

Clarecastle – Ballyea Parish

Fr. Pat Malone 6823011/086-8572023: Fr. Harry Brady 086-2349798

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@clarecastleballyeaparish.ie

28th December 2025, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	27 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Tommy Geoghegan Ballybeg
Mon	29 th	Dec	11am	Anniv	Noreen Moloney Skehana
Wed	31 st	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Edel Brack & Christy Coughlan
Fri	2 nd	Jan	11am	1 st Anniv	Gerry Roche Quay Road
Fri	2 nd	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Pauline Scanlon West Primrose Gardens
Sat	3 rd	Jan	4pm	M.M.	Donal Carey & Seamus Carey Thomond Villas
Sat	3 rd	Jan	7pm	M.M.	Agnes Cronin Barntick
Sat	3 rd	Jan	7pm	1 st Anniv	William Murphy Quay Road
Sat	3 rd	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Rita & Ross Culligan Church Drive
Sat	3 rd	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Patrick Madden Manusmore
Sat	3 rd	Jan	7pm	Anniv	Bobby Galbralth Church Drive

Ballyea Mass Intention

Sat	27 th	Dec	11.30	M.M.	Pat Hogan Ballyea and Cork
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We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Michael Healy** Haggart View. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to his family and friends at this time.

Christmas Triduum: This year we will again have a Triduum of Masses which will be said on 30th & 31st December 2025 and 1st January 2026. The masses will be at 11am each day in Clarecastle Church. Over the past few years the Triduum has proved popular with people who choose to purchase a card, donate €5 and include a loved one, friend, neighbour in the masses. The money collected is given to the local conference of St Vincent de Paul and local charities. In these times where many people are struggling to make ends meet, this income to our local charity is welcomed by them. Cards are available at present in the Parish Office.

Parish Envelopes: Parish envelopes for contributions to the various collections in the parish during 2026 are being distributed at present. Thank you to all who distribute the envelopes and to all of you who contribute to our collections. This year you will note that the number of Priest Collections in our Parish have increased from 4 to 6. This arises out of a decision by the Diocesan Finance

Committee that there will be 6 collections in all parishes for the priests of the Parish and Pastoral Area. There were a variety of parishioners around the diocese with collections for priest paying from 6 per year to 9 per year in parishes. Accordingly, the Diocesan Finance Committee have instructed all parishes to have six in these collections.. The dates of the collections to be the same in all parishes of the Pastoral Area. We hope this won't inconvenience any of our parishioners, and we assure you the priests of the parish are very appreciative of your generosity. There are many new people who have taken up residence in our parish and we invite you if you are not already doing so to request a box of envelopes and contribute in that manner. You can do so by calling the Parish Office, or by contacting Fr Pat, Fr Harry or any other member of the Pastoral Committee. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will re-open to the public on Tuesday 6th January at 10am.

Weekday masses in Clarecastle from December 26th will be at 11.00am until further notice. Weekend masses as normal

The Killoo Church Restoration Group: Have launched a website www.killoochurch.ie. It is a well laid out site with extensive information, historical stories and photos on the project. Written stories and video will bring you back to the 11th Century and before when Killoo was a place of prayer and social activity. Click on the link Enjoy the Killoo experience.

The Clare Older People's Council: Will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, 13th January 2025, from 2:00 – 4:00pm in the Civic Room, Buttermarket Building, Drumbiggie, Ennis, Co. Clare. Each nominee for the Clare Older People's Executive will have the opportunity to address the public before voting begins. There are 15 positions to be filled on the Executive Committee, representing the four Clare County Council municipal districts, as well as three additional representatives from nursing homes, new communities, and minority groups across Clare. **New members are very welcome.** For more information, please contact Shanelle or Sandra at agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie or call **065 6846240**".

SVP Christmas Food Appeal: The Clarecastle/Ballyea Conference of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wish to thank all in our parish community who supported their fund raising and food voucher appeals over the past few weeks. They are grateful for the generosity of so many people to their appeal. Your contributions gave much needed assistance to many people in our parish community. The local Conference of SVP do great work in our community all year round and are always so thankful to all who offer them support at any time of the year. We thank the members of the Conference for their great work and wish them a very Happy New Year.

Happy 2026: As we move into a New Year, each one of us have dreams and expectations for the New Year. As we wish each other a Happy New Year, may we be open to the presence of God in our lives. If we have that openness then no doubt God will choose the quietest moment to make the biggest impact, and help us achieve peaceful happiness and contentment.

