

### 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

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11<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

#### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	7pm	Anniv	Michael Leyden, Clareabbey
				Anniv	Pat Nix, Clareabbey
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	9am	M.M.	Patrick O'Neill, Church Drive
			12noon	Anniv	P.J., May & Anthony Cleary, Clarehill
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	10am	Anniv	Sean Clune, Quin
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	12noon	M.M.	Ada Power, Sacre Coeur, Quay Rd.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Bridget (Bridie)** O'Neill, St. Joseph's Terrace and **Maureen Coffey**, Killoo who died during the week.

We offer our condolences to their families and friends. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**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/>

**Education Fund of the Diocese Collection** this weekend to fund education for people to the various ministries needed to reach out to people in our church communities. Please use yellow envelope in your yearly pack.

**Trócaire:** We wish to thank all who contributed to the annual Trócaire Collection this year. The Trócaire appeal this year is to aid families in South Sudan. Every day remains a struggle for these families; they strive to earn money, grow food and attend school. Life continues to be full of challenges for these people. Every cent collected by Trócaire does make a difference. Trócaire thanks you for your support in these difficult times. The Trócaire fund in the parish will remain open until the end of the month of April. Anyone wishing to make a contribution is asked to do so by dropping it to the Parish Office or Parochial House by then.

**Grow it Forward – Vegetable Growing Workshop:** Grow it forward is a national campaign, in partnership with Grow it Yourself and Libraries Ireland, as part of the Keep Well Programme. Limited numbers of vegetable seed packs are available on request from your local library or the email listed below.

As part of Clare libraries Grow it Forward campaign, we are inviting you to join Frank Bouchier for an online vegetable growing workshop, on **Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11am**. Frank will discuss all aspects of growing your own vegetables, when to sow, soil and site, growing in polytunnels and much more. He will be delighted to answer any queries you may have about starting your vegetable patch, or on how to continue with your sowing. This is a free event, please note numbers are limited and booking essential. In order to take part, participants will require remote access to Zoom. Please book your place by calling 065 9056034 or emailing [kilkee@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:kilkee@clarelibrary.ie)

**Tidy Towns:** A massive Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to take part in the annual Clarecastle Spring Clean-up as part of the An Taisce National Spring Clean project.

This is the first time that Clarecastle Tidy Towns opted for a community coordinated effort at a specific time and we are delighted with the response and the results. We were blessed with a sunny and warm Good Friday morning and could not have asked for a better turnout.

Casual litter and Fly Tipping is a serious issue in Clarecastle with our beautiful parks and open spaces, streets and our roadsides and Bypass service roads constantly being targeted. The problem can only be solved with a "whole of community" approach that will identify the black spots (by reporting incidents via "see it say it" App or to the Clare County Council Anti Litter Hotline 1800 606 706), by the local authorities implementing proactive measures in preventing and follow up of fly tipping incidents and as a community we all start addressing the excessive use of single-use items and disposable packaging in particular.

The Village and environs is looking great and the Spring Clean up has removed so much litter - it would be brilliant if we could strive to eliminate litter altogether.