

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

24th January 2021, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	23 rd	Jan	7pm	Anniv	John J.J. McCarthy, Ballybeg
				Anniv	Catriona Barry, Knocknamana
				Anniv	Tommy Kelly, Greenlawn
Sun	24 th	Jan	9am	Anniv	Pat & Kitty Cahir, Buncraggy
			12noon	1 st Anniv	Martha Kennedy, St. Joseph's Tce.
Sat	30 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Packie Tuohy & Deceased Members of Tuohy Family, Clare Abbey
				Anniv	Patrick Lyons, Ballaghafadda

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun	24 th	Jan	12noon	Anniv	Jimmy & Teresa Hogan & Deceased Members of Hogan Family, Newhall
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* 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 souls of Lyla Faulkner, Wicklow and Dublin, sister of Ken, Barntick and Elizabeth (Betty) Colleran, Abbeyview, who died and were buried during the past week.

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

Míle 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/>

Bishops Conference Collection: Thanks to all who contributed to Bishops Conference Collection last weekend. The collection is still open for those who wish to contribute.

Parish Office: The parish office will not be open to the public for the next few weeks during level 5 restrictions. All who wish to contact the office can do so by phone (065) 6823011 and their queries will be attended to. Should the office be unattended at the time of your call, please leave your name and phone number and a brief message on the answer machine and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Parishioners can arrange by phone to receive mass cards or certificates they need.

Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently recruiting new volunteers. Everybody is welcome to apply. For information please log on to volunteer.samaritans.org, text 085 176 3491 or email samaritansrecruitmentennis@gmail.com.

Catholic Schools Week: This coming week from January 24th – 31st we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It is a week we have celebrated and marked each year for the past number of years.

In 2021 we are living through an unprecedented time of upheaval, uncertainty and challenge. In the midst of adjusting to a new and demanding way our security, faith and indeed hope can be tested indeed even dashed. Questions arise like “How long more is this going to go on?” “Will life ever be back to normal and the same as we have known it?” “When can I plan to meet my family, friends again and to visit on a holiday trip? Where is God in all of this?”

This coming week in the midst of all the issues the present health crisis has posed, we are given an opportunity to reflect upon one of the strong structures of care that is in our parish community – our schools. They are a treasure of which we are and can be so proud. We can reflect upon how our schools are communities of faith and resilience. In Catholic Schools we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News. Catholic Schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with a capacity to give and to receive love.

There is a theme to reflect upon each day of the week, and these help us appreciate what Catholic School are all about. Each day emphasises the type of community that Catholic Schools are.

Monday – **Communities of Faith** : Tuesday – **Communities of Learning**
Wednesday – **Communities of Love** : Thursday – **Communities of Resilience**
Friday – **Communities of Hope**

May we rejoice in our schools, in our children, parents and teachers. May God bless each one and fill us with his love.