

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

30th January 2022, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	29 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Patrick Lyons Ballaghafada
Sat	29 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Pakie Tuohy Clare Abbey
Sat	29 th	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	George Nash Newhall
Sun	30 th	Jan	9am	Anniv.	Pat & Kitty Cahir Buncraggy
Fri	4 th	Feb	7pm	Anniv.	John & Tessie Ryan Quay Road
Sat	5 th	Feb	7pm	Anniv.	Ann Bell Patrick Street
Sat	5 th	Feb	7pm	Anniv.	Ann Keogh Lissane
Sat	5 th	Feb	7pm	Anniv.	John (J.J.) McCarthy Ballybeg
Sat	5 th	Feb	7pm	Anniv.	Gerry O'Donovan Clarehill
Sun	6 th	Feb	9am	Anniv.	Patrick Mullins Jnr.
Sun	6 th	Feb	12 noon	Anniv.	Jerry O'Connor Abbeylawn
Sun	6 th	Feb	12 noon	Anniv.	Mary Connolly St Joseph's Terrace



We remember in our prayers the repose of the souls of **Willie Moloney**, Boston and formerly of Quay Road, Clarecastle, brother of Patrick Moloney, Lissane, Lena Quinn, Patrick St, and Pauline Gilligan, Quay Rd, **Micheal Duggan**, Ballymacuiggan father of Padraig, Tiermaclane, **Tony Cheung**, Ennis father of Lizzie Falconer, St Michael's Terrace, who died recently. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to their family and friends at this time.

Mile Buíochas 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 with 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. <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.

DRAFT CLARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029 is currently on display up to and including March 28th and can be viewed online at <https://clarecdp2023-2029.clarecoco.ie/stage2-draft/display/> and may also be inspected during normal opening hours at Aras Contae an Chlair and all public libraries in Clare. A public consultation event will take place in the Abbey Hall, Clarecastle on Thursday, February 3rd from 4pm to 8pm. Officials from the planning office will be present to answer queries from members of the public as well as to guide people through the plan and to advise people about the formal submission process.

Feast of St. Brigid Tuesday 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.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Wednesday 2nd February. 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". Candles for church and home use will be blessed at the 10.00am mass on Wednesday. Please leave candles for blessing in church before that time.

Feast of St. Blaise Thursday 3rd February. 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. Due to the continuing presence of Covid there will be **NO** individual blessings of throats this year. A collective blessing of throats will take place before the final prayer of the 10.00am mass on Thursday. This blessing will also be conveyed to those watching on webcam or listening on radio.

ALONE – Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please contact Karen on karen.byrne@alone.ie or on 086 0576401. If you would like to chat things through a little more please feel free to get in touch with me on 086 057 6401.

Co. Clare Hunt hold their annual point to point (horse racing) on Sunday, February 6th in Bellharbour Co. Clare. There are 6 races on the day. First race 1.00pm. A fun filled day for all the family is promised with pony rides, a gundog display and a dog show among the activities. There are 6 dog show classes including 'Best dog led by a child, Best dog in fancy dress & an obstacle course class. Admission €10. Children under 16 go free. Find us on facebook at Bellharbour Point to Point.