

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

23rd February 2025, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	22 nd	Feb	7pm	Anniv	John (JJ) McCarthy Ballybeg
Sat	22 nd	Feb	7pm	Anniv	Peter, Phylis & Paulette Cosgrove Ennis
Sun	23 rd	Feb	12 noon	1 st Anniv	Philomena Holloway Ballybeg
Sun	23 rd	Feb	12 noon	Anniv	Cecilia & Patrick Burke Derreen
Mon	24 th	Feb	10am	Anniv	David Gilligan Quay Road
Sun	2 nd	Mar	12 noon	Anniv	John Lynch Jnr Ballybeg

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Sun	23 rd	Feb	10.30am	Anniv	Paddy Brougham Newhall
Sun	23 rd	Feb	10.30am	Anniv	Una O'Leary (nee Killoughery)

CHY 3 Form: The money contributed to the weekly offertory collection excluding contributions to the Mission Collection, Trócaire and Clerks Collection, is used to finance the day to day running of the parish. We depend on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the management & development of the parish. If you have contributed €250 or more to the parish in the tax year, the parish can receive a tax refund from revenue, at no additional cost to you, under charitable donations. Please fill in a CHY3 form available from the Parish Office. Thank you to all who contribute. **It does make a difference.**

Coláiste Muire 50th Reunion – Save the Date: If you were a student of Coláiste Muire, Ennis from the years 1970 to 1975 you are invited to our 50th Reunion at Old Ground Hotel on Saturday 11th October. More info from Hilary Campbell 0877834139; Margaret Neylon 0877761204; Cora Hahessy 087 987 3702

Clare Hotels Recruitment Fair 2025 will take place on the 4th of March from 10am-1pm in The Hotel Woodstock, Ennis. This Jobs Fair will highlight careers and training opportunities in the hotel industry. Book online for your free ticket and further information available through www.Eventbrite.ie

Our Changing Church: The Killaloe Diocese Adult Faith Team invites you to a talk/discussion next **Saturday, 1st of March** 10am- 1pm in the Parish Centre, Ennis Cathedral. The speaker is Dr. Michael Conway, Prof. of Faith & Culture, Maynooth. He will present on the impact of change in Church and Society and hopefully initiate a conversation on how we may respond. All are welcome.

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025 Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €995 pps includes full board. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board. To reserve a seat please contact Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St., Dublin 2 D02WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or joewalshstours.ie for more details. A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost of this section. A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms. Mary Freeman, Pilgrimage Secretary 087 9777896 or marybfreeman@gmail.com. Sponsor a Sick Pilgrim. Each year some people **sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim** to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost is € 855 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim please contact Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816

Fully Funded Adult Classes: Sewing and beginners' Embroidery courses commencing in February 2025 in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus. All welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoinette.houlihan@lcebt.ie

Adieu Faithful Friend: This weekend we say farewell to our gentle shepherd Bishop Willie Walsh. After a very fulfilling life which embraced all areas of human living, Bishop Willie gently takes the final bow and moves from our presence into the presence of the God he so faithfully served in life. For his courage, vision, ability to empower people, acceptance and encouragement of human difference, as well as his deep abiding witness to the call for justice and care of the needy, we say **thank you.**

For your spiritual leadership as a priest and as our Bishop and for your challenging voice at the Conference of Bishops we are so appreciative. Mostly however for your humanity we are grateful. Your presence as teacher, friend, spiritual advisor and companion to who so ever you met has moved so many. After a well lived life and a fruitful ministry may you find peaceful rest. May your great love of Gaelic games be rekindled as you meet again Reuben Butler, Hugh O'Dowd, Jimmy Smith and so many of your heroes of the past. May you delight in the vision of God.