## Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish www.clarecastleballyeaparish.ie

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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@clarecastleballyeaparish.ie

9th May 2021, Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Clarecastle Mass Intentions Martin & Mary O'Grady, St. Michael's Tce. Anniv James, Kathleen & Noel O'Leary Anniv Jackie Canny, Carrowgar Clarecastle 12noon **Anniv** Thu 13<sup>th</sup> May 10am PJ Hennessy, Old Road Clarecastle Anniv Sun 16<sup>th</sup> May 12noon Michael Nagle, Tiermaclane **Anniv**



We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Noel Fawl**, Gordon Drive, Cloughleigh, Ennis brother of Gerry Fawl, Primrose Gardens, who died during the week. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. May his soul 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

<u>Míle Buíochas:</u> 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 <a href="https://www.clarecastleballyeaparish.ie/">https://www.clarecastleballyeaparish.ie/</a>

"Why Talking Helps" – Dr. Tony Bates & Ennis Mental Health Association - 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. To reserve a space for this FREE Zoom event, please simply: email: ennismha@mentalhealthireland.ie or call/text: 085 252 4608

Please note that we do anticipate a high level of interest for this event, and so early booking is advised.

<u>Church Opening:</u> We welcome the reality now that we can have religious services in our Parish Churches with a congregation present from Monday next 10<sup>th</sup> May. While it is possible now to have congregations present at weekday and weekend masses, the number of people allowed to attend are limited. There is a limit of 50 people allowable in each church, with the exception of very large churches, or churches where a number of pods of people not exceeding 50 in each can be created as long as they remain separate from each other. There can be no movement or mixing between pods. The Covid compliant arrangements that were established between June and December last year will again be in place when people return to church and mass attendees are requested to co-operate with whatever procedure is in operation in the Parish Church you attend. Most people will be familiar with these procedures from that time.

Those who choose to join our parish masses on the webcam or parish radio link as they have been doing over the past year or so, are very welcome to do so. We will enjoy your prayer joining ours in our Eucharistic Celebrations.

**Funeral masses** and **wedding masses** can have a maximum of <u>50</u> in attendance and this number remains at 50, no matter what size the church is.

All are asked again to comply with the official regulations in dealing with Covid-19, by sanitising ones hands, keeping social distance and wearing a face mask while in Church. The wearing of face mask in Church is a requirement.

Thanks to all who give of their time and energy to prepare for the opening of the churches and who come to sanitise the church every day without your assistance and the contributions of so many people to the administrative and Pastoral Committees of our parish, we would not be able to function.

Sacramental Preparations: At present we have not fixed dates for the Sacraments of First Penance/Communion and Confirmation. Dates will be fixed as soon as it is safe to do so and when there is little or no chance of the ceremonies being cancelled at short notice. To prepare for the sacraments beginning on the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing for 7 weeks the Diocese send out a reflective piece through the school and we encourage all parents/guardians and families to engage with these reflections in preparation for the sacrament.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm there will be a liturgy preparation for all confirmation children across the Diocese. This will be done online and the link will be sent to all who are asked to join, next week.