

## Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish

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**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@clarecastleballyeaparrish.ie](mailto:parish@clarecastleballyeaparrish.ie)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, Pentecost Sunday**

### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	9am	Anniv	Eleanor O'Connor, Greenlawn
			12noon	Anniv	John & Mary Burke, Ballyvonnavaun
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	May	10am	Anniv	Patrick Anne & Theresa Sheridan
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	May	10am	Anniv	Maureen O'Meara, Killoo
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	May	10am	Anniv	Mary Agnes Hogan
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	May	7pm	Anniv	Patrick Barry, Knocknamana
				Anniv	Valerie & Catherine Healy, Madden's Tce.
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	May	12noon	Anniv	Michael & Norah Behan, Limerick Rd.

### Ballyea Mass Intentions

Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	May	8pm	M.M.	Mary O'Shea, Darragh
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We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Willie Corbett**, Corofin father of Brian, Island McGrath who died and was buried during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

**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 at 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.clarecastleballyeaparrish.ie/>

**Pastoral Area:** At present the priests of the Pastoral Area are covering masses in the Pastoral Area where there is an increased demand for their services. Your local priests may be absent from their regular churches, and you may have the services of another priest in the Pastoral Area. A real effort to continue all services will be made. Míle Buíochas.

**Apology to Parents/Guardians & Young People for Confirmation:** A Zoom celebration of preparation for Confirmation was scheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately a glitch occurred with the connection on the night and many people could not get access to the meeting. Apologies to all who tried, failed to get into the meeting. The following the message the Diocesan Office circulated on Wednesday.

Dear Parents and Young people for Confirmation,

As many of you will know, we had a glitch in the Zoom system last night which only allowed 500 participants to join even though we have a license for 3,000 which we purchased on May 12<sup>th</sup> and which expires on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We still haven't got an explanation from them as to why this happened. I know it was a deep disappointment to many families that you were unable to participate live with everyone across the Diocese last night and we sincerely apologise to you all and especially to those families who had cancelled other plans to be with us.

You can see the full prayer ceremony here at this link <https://vimeo.com/551567374/e6f7aa46d4> and it is also available on the Diocesan Website.

Once again, many apologies and I hope this time of preparation for the gift of the Holy Spirit will fill your family with joy and blessings.

Kind regards, Fr Ger Nash - Diocesan Secretary

**Clarecastle Tidy Towns** continue to work away during the Covid restrictions while strictly adhering to social distancing, we meet up each Monday evening from 7 to 8 PM to carry out various projects around the village. We are seeking more volunteers to manage the workload as we prepare for The National Tidy Towns which will go ahead this year albeit via online entry and adjudication .

If you have some spare time we are looking for more Volunteers to help out and organise Litter patrols and Clean ups in your own area and or assist group volunteers with flower & shrub planting & Maintenance, street & path weed & litter maintenance, painting of public walls & Park Benches and ongoing maintenance of the Peoples park , Entrance Road to Clareabbey and Clarecastle Quay and other public spaces - If interested you can contact any member of Clarecastle Tidy towns or via email to [clarecastlett@gmail.com](mailto:clarecastlett@gmail.com).

**First Week of Return to Public Worship:** We are very happy with the manner in which our first week of return to public worship went, it was very refreshing to see so many people join in celebration of mass by their presence. Many have found the last four and a half months, since St. Stephen's Day very difficult. Our Parish is very grateful to our Pastoral Councils, sacristans, volunteers and stewards, our readers, musicians and cantors, and of course those who have sanitised and maintained our Churches to a very high standard over the last year thus enabling people to come to church for private prayer and now to return to mass itself. We welcome all who join us in prayer and that includes our friends who join on the webcam and the parish radio. Kindly follow the instruction in our Churches on attendance. Thank you for your co-operation and support.