THE CLARE CASTLE

Over 150 Years

The Clare Castle is a Norman castle built in 1250 on a small island on the River Fergus just south of Ennis, Ireland. It was of such significance that in 1570 the whole region was named County Clare after it.

A small part of the castle survives but lay derelict for decades. It and the associated barracks have been restored recently and the nearby namesake town of Clarecastle is thriving.

The Clare Castle, Port Melbourne was built in 1875 and when it first opened it was described in the newspaper as "the finest establishment in the area."

The present custodians of this fine old building provide a direct connection to County Clare with ancestors hailing from Cooraclare, a village only 30 miles from the Clare Castle. Settling in Queensland four generations ago it wasn't long before the love of seafood generally and Moreton Bay Bugs in particular became a way of life.

JB's Moreton Bay Bugs were well known amongst family & friends long before the more recent generations made Victoria home and Bugs became a menu item here at The Clare Castle.

It is this families fervent hope that with great food and great service The Clare Castle Port Melbourne, after 150 years, can once again rightly claim the title as:

"The finest establishment in the area."

6 TIME DINERS' CHOICE AWARD WINNER!

If you have had any issues or you have a suggestion please raise it with our friendly staff as we are always striving to improve.

If you have enjoyed yourself and would like to share your experience please use this QR code to place a Google Review.

Google Reviews

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BREADS

Turkish Pizza Bread (8 pieces) (V) 12
w/ garlic, oregano
+ Satay Dip +3

Garlic Bread (4 pieces) (V) 12

Cheesy Mozzarella Garlic Bread (4 pieces) (V) 15

ENTRÉE & SMALL PLATES

Freshly Shucked Oysters (A)
refer to our specials for the source of today's fresh oysters
Natural (GF) (each - min of 3) 7
w/ mignonette sauce
Aperol Spritz Granita (each - min of 3) 8

Vegetarian Spring Roll (each) (VE) 8
w/ chilli dipping sauce

Prawn Spring Roll (each) (I) 9
w/ chilli dipping sauce

Moreton Bay Bug Toast (each) (A) 10
deep fried on pain de mie toast

Sliders:
Moreton Bay Bug (each) (A) 16
w/ butter leaf, pickled onion, sriracha mayo, coriander
Beef (2) 18
w/ cheese, butter leaf, tomato sauce on side

Grilled Haloumi Cheese (V) (GF) 20
w/ dried figs, honey, white balsamic

Eye Fillet Beef Satay Skewer (1) (GF) 27
Eye Fillet - YG w/ hot peanut dipping sauce

Flash Fried Calamari (GFO) (I) 30
w/ rocket, pickled onions, lime aioli

Garlic King Prawns (4 prawns) (GFO) (A) 32
w/ creamy garlic sauce on a bed of jasmine rice

JB's Moreton Bay Bugs (2 halves) (GFO) (A) 38
in the shell w/ creamy garlic sauce

PUB CLASSICS

Old School Battered Fish & Chips (GFI) (I) 29
battered flat head tales served with chips + salad

Grilled Barramundi & Chips (GFI) (A) 37
fresh barramundi grilled and served with chips + salad

Crumbed Lamb Cutlets 46
w/ mash, peas, gravy + mint jelly

Chicken Schnitzel - Free Range 30
w/ chips + salad

Chicken Parmigiana - Free Range 33
w/ cheese, ham + napoli sauce, w/ chips + salad

Milk Fed Veal Schnitzel - Herb Crusted 48
w/ chips + salad

BURGERS & SANDWICHES

Black Angus Steak Baguette 36
Black Angus Scotch Fillet Steak - YG
w/ cheese, rocket, tomato, caramelised onion and aioli
(add: bacon +3, egg +3) w/ chips

Clare Castle Black Angus Beef Burger 34
cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles + our special sauce.
(add: bacon +3, egg +3) w/ chips

Haloumi Burger (V) 30
lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion w/ chips

CHAR GRILLED STEAKS (GFO)

Purveyor of our fine meats: Peter Dinley - Butcher.

Rump Cap Steak - YG - 250g 44

Black Angus Porterhouse - YG - 280g 55

Pasture Fed Eye Fillet - YG - 220g 59

Black Angus Scotch Fillet - YG - 380g 68

Steak of the Day - refer to our specials

All Steaks served w/ chips** (GFI) **+ a sauce + a mustard
Sauce: gravy, mushroom, red wine jus (GF), pepper (GFO), béarnaise, garlic butter (GF)
Mustard: seeded, dijon, hot english or horseradish

Reef & Beef - Moreton Bay Bug (A) +26
your steak topped w/ wok tossed bugs w/ garlic, chilli, capsicum

Surf & Turf - King Prawns (A) +20
your steak topped w/ king prawns w/ creamy garlic sauce

Steak Sharing Platters
your chosen steaks sliced on a platter with your sides and sauces.

YG Graded beef = Beef younger than 30 months. Unworked muscles yield a very tender cut with a superb yet subtle flavour.

MAINS

Green Chicken Curry (Free Range) (GF) 29
w/ jasmine rice

Roasted Pumpkin Risotto (V) (VEO) GFO) 34
w/ parmesan cheese, crispy kale + basil oil

Black Angus Beef & Guinness Pot Pie 38
w/ mash

Garlic King Prawns (7 prawns) (GFO) (A) 49
w/ creamy garlic sauce on a bed of jasmine rice

Rack of Lamb (GF) 49
w/ spring veg, basil oil + red wine jus

JB's Moreton Bay Bugs (5 halves) (GFO) (A) 74
in the shell w/ creamy garlic sauce on a bed of jasmine rice

Fish of the Day (A) MP
refer to our specials for today's fresh fish of the day

PASTA

Spaghetti Caprese Bocconcini (V) (VEO) 29
w/ olive oil, garlic, chilli, cherry tomato, white wine & basil

Slow Cooked Black Angus Beef Ragu 40
w/ pappardelle pasta + parmesan cheese

Spaghetti Gamberi (A) 46
w/ King Prawns, olive oil, garlic, chilli, cherry tomato, white wine + basil

Spaghetti Marinara 46
w/ king prawns (A) , scallops (I), portarlington mussels (A), roasted capsicum, garlic, chilli, white wine + olive oil

Moreton Bay Bug Spaghetti (A) 49
w/ garlic, chilli, roasted capsicum, white wine + olive oil

SIDES & SAUCES

Chips (VE) (GFI) Reg / Large 8 / 14

Cup of Sautéed Veg (VE) (GF) 7

Truffle Oil Mashed Potato (VE) (GF) 14

Sautéed Seasonal Greens (VE) (GFO) 15
w/ garlic

Seasonal Stir Fry Vegetable (VE) (GF) 15
w/ mushroom, capsicum + garlic

Sauce (a complimentary sauce is provided with our steaks) 3
gravy, mushroom, red wine jus (GF), pepper (GFO), béarnaise, garlic butter (GF).

Mustard (a complimentary mustard is provided with our steaks) 1
seeded, dijon, hot english or horseradish

SALADS

Garden (VE) (GF) Sml / Lrg 7 / 14

Greek (V) (GF) Sml / Lrg 8 / 16

Rocket & Shaved Parmesan (V) (GF) Sml / Lrg 8 / 16

Walnut, Rocket & Feta (V) (GF) Sml / Lrg 9 / 18

SWAPS

Chips (VE) (GFI) instead of **Mash** No Cost

Salad (V) (GF) instead of **Chips** No Cost

Veg (V) (GF) instead of **Salad** +3

Mash (V) (GF) instead of **Chips** +3

Veg (V) (GF) instead of **Chips** +3

DESSERTS

Jocks Famous Ice-Cream + Sorbet (VE) (GF) 7
refer to the specials for todays flavours

Sticky Toffee Pudding (V) 18
w/ cream or vanilla ice cream

House Made Warm Chocolate Brownie (V) (GF) 20
w/ chocolate ganache + cream or vanilla ice cream

Summer Dessert Special
See the Specials Board

Affogato (V) 20
vanilla ice cream + espresso shot w/ disaronno, frangelico or baileys.
alcohol free affogato 12

(V) = Vegetarian (VEO) = Vegan Option (VE) = Vegan (cooking equipment is used for non-vegan items) (GFO) = Gluten Free Option (GFI) = Gluten Free Ingredients but cooked in oil used with Gluten items (GF) = Gluten Free but traces may be present
Ingredient list is not exhaustive additional additives or traces such as, but not limited to, nuts, stock, vinegar, wine and seasoning may be present.

Seafood Source: (A) = Australian (I) = Imported Substitutions are possible due to occasional supply issues and will be noted on the specials board.

10% Surcharge on Sundays, 15% Surcharge on Public Holidays