

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

7th December 2025, Second Sunday of Advent

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	6 th	Dec	7pm	1 st Anniv	Marie Halpin Clare Hill
Sat	6 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Paddy & Kitty Glynn Doora
Sat	6 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Noreen & Kenneth Sammon Church Drive
Sun	7 th	Dec	12noon	Anniv	Matt Morrissey & daughter Eilish St Flannan's Ave, Clarecastle
Mon	8 th	Dec	10am	Anniv	John Plunkett Kilbreckan, Doora
Wed	10 th	Dec	7pm	1 st Anniv	Edel Kelleher Clareabbey
Sat	13 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Betty, Johnny, Stephen & Louise Cullinan St Joseph's Tce, Stephen Moloney Killoo
Sat	13 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Nancy, Ian & Sean McMahon
Sat	13 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Eamonn Kelly St Joseph's Tce & his sister Maria Abbot Surrey
Sat	13 th	Dec	7pm	Anniv	Michael & Marie Kelly College Green
Sun	14 th	Dec	12noon	Anniv	Barney, Agnes & Margaret Higgins Church Drive

Ballyea Mass Intention

Sun	7 th	Dec	10.30am	1 st Anniv	Cecilia Collins Darragh & John Collins Darragh
Sun	7 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Beatrice & Christy Tully Ballyea, Mike & Mary McNulty & Dec'd McNulty Family Ballyea/Chicago
Sun	7 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Jerome Griffin Ballyveskill
Sun	7 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Liam Lynch St Joseph's Tce
Sun	14 th	Dec	10.30am	1 st Anniv	Carmel Flannery Kilmorane Heights, Ballyea
Sun	14 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	John Joe Crowley Killerk Darragh
Sun	14 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	John McNamara Darragh
Sun	14 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Willie Burke Drimeem
Sun	14 th	Dec	10.30am	Anniv	Frank Costelloe Kilmorane, Ennis

We remember in our prayers the repose of the souls **Breda Moloney** sister of Una Lynch Claremount. **Agnes Cronin** nee Lynch Barntick, Clarecastle. **Mary Moorhead** Ennis sister of Ann Daley Greenlawn & Seamus Casey Dromadrehid. **Syl Barrett** Miltown Malbay brother of Frank Ballyea.

Seamus Carey Thomand Villas & England brother of the late Donal Carey. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to their families and friends.

Priest's Collection: The Collection for priests of the Parish will be taken up at all masses this weekend 6th & 7th December. Please use green envelope in your yearly pack or an envelope of your own to contribute. Your kindness is very much appreciated by Fr. Harry & Fr. Pat.

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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday next 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This is a lovely Feast Day in memory of Mary the Mother of Jesus. The mass times for the Holy Days are as follows: **Clarecastle: 8th Dec 10.00am – 7.00pm.** **Ballyea 8th Dec 7.00pm.**

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 practices around the diocese with collections for priest varying from 4 per year to 9 per year in parishes. Accordingly, the Diocesan Finance Committee have instructed all parishes to have six of these collections. Please spread your contributions over the 6 collections. The dates of the collections is 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 Council. Thank you for your kindness and support.

SVP Christmas Food Appeal: Those who wish to donate a food voucher from Centra/Maxol/Nearby/Tesco/Aldi/Lidl/Dunnes etc can make that donation by handing them into the Parish Office or Parochial House on or before **20th December**. The local SVP Conference will ensure those vouchers are delivered to families and individuals in need within our community in time for these families and individuals to do their Christmas shopping. **SVP Pre Addressed Envelopes** will also be distributed to households in the parish as always, your concern and generosity throughout the years and especially at this time is greatly appreciated.

