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**Parish Newsletter February 10<sup>th</sup>**

### Reflection for World Day of Prayer for the Sick, 11 February

'The Church's maternal vocation to the needy and to the sick has found concrete expression throughout the two thousand years of her history in an impressive series of initiatives on behalf of the sick. This history of dedication must not be forgotten. It continues to the present day throughout the world. In countries where adequate public health care systems exist, the work of Catholic religious congregations and dioceses and their hospitals is aimed not only at providing quality medical care, but also at putting the human person at the centre of the healing process, while carrying out scientific research with full respect for life and for Christian moral values. In countries where health care systems are inadequate or non-existent, the Church seeks to do what she can to improve health, eliminate infant mortality and combat widespread disease. The image of the Church as a 'field hospital' that welcomes all those wounded by life is a very concrete reality, for in some parts of the world, missionary and diocesan hospitals are the only institutions providing necessary care to the population'. Pope Francis (Message for 2018)

### Grotto in Patrickswell:

Over the years the Grotto in Patrickswell has been very well maintained. Parishioners are very grateful to those who keep the Grotto so well. The Grotto is a spiritual landmark. It provides a place of prayer and reflection. For those passing by, the Grotto can stimulate some spiritual thoughts. Up to now our Community Council have been paying for the lighting at the Grotto. The feeling is this burden should be lifted from them as they have many other issues to deal with at Community Level. To discuss how best this can be done I invite anyone who would wish to be involved to a meeting in Patrickswell Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. All welcome. Fr Mike.

**Patrickswell Community Council** will hold their AGM this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Community Resource Centre. It is a public meeting, all are welcome to attend.

**Patrickswell Parent Baby & Toddler Group** meet every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.00am in the Community Resource Centre. All Parents/ Grandparents/ Childminders and their babies and preschool toddlers are welcome.

**Ballybrown Adult Choir Rehearsals** commencing on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Church for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. New members welcome.

For more information contact Rosaleen at 087 2267647

### CAREBRIGHT Introductory Carers Course – West Limerick

Starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February in Newcastlewest call Monica on 087-8310999 or email [TRAINING@CAREBRIGHT.IE](mailto:TRAINING@CAREBRIGHT.IE). Own transport required.

**Lecture by Professor Piotr Roszak** on "The Camino de Santiago" at the Dept. of Theology & Religious Studies MIC Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 5 – 7pm.

**Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.** We ask for your prayers for all those who have been hurt by abuse in the Church. We pray for Pope Francis and for the success of the meeting in Rome at which senior bishops and religious superiors from around the world will be attending.

### **Community Fundraiser - Coffee morning after the 10am and 11.30am masses in the Parish Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February for Tiny Sebastian.**

Tiny was a nurse, wife to Cyril and mother to Riyana aged 8 and Riyon aged 4, they moved to the Parish from India 7 years ago. Tiny died unexpectedly on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### Mass Intentions

**Ballybrown: Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** Mary McCarthy, Sean, Nora & Betty Ryan.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** Sean Cosgrave & Esther Cusack. **Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** Denis Collins.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** James, Eileen & Vincent Byrnes and Maura Mannix.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** Ted Griffin, John Curran & Esther Bergan, Lionel Costello.

**Patrickswell: Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** Margaret & Thomas Leahy, Ester & William Hayes and their son Martin.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Months Mind:** Nora Doherty.

Anniversaries: John & Josephine Walsh, Michael Reidy.

### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### **MASSES FOR COMING WEEK**

**Patrickswell:** 9.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.  
Saturday Mass - 6.30pm. Sunday 11.30am.

**Adoration:** Thursdays from 7.00 to 9.00pm & Saturdays 8.00am – 12noon.

**Baptisms:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weekends of the month on Sat at 5.00pm and Sun at 12.30pm.

**Next Baptismal Gathering Tues 12<sup>th</sup> February in Church Meeting Room at 7.30pm.**

**Ballybrown:** 9.30am – Monday, Thursday and Friday. **No morning mass Tuesday.**

Mass in Raheen at 10am. Saturday Masses - 8.00pm. Sunday 10.00am

**Wednesday 8.00pm. Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**

**Baptisms:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of the month on Sat at 5.00pm and Sun at 12.30pm.

**Next Baptismal Gathering is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Church.**

**Baptisms to be booked one month in advance with Parish Office.**

**Please give one month's notice when booking a Baptism.**

**Feast Day: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February St Valentine**

**Offertory Collection Last Weekend: €1745.**

