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Sun	11 th	Oct	10.30am	Anniv	Mary & Pakie Quinn, Drumquin
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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

Offertory Collection – Clarecastle: Coin: €189 : Envelopes: €766 = **€955.00**

Offertory Collection – Ballyea: Envelopes: **€408.50**

Míle Buíochas: Thanks to all who have contributed to all parish collections over the past number of months.

Tax Rebate Forms: A reminder to those who received a Tax Rebate (CHY3) Form recently in the post from the Parish Office, please complete it and return it to the Parish Office ASAP. Thank you.

Mission Collection: The annual collection for the missions and the work of our Irish missionaries abroad will be taken up at all masses next weekend 10th /11th October. Please use the envelope in your yearly pack or an envelope of your own to make your contributions.

It is very fair to say that the world is in crisis. Covid – 19 has turned our lives upside down. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it is missionaries who are on the front line. These men and women already do so much; walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and long after the emergency. However, they desperately need our help and if there were ever a time when World Mission Sunday was more needed it is now. We are all facing our own struggles in work life, family life and religious life at this time. However, we can't ignore the surmounting needs of overseas missionaries and the people they serve. With this in mind any support of the mission collection, next weekend will be greatly appreciated.

First Communion: It was with great regret that on Wednesday night we postponed First Holy Communion for the young pupils in Ballyea School. The students were to receive communion in two ceremonies on Saturday next. On the advise of Senior Public Health Officials to the Diocesan Office and on the instructions of the bishop out of concern for public health the First Communions were postponed.

We realise that this decision is a big disappointment to the young people concerned, to their parents, extended families and to their teachers as well as to all who were to journey with them on the day, singer musician, priests. Hopefully this decision will prevent some people close to us from becoming ill.

We assure the young people that we will continue to remember them in our prayers and we look forward to the day when they will make their First Holy Communion. We can guarantee them that their big day will come, and we will celebrate it with them by making it very very special. We thank them and their parents for their understanding and their generosity in yielding to the needs of others.

Day for Life: This Sunday is the day designated by the church as the Annual Day for the celebration of life, in all Catholic Churches in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage of life and in every condition. There is a card available at the church entrance to highlight the value of human life, please feel free to pick up a copy of your own. May we all cherish the dignity of human life in all our meetings and dealing with others.

St. Jerome: We celebrated the Feast of St. Jerome on Wednesday last. Jerome centred his life on God's word. Jerome said "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ". By carrying the word of God within us, we also carry eternity. Jerome said: "Seek to learn on earth those truths which will remain valid in heaven".