

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@clarecastleballyeparish.ie

19th February 2023, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	18 th	Feb	7pm	M.M.	Frances O'Sullivan Lissane & O'Connell St Ennis & Kilmihil
Sun	19 th	Feb	12 noon	Anniv	John Lynch Jnr. Ballybeg
Sun	19 th	Feb	12 noon	Anniv	Cecilia Burke Derreen
Tues	21 st	Feb	10am	Anniv	Agnes & John O'Connor & Lil McNamara Patrick Street
Sat	25 th	Feb	7pm	1 st Anniv	Phyllis Cosgrove Castlewood Park & Anniv Peter & Paulette Cosgrove Castlewood Park

The Priest Community Employment Scheme (sponsored by Brothers of Charity Clare Services) are currently recruiting, the following positions in the Clare Services: Support Workers, Cleaners, General Maintenance Assistants, Sports & Recreational Roles and Art & Craft Assistants. Please contact the local Department of Social Protection Employment Services / Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy or contact - Thomas Gilligan at 065-6823123.

Parish Development & Maintenance Collection: Will be taken up this weekend 18th & 19th February. Please use the envelope in your yearly pack to make your contribution or an envelope of your own. Your support is very much appreciated.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Clarecastle, would like to thank those within our community who responded so generously to our Christmas Appeal. Your support and commitment, especially in the current uncertain climate to the less fortunate in our community is greatly appreciated.

Lenten Series – Killaloe Diocese invite you to An Adult Faith Formation Lenten series. The date is March the 13, 20th and 27th 2023 @ 8.00-9.15 pm sharp in the Maria Assumpta Community Hall, Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul, Ennis.

Evening Masses: During Lent there will be an evening mass in Clarecastle Church on Friday evenings at 7pm and in Ballyea Church on Wednesday evenings at 8pm. If there is not a demand for these masses, we will suspend them. They do provide a prayerful moment in a busy life in the Season of Lent for prayer and renewal, and so we encourage people to avail of them.

Lent: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and it makes the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence which marks out for us that it is a time of Penance, Prayer, Self-Denial, Atonement for Sin and a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter by engaging in a period of prayerful reflection of our lives in the context of our faith in Jesus Christ. It is a time for honest evaluation of our efforts to love Christianity each day, the challenges we face, the shortfalls we experience in living up to the Christian virtues and values in our personal lives and in the world, we engage in. It is a time to alter our course, renew our commitment and begin afresh once more any of the Christian values we profess but have slipped in implementing in our lives. Ash Wednesday begins with the blessing and wearing of ashes, a sign that each one needs repentance, that we are all sinners and that God accepts us, pardons us and blesses our efforts to live the life of a committed Christian. He also challenges us to repeat all these actions in our dealings with those we meet in life. **Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the masses on Ash Wednesday. Clarecastle: 10am & 7pm / Ballyea: 8pm**

Turkey & Syria Earthquake Emergency Appeal: We have all watched in shocked disbelief the tragic unfolding of human devastation in Turkey and Syria this last week. Our prayers and thoughts are with the people of Turkey and Syria. Next weekend 25th & 26th February there will be an opportunity to assist the plight and to provide for their basic human needs. There will be a special collection to Aid Turkey and Syria at all masses next weekend, contributions can also be left in the Parish Office. Your generosity is appreciated.

Trocaire: The Trocaire Lenten appeal is being launched this weekend. The annual collection during Lent is traditionally the way in which we associate with the work Trocaire does on our behalf (the Irish Church) in developing areas of the world. There are so many humanitarian calls for assistance all over the world at present. Recent natural disasters and wars have added immensely to the pain and suffering of so many in our world. Please pick up a Trocaire pack at the church entrance and familiarise yourself with the projects Trocaire are involved in this year. We encourage each other to give what we can to this good cause this Lent. People can drop their contributions for Trocaire to the Parish Office, Parochial House, or Sacristy after mass or whenever they like during Lent. The Parish will forward your contributions to Trocaire for usage on their works. Thank you to all for your assistance.

Clarecastle Community Lotto: Winning Numbers for 14th February 2023

No Jackpot Winner

3 Match 3 Winners €67 each

Tommy Hegarty, Anne Marie Gillan & Ger O'Loughlin ClubZap

4, 5, 9, 10: Next draw Tuesday 21st February 2023 Jackpot €3,800