

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@clarecastleballyeaparissh.ie

29th March 2026, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	28 th	Mar	7pm	Anniv	Paul Glynn Ennis formerly of Roche
Sun	29 th	Mar	9am	Anniv	James Cahir Buncraggy
Sun	29 th	Mar	12 noon	1 st Anniv	Breeda O'Neill Clareabbey
Sun	29 th	Mar	12 noon	Anniv	Tom, Dettie & Edel Kelleher Clareabbey
Sat	4 th	Apr	8pm	Anniv	Noel Shannon St Joseph's Tce
Sun	5 th	Apr	9am	Anniv	Michael Leyden Clareabbey
Sun	5 th	Apr	12 noon	Anniv	Bridie O'Neill St Joseph's Tce

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sat	28 th	Mar	12noon	M.M.	Kathleen McDonnell Tiermaclane
Sat	28 th	Mar	3pm	1 st Anniv	Anthony Carey Darragh
Sun	29 th	Mar	10.30am	Anniv	Kenny Family Bansa

Priest's Easter Collection: The Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all masses next weekend 4th & 5th April. Please use the envelope in the yearly pack or one of your own to contribute. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated by Fr. Harry and Fr. Pat.

Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins today with the celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday. Palm will be blessed and distributed at the evening mass on Saturday and the morning masses on Sunday morning. This week we enter the most important liturgical season in the Church year. We journey through the Passion/Death/ Resurrection of Jesus. Hopefully it will be a spiritually powerful and healing time for all who celebrate these religious days. As we remember the hope and joy offered in the resurrection may the world in its present dark journey find fresh hope and new ways on a journey to restore world peace. The times of the Easter ceremonies are listed in this newsletter and also on the Parish website. The Dawn mass of the Abbey Pastoral Area will take place again this year at the Quay Clarecastle at 6.30am on Easter Sunday morning. Please note there will be **NO** seating provided at the Quay.

Trócaire: The annual collection for Trócaire, the Pastoral Outreach Organisation of the Irish Catholic Church to developing countries will be taken up during the Season of Lent.

Our Parish has always been very generous in contributing to this collection. Please return your donations for Trócaire to the Parish Office or Sacristy over the next few weeks. It is very much appreciated and will this year result in a significant improvement in the lives of impoverished and destitute women and children in Rwanda.

Easter Ceremonies Clarecastle & Ballyea

Night Prayer in Ballyea Church starting on Palm Sunday to Good Friday, every evening at **8pm**. Everyone is welcome. Approx. 15 mins in duration, this is a lovely way of preparing for Easter. Do come along and join us.

Monday 30th March – Reconciliation Service – Cathedral Ennis @ 7.30pm

No Morning mass on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Holy Thursday 2nd April:

Mass of the Lords Supper Clarecastle / Ballyea 8pm

Clarecastle : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to 10pm

Ballyea: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Personal Pray Followed by Parish / Community Night Prayer.

Good Friday 3rd April:

Passion Ceremony at Clarecastle / Ballyea **3pm**

Clarecastle – Stations of the Cross **7pm**

Ballyea – Stations of the Cross **7.30pm**

Ballyea – Parish Community Prayer **8pm**

Holy Saturday 4th April:

Easter Vigil – in both Clarecastle & Ballyea **8pm**

Easter Sunday 5th April

Pastoral Area Dawn Mass – the Quay Clarecastle **6.30am**

Please note NO seating will be provided at the Quay

Sunday Masses: Clarecastle **9am & 12 noon**

Ballyea **10.30am**

HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare: Are running the ‘Living Well’ programme which is a free of charge group self-management programme for people with long term health conditions or their carers. The programme, which is ran in a friendly and non-intrusive manner, addresses topics such as fatigue, sleep, pain, stress, physical activity, healthy eating, difficult emotions, low mood, depression and general wellbeing. It takes place over 6 weeks, 2.5 hours per week with up to 15 people on the programme. A programme will commence on Wednesday April 22nd in Shannon Family Resource Centre at 10.30am and continues for 6 weeks, finishing on Wednesday May 27th. Prior registration is necessary, numbers are limited. Call Philip at 087 1799396 or Ailish at 061 461362 to register or for more information.

Chrism Mass: Bishop Fintan will be joined by priests, religious and our Lay Pastoral Ministers for the celebration of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of SS.Peter & Paul Ennis on Spy Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm . At this Mass the Holy Oils used in the sacraments will be consecrated and all are welcome to this annual Diocesan gathering.

Clarecastle/Ballyea Community Games: U10 Throwball & U13 & U15 boys and girls Rounders training will take place on Tue 31st March at 6.30pm n Clarecastle GAA pitch. All welcome.

Active Agers Group Fitness Classes (55+): Focusing on functional strength, balance and fitness for everyday life. Starting Monday 13th April, 9:30am–10:20am in Clarecastle Abbey Hall. All abilities welcome. For more information please contact Noel Collins – 085 863 6296.

Easter Music Camp 2026: In violin and fiddle. An introductory ‘try-it-out’ workshop for children (ages 4-10) wishing to start violin/fiddle classes in the future. Sessions on in Clarecastle 7th – 10th April 10.00am – 12.00pm. Instruments will be provided. Contact Caitríona for more information 087-7735193

Bunratty Castle & Folk Park: Celebrate Easter with family fun at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park (April 4th–5th) and Craggaunowen (April 6th), where history and entertainment come to life for all ages. Enjoy live music, storytelling, circus shows, traditional games, and hands-on craft demonstrations, along with delicious seasonal food and festive treats. Little ones can meet the Easter Bunny and Chick, making it a joyful and memorable way to welcome the season together. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions! **T:** [+353 \(0\) 61 711297](tel:+353161711297) | **E:** rmoore@claretourismdev.ie | **W:** www.clarecollection.ie

