

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

26th February 2023, First Sunday of Lent

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

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| Sat | 25 th | Feb | 7pm | 1 st Anniv | Phyllis Cosgrove Castlewood Park Ennis & Anniv Peter & Paulette Cosgrove Castlewood Pk Ennis |
| Fri | 3 rd | Mar | 7pm | Anniv | Sean Keane Patrick Street & Michael Joe Flanagan Madden's Tce |
| Sat | 4 th | Mar | 7pm | Anniv | Christy & Nancy Gleeson Ballyvonavan |
| Sat | 4 th | Mar | 7pm | Anniv | Deceased members of Moloney family Claremount |
| Sun | 5 th | Mar | 12 noon | Anniv | Bridget Nugent Church Drive |



We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **May Kelly** Tiermaclane, **Michael John McEvoy** Coolock, Dublin father of Robert McEvoy, Claremount. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to her family and friends at this time.

The Triest 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.

Lenten Series – Killaloe Diocese invite you to An Adult Faith Formation Lenten series. The dates are March 13th, 20th and 27th 2023 at 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.

Special Aid Collection: A special collection is been taken up after all masses this weekend in aid of the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We all have watched in horror the unfolding of so many painful scenes and the suffering and loss so many people endure. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to this emergency appeal can do so by contributing to the bucket collection as you leave Church today, leaving their contribution into the Parish Office/Parochial House within the next few days. Please mark all such contributions Turkey/Syria Appeal. We aim to forward the monies collected to the helping agencies within the next week or 10 days. Your generosity is appreciated.

Planning for the Future of Our Diocese: At present discussions are taking place across the Diocese of Killaloe, joining in the Synodal approach to dialogue with as many people as possible to discern through prayer, reflection and discussion what the future of our diocese might be. There are so many challenges facing the Church at the present time and these challenges bring opportunities and fears. On Tuesday next 28th February 2023 there will be an opportunity for all in our parish, for members of Pastoral Councils from the four parishes in our pastoral area to meet and discuss our future as a church, in the Parish Centre, Station Rd, Ennis. The meeting will begin at 7.30pm and conclude at 9.30pm. Bishop Monahan and members of the Diocesan Pastoral Development team will all be in attendance to join in the very serious conversations that need to take place at this time. Please note any person interested is welcome to attend, whether they are on any committees or groups in the parish or not. Please think about the invitation, it would be lovely to meet you there. <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conversations-about-the-future-killaloe-diocese-2/>

Apostolic Work: Clarecastle Branch will hold their Annual Display on March 12th. If you would like to donate a Sacred Vessel in memory of a loved one, please contact Patricia 087-6485930 or Anne 6822735. All donations go to support the work of our Missionaries abroad.

Parish Office: The office is open daily Mon – Fri from 10am to 4pm (Lunch 1-2 closed). Large selection of signed Mass Cards available or call 065-6823011.

Accord: is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for **information on recruitment and training. Closing date 26th May 2023.**