Clarecastle - Ballyea Parish www.clarecastleballyeaparish.ie 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@clarecastleballyeaparish.ie

2nd January 2022, Second Sunday of Christmas

Clarecastle Mass Intentions					
Sat	1 ^{s†}	Jan	11am		Triduum Mass
Sun	2nd	Jan	12 noon	Anniv.	Tommy Geoghegan Ballybeg
Sun	2nd	Jan	12 noon	Anniv.	Kitty & Frank Dooley & Phyllis Jordan
					ClareAbbey
Mon	3 rd	Jan	11am		Triduum Mass
Fri	7^{th}	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Pauline Scanlan West Primrose Gardens
Fri	7^{th}	Jan	8pm	Anniv.	Andrew Carroll
Sat	8 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Rita & Ross Culligan Church Drive
Sat	8 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Carmel Neville Patrick Street
Sun	9 th	Jan	12 noon	Anniv.	Pat Cusack Madden's Tce



We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of John White father of Paul White, Barnageeha & brother of Anne O'Sullivan, Lissane who died this week. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to his family and friends at this difficult time.

<u>Mile Buíochas</u> We wish to acknowledge the contributions that we receive from parishioners for the various church collections, parish fund, priest's collection, Trócaire etc. Thank for your support. Contributions can be left into the parochial house, parish office, at mass in church containers or by post. People can also contribute online by using the Donate button on the parish website. <u>https://www.clarecastleballyeaparish.ie</u>.

Happy New Year

Christmas celebrations are almost over in our families at present and many have departed or are getting ready to depart from the family gatherings and return to their "normality". I hope that Christmas time with family or friends was refreshing, renewing and will carry many happy memories to see us through the times ahead. As we face into a New Year we do so with hope and optimism. While the Year ahead is uncertain we bring a range of skills, hopes, dreams and hopefully personal supports that will enable us navigate the year ahead very successfully. While we turn the page in the diary and replace the 2021 calendar, we remember our Christmas Season still runs on into the month of January. Thursday next January 6^{th} is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a lovely feast day and one of the major celebrations of our Christian faith.

The journey of the three Kings was one that lead them to personal meaning a new focus in life, awakening personal gifts and challenges and making the changes that made their lives fulfilled and meaningful. As we move into a New Year may our journeys be enlightened by our faith and may the discovery of the message of the infant born on Christmas Day in a stable at Bethlehem inspire our journey as it did for the three wise men from the East. May we have the insight, strength and courage to make the changes in our life styles that will give meaning and purpose to our lives.

Parish Envelopes

The packs of parish envelopes are ready to be distributed at this time of the year. We thank all who use these envelopes to contribute to parish collections your support, encouragement is always appreciated. Since Covid and the restrictions in gatherings, contributions to these collections have fallen in the past two years. Thank you to all who contribute to the parish organised collections in whatever way you do so, without your financial support we would not survive. I invite those who are not on the envelope list to consider acquiring these envelopes to contribute to our collections. People who have moved into our parish in recent times or who have never contributed through this method can acquire packs of envelopes by contacting the parish office, Fr Pat or a member of the Pastoral Council. Once again much appreciation for your support. May we continue in our endeavours to build a Christian Community we can be proud of.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Thursday next 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Masses for the feast day are as follows:

Wednesday 5th January 8pm Ballyea

Thursday 6th January 11am & 7pm Clarecastle

Morning mass from Monday 10th January will be at the usual time of 10am.

Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit