

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@clarecastleballyeaparissh.ie

3rd January 2021, Epiphany of the Lord

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	2 nd	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Rita & Ross Culligan, Church Drive
Sun	3 rd	Jan	12noon	Anniv	Tommy Geoghegan, Ballybeg
Mon	4 th	Jan	11am	Anniv	Mary Kehelly & Angela & Peadar O'Loughlin
Wed	6 th	Jan	10am		Noel Galvin
Fri	8 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Pauline Scanlan West, Primrose Gardens
Sat	9 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Carmel Neville, Patrick St.
				Anniv	Victor Green
Sun	10 th	Jan	12noon	Anniv	Patrick Cusack, Madden's Tce.
				Anniv	Kitty & Frank Dooley & Kitty's sister Phyllis Jordan

* For the time being, Ballyea Anniversary Masses are incorporated to the Clarecastle Church mass at 12.00 noon.



We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of Tom Reidy of Cooraclare and London, brother of Gerry Reidy, Barntick who died in London during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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

Mile Buíochas: We wish to acknowledge the contributions that we received from parishioners for church funds and priests collections. Thank you for your support. Contributions can be left into the parochial house, parish office, by post or by using the online Donate button on the parish website <https://www.clarecastleballyeaparissh.ie/>

Religious services: All religious services will be online from Clarecastle Church for the foreseeable future under Level 5 restrictions on Covid-19. The Ballyea 10.30am Sunday mass will be incorporated into the Clarecastle 12.00 noon mass and all anniversaries there will be celebrated in that mass.

Morning Mass: From 6th January, morning mass will be online at 10.00am.

Feast of the Epiphany: Wednesday next is the Feast of the Epiphany. Masses for the Feast Day, on webcam & parish radio link.

Tuesday 5th Jan - 7.00pm

Wednesday 6th Jan - 10.00am & 7.00pm

Happy New Year

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. This book is called opportunity and its first chapter is the first week of the New Year” – Edith Pierce

We begin a New Year, we may have resolutions, plans and hopes for times ahead. It no doubt also involves looking back and unfortunately that often entails negative thoughts about past performance, missed opportunities in the year just ended and these can dominate our thinking and planning. Can you and I use that reflective time engaging with the past year or may even years to check in on all that is good and positive in our lives. This will be a great starting point for this New Year from where we can greet the New Year with enthusiasm. We can focus upon making positive changes in our lives and embracing the New Year in hope and joy.

As part of that joyful celebration it is wonderful to realise that we are blessed in our Parish of Clarecastle/Ballyea to have such a vibrant community where so many people devote their time, energy and talents to building a community and to the need of this community and its peoples. From a parish point of view we are so fortunate to have so many people who dedicate their energies to parish development and events. There are so many groups, people and Parish Development Committees in this community that we need to say thank you to for your services. Whatever task, you undertake in the name of the Christian Community in our Parish, we say ***Thank You***. Without the efforts and silent work of so many dedicated people, our parish would not be the vibrant community it is. May you continue to play such a vital role, identifying new initiatives, following fresh dreams that will enable us to feel part of a truly Christian Community where our spiritual and personal needs are met in line with the Gospel of Jesus.

Thanks to all who contribute to the needs of the Parish financially. Your contributions and support enable us to function as a parish and we acknowledge that contribution now. We welcome all the people who have moved into our parish may you find joy, contentment and peace here and if you wish to register in the parish and make contributions, please contact the parish office, or any member of the Pastoral Councils. Moving into this New Year 2021 I am aware that Spring is appearing, days are lengthening by the minute and I have seen snowdrops appear.

As we begin this New Year the invitation is there to be open to the presence of God in our lives. If we accept that invitation then we will be amazed with what will happen; when God is at our side. Remember that he usually chooses the quietest moments to make the biggest impact.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!