

## 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

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17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Nancy, Ian & Sean McMahon Madden's Tce
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	12 noon	Anniv	Mary & Michael Starr St Flannan's Avenue
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	12 noon	Anniv	Paddy & Bridget King & Mary Slattery Madden's Tce
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	12 noon	Anniv	Col. Peter Daly Killow, Clarecastle
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	10am	Anniv	Tom & Betty Kelleher Clare Abbey
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec	10am	Anniv	Mullins Family Madden's Terrace
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv	Helen O'Loughlin Madden's Terrace & Husband Patsy O'Loughlin
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Dec'd Members of Commune Family Rockmount & Newhall
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	12 noon	Anniv	Ciss Moloney Church Drive
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	12 noon	Anniv	Noreen Hounsoume Drimeen East, Ennis

### Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Frank Costelloe Kilmorane, Ballyea
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Michael Daly Killerk
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Ronan Kelly Ballyea



We remember in our prayers the repose of **Alice Kerrigan**, Moate, Westmeath sister of Abbie O'Connor Abbeylawn, Clarecastle, **Edward Flanagan** Kilkenny & Carrigaholt sister of Catherine Duffy Dromadrehid, Ennis, **John Joe Crowley**, Darragh and **Liam Benn**, Fermanagh brother of George, Kilmoran. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to their families and friends at this time.

**Priests Collection:** Fr. Harry & Fr Pat wish to thank all who contributed to the recent Priest's Collection. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

**Triduum of Masses:** This year we will continue our Triduum of Masses in our Parish. The proceeds of the Triduum will go to the local Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and local charities to address the needs of those in our community this Christmas time.

In previous years this has proven to be a very beneficial source of funding for the conference. The Triduum will be three masses celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. Those who wish to include a person in the Triduum as a gift or remembrance at Christmas/New Year can do so by getting the Triduum Card in the parish office and make a contribution of €5 for same. This lovely card can then be inserted into your normal Christmas card or given on its own.

**New Liturgical Year:** Cycle B. Copies of the readings for the year are available to all our readers in the Sacristy or from the Parish Office.

**Christmas Carol Service:** Will be held in Ballyea Church on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm All of Ballyea Church music groups and children from the National School will participate.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Clarecastle 7pm

**Christmas Eve Sunday-** Clarecastle Mass 12 noon, 5pm & 8pm  
Ballyea Mass is at 10.30am & 8pm

**Children's Mass is at 5pm all Children are welcome!!**  
**Please note there will be NO 9am mass in Clarecastle on Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Christmas Day Monday-** Clarecastle Mass 9am & 12 noon  
Ballyea Mass 10.30am

**Week day Masses** in Clarecastle from December 26<sup>th</sup> until further notice will be **11am.**

**Bereavement Group:** As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, we are mindful that for some among us, this time may be marked by a deep sense of loss and sorrow. Grief has a way of magnifying the void left by the absence of loved ones, and the Christmas season can intensify these emotions. It is important for us all to recognise and support those who are grieving. Let us be a source of strength and compassion for one another during this season. If you would like to know more and tips how to cope, log onto <https://hospicefoundation.ie/> and search **bereaved at Christmas** Thank you to all who came to our special Bereavement Masses in November, for all those lost in the previous year. Thank you to Fr Pat and Fr Harry for making it so exceptional for all. Our deepest gratitude to the extraordinary members of our choir who lent their voices to create a truly moving and comforting atmosphere during our recent Bereavement Mass.