

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@clarecastleballyeaparis.ie

31st January 2021, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	30 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Packie Tuohy & Deceased members of Tuohy Family, Clareabbey
				Anniv	Patrick Lyons, Ballaghafadda
Sun	31 st	Jan	12noon	Anniv	Jimmy & Teresa Hogan & Deceased members of Hogan Family, Newhall
Mon	1 st	Feb	10am	Anniv	Pat & Kitty Navin, Clarecastle
Thu	4 th	Feb	10am	Anniv	John & Tessie Ryan
Sat	6 th	Feb	7pm	Anniv	Ann Bell, Patrick St.
				Anniv	Ann Keogh, Lissane
				Anniv	Gerry O'Donovan, CLarehill
Sun	7 th	Feb	9am	Anniv	Mickey & Pat Joe McMahon, Madden's Tce.
			12noon	Anniv	Mary Connolly, St. Joseph's Tce.

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



We pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Talty, Inagh, mother of Catherine Fawl, Primrose Gardens, Betty Colleran, Abbeyview, Mary Gallery, Rockmount, mother of Fiona, Patricia and George, Ballybeg, Philomena O'Gorman, Kildysart, sister of Joan Mc Carthy Ballybeg, who died and were laid to rest last week. May their souls 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

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.clarecastleballyeaparis.ie/>

Clerk's Collection: The collection for the Clerk of the Church will be held next weekend. Please use the envelope in your yearly pack to make your contribution or an envelope of your own.

February

As we move into the month of February several important religious occasions are celebrated. Unfortunately this year we will be unable to gather to celebrate them.

Feast of St. Brigid: Monday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid, who is the Secondary Patron of Ireland. She is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Born in 454 she was determined to dedicate her life to the service of God as a religious witness. She founded a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her following is widespread not just in Ireland but throughout several European lands. The St. Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian Faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection. We remember this year Sr. Bridin Clancy, Wexford a member of the Brigidine sisters (followers of St. Brigid) an aunt of Michael Sheedy, Darragh, who visited this community so often & who died recently.

Tuesday 2nd February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast day traditionally known as Candlemas Day is the day when Jesus was presented in the temple and where the holy ones Simeon and Anna met him and told Mary “a sword would pierce her heart”.

Wed 3rd February – Feast of St. Blaise. We celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eight century he has been venerated as a Patron of those who suffer from throat disease. There will be **No** blessing of throats in Church this year due to the restrictions in place to combat Covid and the fact that there cannot be public gatherings. A virtual blessing will take place on the webcam and radio during the 10.00am mass on Wednesday.

Nutrition Workshop:

On Thursday 11th February at 11am, Clare Library will be facilitating the delivery of an online workshop on Healthy Meal Planning for all the family, with dietician Gillian McConnell. This is a Free event for people throughout Co. Clare aged 18+. Booking is essential. In order to take part, participants will require remote access to Zoom. Please book your place by calling Kilrush Library on 065 9051504 during branch opening hours. A Healthy Ireland at your Library event.