

## 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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*4<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Third Sunday of Easter*

### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	May	7pm	Anniv	Jackie Canny Carrowgar
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	May	7pm	Anniv	Michael Talty Inis Clár
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	May	7pm	Anniv	Josie & George Considine Quay Road & Michael Fitzpatrick
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	May	9am	Anniv	Tony Donnellan Manus

### Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	May	4pm	M.M.	Anthony Carey Darragh
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	May	10.30am	Anniv	Michael Nagle Tiermaclane



We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Claire Carroll** Newhall. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to her family and friends at this time.

**Collection Killaloe Lourdes Invalid Fund:** Will be held this weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please use the yellow envelope in your yearly pack or an envelope of your own. Your support for this worthy cause will be very much appreciated, as it funds both the travel and catering for those who are ill and of the young people who assist them.

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday, daily mass will be at **11am** and not the usual 10am.

**Clare Arts:** Office host Bealtaine Voices, a free community choir event, on the steps of the Ennis Courthouse on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm featuring Mike Hanrahan of Stockton's Wing with The St. Michaels Villas Choir, Ennis Gospel Choir, Clarecastle Community Choir and the Forever Young Choir. **All are welcome.**

**Rosary** at the following grottos for the month of May: **Hempfield Cross** at 7pm and **Manus** at 7pm. All are very welcome.

**Safeguarding Month of May:** Our generation must show that it can rise to the promise found in each [child and] young person when we know how to give them space. This means

that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development, to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be; to pass on to them lasting values that make life worth living; to give them a transcendent horizon for their thirst for authentic happiness and their creativity for the good; to give them the legacy of a world worthy of human life; and to awaken in them their greatest potential as builders of their own destiny, sharing responsibility for the future of everyone. If we can do all this today, we anticipate the future that enters the world through the window of the young. Pope Francis (2013).

**Trócaire:** Míle Buíochas to all who have contributed to the Trócaire Collection this year. Due to the upheaval in global politics and to the natural disasters in various parts of the world this year, these contributions are very much appreciated by Trócaire. Trócaire is an outreach programme of the Irish Catholic Church to parts of the world in need of resources or developments. Your support enables very necessary and life changing work to be undertaken in these countries. The collection is still open for donations from those who may not have gotten round to it yet, but would like to contribute. We will close the fund and forward our contributions to Trócaire at the end of May.

**Sacraments:** The children of our parish will receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish in the coming weeks. Next Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11am the children of Clarecastle will receive their Holy Communion in Clarecastle Church. On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May the children of Ballyea will receive Holy Communion in Ballyea at 11am. The following Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Bishop Fintan Monahan will visit the parish to administer the sacrament of Confirmation.

There will be two ceremonies in the parish that day. At 11am in Clarecastle Church, children of Clarecastle will receive the Sacrament and at a ceremony in Ballyea at 3pm that day candidates from Ballyea will be confirmed. We wish all who will receive these Sacraments every blessing on these days and pray the Holy Spirit may guide, inspire and direct them throughout their lives. Thanks to all who combine to prepare children for these sacraments, parents, teachers, clergy, friends and family. A special thank you to our great teachers in our schools who work so hard to make these days so significant and meaningful for those receiving the Sacraments.

**Election of a New Pope:** We pray at this time for the universal church and especially the cardinals who will gather shortly to select a man to take on the role of Pope in succession to Pope Francis. We pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and inspire them in choosing a man who will be wise and inclusive in guiding the Church through his spiritual leadership, in a world that calls for the witness of Christian values.