

## The Ascension of the Lord

### EXAMS 2022 – YES, I CAN!

On next Saturday evening 4<sup>th</sup> June at Patrickswell 6.30pm and Ballybrown 8.00pm Masses we will especially remember all those taking exams. A Prayer Card will be available and we will remember at each Mass all taking exams at this time. If free, you are especially welcome next Saturday evening.

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

#### Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for 2022 World Communications Day (extract)

##### *Listening with the ear of the heart:*

..The most important task in pastoral activity is the 'apostolate of the ear' – to listen before speaking, as the Apostle James exhorts: "Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak" (1:19). Freely giving some of our own time to listen to people is the first act of charity... (Pope Francis)

#### **Prayer for Expectant Mothers**

##### **(Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 31<sup>st</sup> May)**

God of infinite goodness, watch over expectant mothers as they await the birth of their child. Grant these women confidence and strength to dispel their anxiety and fear. Bless them with the courage and faith of Mary, always listening to your will and trusting in your loving care. As they prepare to bring new life into the world, grace them with good health and great joy.

We look to you and your Son, Jesus Christ, as a sign of mercy and joy.

We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes in the name of your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENT - SPONSORED REMEMBRANCE WALK**

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE - 7.00pm**

**In aid of the Hedge School Cottage and Kilkeedy Ballybrown Cemetery**

The Walk will begin at St. Joseph's National School Ballybrown at 7.00pm, go along to the Hedge School Cottage Newtown, and then return by the Line Road to Ballybrown N.S. All are welcome to join in. **Sponsorship cards available.**

*Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.*

**"Young people are beacons of hope in their parishes and communities"**

**– Bishop Brendan Leahy**

Speaking as he presented 50 John Paul II Awards to young people from across the Limerick diocese, Bishop Brendan Leahy said that the young people stepped up during the Covid-19 pandemic to support others and this was particularly encouraging. Bishop Leahy said, "I was delighted to be able to present these John Paul II Awards to such inspirational young people. The work they have been doing in their local areas is tremendous and brings such richness to their parishes, their local communities and to themselves. For many there is a realisation that young people have a significant role to play in the Church, this gives me great hope for the future."

The John Paul II medals were presented by Bishop Leahy at an award ceremony in Scoil Pól in Kilfinane, the first one since the outbreak of Covid-19. The award programme, which is sponsored by the Knights of Saint Columbanus, is coordinated by the pastoral outreach team in the Limerick Diocesan Centre.

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**LAUDATO SI' WEEK 22-29 MAY at MILFORD CARE CENTRE:** You are most welcome to join us **this coming Sunday afternoon 29<sup>th</sup> May** for "Among the Trees", in celebration of Laudato Si' week, by exploring and reflecting on the healing power of nature on the new "Infinity Woodland Pathway" at **Milford Care Centre**. From 1:45pm to 3:00pm. **Places are limited, and registration is essential** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InfinityWoodlandPathway>

#### **Irish Blood Transfusion Service:**

The Blood Transfusion Service will be at Limerick Racecourse, Patrickswell on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 4.15pm to 7.30pm.

**CLINIC IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, to book please ring 1800 222 111.

Further information can be found at <https://www.giveblood.ie/find-a-clinic/clinic-finder/clinics/limerick/raheen1.html>

#### **PARISH WEEKLY MASSES**

**PATRICKSWELL:** Weekdays at 9.30am (unless a funeral is scheduled)

Saturday 6.30pm (Vigil Mass); Sunday at 11.30am

**ADORATION:** Saturday from 8.00am to 11.30am

**BALLYBROWN:** Weekdays at 10.30am (unless a funeral is scheduled)

Saturday 8.00pm (Vigil Mass); Sunday at 10.00am

**The churches are open daily from 11am to 5pm.**

**Baptisms** may be booked monthly in advance with the Parish Office for Ballybrown Church and for Patrickswell Church with sacristan Maria or the Parish Office.