

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

11th June 2023 *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	10 th	June	7pm	Anniv	Dec. Members of the Cronin Family Claremont
Sat	10 th	June	7pm	Anniv	Peter (Snr) & Peter (Jnr) & Nancy Dillon St Michael's Tce
Sat	10 th	June	7pm	Anniv	Danno Moloney Church Drive
Sat	10 th	June	7pm	Anniv	Capt. William McGready & Crew S.S. KEEPER
Sun	11 th	June	12 noon	MM	Gabriel Moylan St Joseph's Tce
Fri	16 th	June	7pm	M.M.	Ann Palmer (nee Mullins) Madden's Tce/UK
Sat	17 th	June	7pm	Anniv	Margaret Hanrahan Barntick
Sun	18 th	June	12 noon	Anniv	Michael & Norah Behan Limerick Road
Sun	18 th	June	12 noon	Anniv	Margaret, Frank, Pat, Delores & Mary Power Late of Main Street

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sat	17 th	June	7pm	M.M.	Vincent Hogan Newhall / Dublin
Sun	18 th	June	10.30am	Anniv	Nancy O'Connor Ballyveskill



We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Pat Joe McMahon** Drumquin, Tiermaclane We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to his family and friends at this time.

St. John' Well Mass: In preparation for Mass at St. John's Well on Friday June 23rd at 7.30pm we are doing a tidy up (mainly grass cutting) of Newhall Burial Ground. We are asking volunteers to come along with trimmers and grass cutting machines on Monday evening 12th from 6.00pm to help get this job done.

Graveyard Update -Clarecastle: We in the Parish of Clarecastle take great pride in the maintenance and presentation of our burial grounds and we would like to thank all who contribute in any way to this effort. In particular we would like to thank Paul Higgins for his dedicated work over the years. We would also like to acknowledge Roche for their great contribution in maintaining the approach road and for the removal of numerous trees that were becoming a threat to our graveyards.

Over the last couple of years, at the prompting of the Tidy Towns Committee, we have established two areas dedicated to the promotion of Biodiversity as a contribution to their efforts to promote wild life in the area. This has become a very important section in the Tidy Towns programme. We are being guided by the All-Ireland Pollinator plan 2021 – 2025.

Area 1 is to the left and is being developed as a Native Wild Flower Hay Meadow. It is cut each September with all the material being removed. The aim is to promote the growth of a greater variety of plants which will happen naturally as the soil becomes depleted of minerals over time.

Area 2 is on the top right-hand side. This has been reseeded with a specifically sourced wild meadow mixture containing over 20 different species of native Irish plants flowering at different times to provide a continuous source of pollen. The area is cut each Sept and the material removed. This is currently in full bloom and we would urge you to inspect it. (There is also a Biodiversity space in the Church grounds). Please do not deposit any debris from graves in the long grass of the biodiversity areas.

Over the last few years, we have removed all trees from the perimeter walls and at the entrance to the new graveyard as they were encroaching on the graves and in danger of damaging the walls. Presently a section of the wall at the entrance has to be restored due to this damage. Your assistance in taking away all debris from any grave/graves under your care would be greatly appreciated.

Ballyea: Much appreciation is also extended to those who look after Ballyea graveyard. The graveyard adjoining the local church is a credit to all who work ceaselessly to maintain the burial ground to the standard we are used to. This is fitting as it shows the respect we have for our dead and the sacred ground in which their remains rest. As with Clarecastle graveyard we request all who look after family graves to bring the debris away with them.

Congratulations – Fr. Harry On Thursday last Fr Harry celebrated 60 years of ordination to the priesthood. We congratulate him on that wonderful achievement and thank him for the great service his ministry has brought to so many people and parishes. We wish him well in his recovery from his recent injury to his foot and also in the years ahead. We will have a parish celebration to celebrate this great occasion in a few weeks time, at a date arranged with Fr. Harry. Congratulations also to Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick a co-PP in our Pastoral Area who ministers in our Pastoral Area and who celebrates 40 years of ordination at this time.

Congratulations – Clare Minor Hurling Team: We congratulate the Clare Minor Hurling Team on their victory in the All Ireland Minor Hurling Final last Sunday. A great game of hurling and a great victory for Clare. A special word of congratulations to our parishioners Harry Doherty, Evan Price, Conor Ralph and Daniel Costelloe who are members of the winning team, and to Daire Neville, son of Clarecastle native Alan Neville who also is a member of the team on their success.