

Clarecastle - Ballyea Parishwww.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*6th December 2020, Second Sunday of Advent***Clarecastle Mass Intentions**

Sat	5 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Paddy & Kitty Glynn
				Anniv	Noreen & Kenneth Sammon, Church Drive
				Anniv	Paddy & Bridget King & Mary Slattery, Madden's Tce.
Sun	6 th	Dec	12noon	Anniv	Michael & Mary McNamara, Lissane
				Anniv	Matt & Eilish Morrissey, St. Flannan's Ave.
				Anniv	Áine Lynch
Tue	8 th	Dec	10am	Anniv	John Plunkett, Main St.
Fri	11 th	Dec	6pm	M.M.	Anna Costello, Newhall
Sat	12 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Beatrice & Christy Tully, Mary & Miko McNulty & Killoughrey Family
				Anniv	Betty Johnny & Stephen Cullinan, St. Joseph's Tce Stephen Moloney, Killoo
Sun	13 th	Dec	12noon	1 st Anniv	Eamonn Kelly, St. Joseph's Terrace

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Sun	13 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Willie Burke, Drimeen
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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sean Nugent, Ennis - brother of Michael, Church Drive & Frank Hogan, Newhall, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Priests Collection: The Christmas Collection for the priests of the parish will be held next weekend 12th/13th December. Please use an envelope from your yearly pack envelopes or an envelope of your own to make your contribution, and these can be dropped into or posted to the Parish Office or Parochial House. Alternatively, you can use the Parish Donate button by selecting Priests Collection and make your contribution online. See separate notice about the Donate button in this week's newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Feast of Immaculate: Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses in Clarecastle Church at 10.00am & 7.00pm.

Ballyea Church Fund: During these difficult times, for our Priests Collection and Church Funds we would encourage parishioners to make their yearly contributions. A draw for all paid up members will be held after mass on Sunday 20th December in Ballyea Church. Míle Buíochas to all our contributors.

Donations to Parish: In these times of government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people are unable to attend church services and are interested in contributing to the support of the parish, priests and various other collections. Sincere thanks to our very dedicated and committed parishioners who have and are continuing to contribute during these very unusual times. Please continue to contribute as you have using your parish envelope or an envelope of your own to make that contribution. Many parishioners have asked about making an online payment to the parish and various collections. The Pastoral Councils have made enquiries about this and have now launched a DONATE button on the parish website for those who wish to use it. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit card or debit card directly to the various parish collections by using the parish website www.clarecastleballyeaparis.ie. Simply go to the website and click the green "Donate" button a menu of funds will emerge **Clarecastle Parish Funds, Ballyea Parish Funds, Priests Collection, Other Collection.** Choose the account (collection) you wish to pay and your contribution will be made directly to that fund. Please indicate your name and if you have an envelope number include that information also. Your support is greatly appreciated and we invite you to contribute in the manner that best suits you. Continue to contribute as you always have if that method suits you best. Once again Míle Buíochas.

Not Home for Christmas 2020: Clarecastle Community Development/Tidy Towns in association with Clarecastle Community Covid-19 Response Network are inviting parishioners living abroad, who won't make it home for Christmas this year, to send on a short selfie/video clip greeting which will become part of a series of greetings posted onto local community websites/social media platforms. Niamh Healy and John Reidy are coordinating and can be emailed at niamhkhealy@gmail.com or johnreidy90@gmail.com for further info.

Triduum of Masses: Last year we introduced a Triduum of Masses in the parish between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The proceeds of that Triduum went to the local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and proved a very beneficial source of funding for the conference. This year we will continue the Triduum. It will be three masses celebrated at 11.00am in Clarecastle Church on December 31st 2020, January 1st & 2nd 2021. Those who wish to include a person in the Triduum as a gift or remembrance at Christmas/New Year can do so by getting the Triduum Card in the parish office and making a contribution of €5 for same. The lovely card can be inserted in your normal Christmas card or given on its own to those you wish to give them to. The monies raised from the Triduum will again be given to the local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul and local charity to address the needs of those in our community this Christmas time.

SVP Christmas Food Appeal: Due to Covid-19 the "Christmas Giving Tree" will not be in operation this year. In lieu of this if you would like to donate a food voucher for Centra/Gala/Tesco/Aldi/Lidl these can be handed in to the parish office on or before Dec 16th. The local SVP Conference will ensure these vouchers are delivered to families and individuals in need within our community in time for these families and individuals to do their Christmas shopping. As always your concern and generosity throughout the years and especially at this time is greatly appreciated.

- St. Vincent de Paul Conference Clarecastle & Ballyea