

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

Or email: parish@clarecastleballyeaparissh.ie

25th August 2024, Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	24 th	August	7pm	Anniv	Mary Callinan Main Street
Sat	24 th	August	7pm	Anniv	Pauline Scanlan West & The Scanlan Family & Theresa Shilling (nee Scanlon) Florida & Clarecastle
Sat	24 th	August	7pm	Anniv	Sheila O'Driscoll College Green & Barntick

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun	25 th	August	10.30am	Anniv	Olivia Quinn Drumquin
Sun	25 th	August	10.30am	Anniv	Jimmy Devitt Dromadrehid
Sun	25 th	August	10.30am	Anniv	Commandant Frank Barrett O/C Mid Clare Brigade & Barrett Family Ballyea
Sun	1 st	Sept	10.30am	Anniv	Gerry O'Connell Tiermaclane, Ballyea



We remember in our prayers the repose of the souls of **Hilda Wallace Ryan** (nee Daly) Ballybeg, **Theresa Shilling** (nee Scanlon) Florida & Clarecastle. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to their family and friends at this time.

Blood Donation Clinic: West County Hotel Ennis Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th August from 4.50pm – 8.10pm. New donors are welcome and just one contribution can make a difference. Appointments can be booked at 1800 222 111. We urge anyone who is able to donate to take this opportunity to help.

Learn to sing with Dean Power: Individual/Groups lessons available in Clarecastle. If interested, contact deanpower1@gmail.com for more information.

Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese: Information evenings on the training programmes for the Ministry of Catechist and the Ministry of Pastoral Care will be held at three locations across the Diocese in early September. These are the venues, times and dates: **Kilrush, Community Centre: Wednesday, September 13th at 8 p.m. Ennis, Pastoral Centre: Thursday September 14th at 8 p.m. Nenagh: Pastoral Centre, Monday 17th September at 8 p.m.** At these meetings, Bishop Fintan will be present to formally launch this programme of training and formation. People currently involved in a myriad of volunteer ministries will also be present to answer any of your questions. Come along to see and hear how these lay ministries are developing across the diocese and how you might become part of this Good News story. For more information visit: <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>

Relics of St Bernadette: In the autumn this year the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. We are delighted to announce that the Relics will visit the Diocese of Killaloe on Monday 9th September in the Cathedral Ennis and on Tuesday 10th September in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Silvermines Co Tipperary. More information will follow in the coming weeks. See www.stbernadette.ie

Back to School: It is that time of year again, when our school doors open for a new school year. We pray God's blessing on all involved in education in our parish. Bless those who are beginning and those moving on to new beginnings.

Congratulations: Congratulations to our young people who received the results of their Leaving Certificate examinations on Friday. Your years of work and effort at Post Primary School level are over now and you begin to write the next chapter in your life. Irrespective of the grades you achieved in these exams I congratulate you on your efforts, staying power and completing the course. They tell a story to a Third Level College, trade or employer of what they need to know at this moment. They test certain abilities but they don't tell the full story and the simple truth is that so long as a person has the dedication, is not afraid of hard work they can go back even years later and achieve the goals they set for themselves. While exam results may be important at the present moment, they do not define you or me as persons. They are not the be all and end all of life. So Congratulations all, and best of luck in the writing of the fresh chapter of your life!