

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


9th March 2025, First Sunday of Lent

Clarecastle Mass Intentions

Sat	8 th	Mar	11am	M.M.	Oliver Kearney Asdee
Sat	8 th	Mar	7pm	Anniv	Dennis Smith Skehanagh
Sun	9 th	Mar	12 noon	Anniv	Deceased Members of Clarecastle G.A.A.
Thurs	13 th	Mar	10am	Anniv	John Joe & Mary Meaney Bansa
Sat	15 th	Mar	11am	M.M.	Margaret O'Brien Clarecastle & Portlaoise
Sat	15 th	Mar	7pm	Anniv	Paddy Healy Madden's Terrace
Sat	15 th	Mar	7pm	Anniv	May Kelly Tiermaclane
Sun	16 th	Mar	12 noon	Anniv	Gleeson Family Clarecastle

Ballyea Mass Intentions

Sun	16 th	Mar	10.30am	Anniv	Vincent Hogan Newhall & Dublin & John Joe King Newhall & Bushy Park
Sun	16 th	Mar	10.30am	Anniv	Paddy & Maureen Sheedy Darragh

 We remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Michael Gormley** Ennis brother of Frances Fitzgerald. We offer our condolences and the support of our prayers to his family 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 this weekend 8th & 9th 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.

Clare SVP are seeking volunteers from the local community to help us continue our work helping people in need. If you are interested and have a few hours to spare each week please contact 085 8720455. For more information, see www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/

Clare Local Studies and Archives: New Collections with Potential for Genealogical Research' by Michael Talty meeting is to be held at 7:30pm on Thursday March 20th at the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis.

College of FET Ennis Campus: Clonroad is holding its open day Tuesday, 11th March 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

First Sunday of Lent: Trocaire: The annual Lenten Collection for Trocaire will take place during the Lenten season. This collection funds the works of Trocaire throughout the world, especially in the poorest parts of our earth. Many people are helped by Trocaire and through their programmes learn skills that enable them to provide food, water and medical care for their people. Trocaire is an organisation of our church which acts as an outreach in Christian acts of love and charity to so many parts of the world that have very special needs for survival. It acts on behalf of Irish Catholics to help meet these needs. Your generosity to this collection is very much appreciated. The Trocaire pack is available this weekend at church doors and outlines the project Trocaire is promoting this year. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity. While the Trocaire collection is finalised at the end of Lent people are free to make their contributions at anytime that suits them during Lent.

First Penance: The Sacrament of First Penance for children who will receive First Holy Communion in Clarecastle church in May will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 10th March in Clarecastle Church. We welcome all the children who will receive First Communion and their parents/guardians to this ceremony on Monday evening.

Lenten Masses: There will be a morning mass as usual in Clarecastle Church on all week day mornings at 10am. There will be an evening mass in Ballyea Church on Friday evenings at 7pm. Please note the time change for Ballyea from 8pm to 7pm.

St Patrick's Day: The masses in the Parish for St Patrick's Day Monday 17th March are as follows: **Clarecastle 9am & 12 noon. Ballyea 10.30am.**