

## 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](mailto:parish@clarecastleballyeaparish.ie)**

**2nd March 2025, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	12 noon	Anniv	John Lynch Jnr Ballybeg
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	12 noon	Anniv	Deceased Members of Clarecastle G.A.A.

### Ballyea Mass Intentions

Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	8pm	M.M.	Annie Wall (nee McInerney) Barnageeha Darragh
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We remember in our prayers the repose of the souls **Bishop Emeritus of Killaloe, Willie Walsh**. **Susan Burns**, Carrick on Shannon, mother of Mary Keane, Ballyea. **David Geraghty**, Ennis, father of Marita Geraghty, Church Drive. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to their families and friends at this time.

**Priest's Collection:** The First Collection of this year for the priests of the Parish will be taken up at all masses next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please use the envelope in the yearly pack or one of your own to contribute. Your kindness is very much appreciated by Fr. Harry and Fr. Pat.

**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.**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Takes place in Clarecastle Church on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm. If you wish to spend time with Jesus in adoration please leave your name, contact no. and preferred time with the Parish Office.

**Replace our fallen trees:** If you have lost trees in the recent storms or wish to plant for future generations, members of the Ballyea Tree Group will be outside the church on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10.15 until 11.30 with a variety of native trees saplings on offer. The first tree is free with three trees for €5 thereafter. Contact Susan on 087 7917589 for details.

**Venerable Matt Talbot Relics:** This year on the 7th June Matt Talbot the great Dublin man who overcame addiction with the help of God through prayer and sacrifice will be 100 years dead. The cause for his Canonisation has already begun and devotion to him is appealing especially to all who suffer from the life of addictions. A saint for our Times. **On this Monday evening** The Order of the Knights of St Columbanus will be bringing the Relics of Matt Talbot to the 7.30pm Mass in Ennis Cathedral for the monthly Mass of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society Praying for those suffering from addiction and their families. This is part of a nationwide tour of Cathedrals in this Centenary Year.

**College of FET Ennis Campus:** Clonroad is holding its open day Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm and 6-8pm. Find out about our full-time and part-time courses that are fully funded. Register online on [www.collegeofFET.ie/Open](http://www.collegeofFET.ie/Open)

**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday next 5<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of Reflection, renewals and repentance in preparation for the Great Christian Feast of Easter. Ashes will be blessed at the 10am mass in Clarecastle on Wednesday morning. Ashes will be blessed in Ballyea at 8pm mass on Wednesday evening. There will be mass in Clarecastle also on Ash Wednesday evening at 7pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, one of two during the Lenten Season, the second being Good Friday. The obligation to fast is for all between the ages of 18 to 59 who are in good health. Those who have medical conditions between these ages are not obliged to fast. People over the age of 60 can do so at their own discretion and without any obligation. The obligation to abstain from eating meat on the two days of abstinence falls to all from the age of 14 onwards.

**Lenten Masses:** There will be an evening mass in Ballyea Church on the Fridays of Lent. On Friday next 7<sup>th</sup> March which is a First Friday mass will be at 8pm. It will be the Month's Mind mass for the late Annie Wall nee McInerney Barnageeha, Darragh, who died last month and was our oldest parishioner.

Every other Friday evening during Lent the mass will be at 7pm in Ballyea. Please note the time change. This mass is offered on an attendance basis and if there is a poor turnout we will cease to offer it. The change from 8pm to 7pm is due to poor attendance at 8pm in previous years and the expressed view that 7pm may suit people better at this time of year. We will give it a try.