

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

*9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, The Baptism of the Lord*

**Clarecastle Mass Intentions**

Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Rita & Ross Culligan Church Drive
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Carmel Neville Patrick Street
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	12 noon	Anniv.	Pat Cusack Madden's Terrace
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	11am	Memorial	Betty Colleran
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Thomas & Susan Madden Church Drive
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	7pm	Anniv.	Victor Greene Abbeyview
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	12 noon	Anniv.	Kitty & Pat Navin Barrack Street

**Ballyea Mass Intentions**

Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	10.30am	Anniv.	Paddy, Theresa & Christy Malone Tiermaclane
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	10.30am	Anniv.	Edna Cleary Reaghfa, Darragh

**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.clarecastleballyeparish.ie>.

**Bishops Conference & Commissions Collection:** The annual collection for the Bishops Conference & Commissions will be held next weekend 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please use the envelope in your yearly pack or one of your own to contribute.

**Schools:** We remember in our liturgy this weekend all who have returned to schools this week. We remember students, parents, teachers and all who work in our schools or assist the work of our schools, especially in these challenging times. We pray that the Lord may bless them and keep them safe in his care. We wish all who are studying for state examinations every blessing and we assure them of our prayers and support on their journey.

**Morning Mass:** Morning mass on Monday to Friday will be at the usual time of 10am from the Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**Anniversary Masses:** Anyone who wishes to have anniversary masses said for their relatives and friends, can contact the parish office on 065-6823011.

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

In the readings today we see that Jesus is anointed with the spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is enclosed to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on with favour.

Today on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we pray for all who are preparing for baptism or who will be baptised this year. May we in the Christian family assist them in their journey of faith and encourage them as they know and worship God.

**Parish Envelopes:** The parish pack of envelopes are being distributed at this time. Thanks to all who distributed these packs of envelopes. We appreciate the contributions of our many parishioners who use the annual envelope system to contribute to our collections. We invite all who have come to live in our parish or who wish to contribute and who are not on our distribution list to contact the Parish Office, members of the Pastoral Council or Fr Pat to be included. Your support is needed and appreciated.

**I am grateful....**

**Every now and then, I stop and think of you God. Maybe it's because I feel guilty for not making enough contact but I want you to know that I really haven't forgotten you. There are times when life is going well and I really want to praise and thank you for those times. Even when things are not going well, I pray for a plan and I know you are always prepared to listen to me. You know my needs, my joys, my pain and my struggles. You understand exactly what is going on for me. All others struggle to fully understand but not you. So I thank you God for being my guiding light that will never burn out. Although I may not always show it, I am grateful, grateful for all you have given to me, my family, my friends, my blessings, everything. Sometimes I simply forget how lucky I am and how grateful I should be. I just get carried away with life and forget. But not today and all I want to say is thank you, for everything.**