

Clarecastle – Ballyea Parish

Fr. Pat Malone 6823011/0868572023: Fr. Harry Brady 0862349798

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@clarecastleballyeaparissh.ie

25th December 2022, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	24 th	Dec	10am	Anniv	Ciss Moloney Church Drive
Mon	26 th	Dec	11am	Anniv	Kitty Dillon Church Drive
Fri	30 th	Dec	11am		Christmas Triduum Mass
Sat	31 st	Dec	11am		Christmas Triduum Mass
Sat	31 st	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Christy Coughlan Clare Hill & Edel Brack Primrose Gardens
Sat	31 st	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Noreen Moloney Skehana
Sat	31 st	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Tommy Geoghegan Ballybeg
Sat	31 st	Dec	7pm	M.M.	Anne Shannon St Joseph's Tce
Sun	1 st	Jan	12 noon		Christmas Triduum Mass

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun	1 st	Jan	10.30am	Anniv	Ronan Kelly Ballyea
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We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Col. Peter Daly** (Retd), Killow, Clarecastle and formerly of Ballykilmurray, Tullamore. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to his family and friends at this time.

Clarecastle Day Care Centre: Following recent damage due to burst pipes at the centre, we will re-open on Thursday 5th January 2023. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Bereaved by Suicide: The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality. 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.

Forever Young Choir: The members of Forever Young Choir will sing at the 11am masses in Clarecastle on Friday 30th & Saturday 31st December. The choir was scheduled to sing in a number of Day Care Centres before Christmas but for various unforeseen reasons these events were cancelled. The choir will now sing in Clarecastle to fulfil their Christmas plans.

We welcome them to Clarecastle Church and welcome all who wish to join us for mass on these days. These two masses will be masses of the Triduum of Masses for all who have been requested to be remembered in the masses of the Triduum 30th / 31st Dec & Jan 1st.

Joy To The World

We come to celebrate Christmas 2022, as we gather with family and friends to be with them at this time we celebrate the birth of Christ in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The message that was heralded was “Joy to the World” Christmas is fundamentally a time of joy of good news. It brings a focus into our world on the vision and message of Christ which offers people a sense of purpose, hope, direction and meaning to all life’s complexities. Christmas falls in the dark days of winter offering us moments of joy filled with hope that lifts the darkness offering us the light to encourage us maybe in those dark moments of human existence to engage with life fully and in confident hope that all will be well. We welcome all who join us in Clarecastle/Ballyea this Christmas time and hope that our prayer together will offer us the hope we need in a world that has presented us with so many difficult challenges in the last number of years. May the Christ child help us to work together, realising that our strength is in the communion we have with each other. May we always remember the motto “Many stones an arch doth make, singly none”

With that in mind we thank all who contribute to the life of this parish community especially those who do so on a voluntary basis. Without your good work we would have no parish community at all. Mile buíochas for your effort. May this Christmas season and your connection with this Christian Community bring Joy to your world.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve - Children’s Mass Clarecastle Church at 5pm & 8pm
Ballyea Church at 8pm

Christmas Day - Clarecastle 9am and 12 noon
Ballyea at 10.30am

All children are welcome to the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve in Clarecastle.

Masses: From 26th December daily mass in Clarecastle will be at 11am, until further notice. Church will open at 10.30am each weekday morning.

Priest’s Collection Fr. Harry & Fr. Pat thank all who contributed to the recent Priest’s collection. The Collection is still open for those who wish to contribute.

The parish office will be open next Friday 30th December 2022.