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1st Sunday in Lent

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

An Appeal for Ukraine

The Redemptorists in Limerick have a special relationship with the Redemptorists in Ukraine. They have been in regular contact with them since the war began. They have opened their churches and monasteries as places of safety and refuge for the victims of war and are also helping people who are waiting to cross the border into Poland. They are working closely with the Polish and Slovak Redemptorists.

They are working flat out but are close to running out of money. They have asked us for help and as a result we have launched An Appeal for Ukraine. People are responding very generously.

It is possible to donate online at www.novena.ie or to make a credit card donation by phoning 061-315099. Cheques should be made payable to Redemptorists Limerick and mailed to Fr. Seamus Enright, Mount St. Alphonsus, South Circular Road, Limerick.

People may also donate by calling into the Monastery. Every little helps and every Euro will go directly to the Redemptorists in Ukraine.

Envelopes will be distributed for donations at all weekend Masses.

These may be returned at Masses during the week or at the weekend. You may also drop the envelopes into the Parish Office during office hours.

Parish Office is closed Monday 7th open Tuesday 8th from 10.30am

1. **'Live, Love, Lent' Campaign:** We in Diocese of Limerick are inviting you to journey with us this Lent. The Pastoral Outreach team have put together a programme to support you throughout Lent, this includes daily thoughts, images, reflections and prayers with a different theme each week. These are posted daily on our Diocesan Facebook page; I want to reassure you that **you do not need to have a Facebook account** to access these resources. Our Facebook page is set up so that it is accessible to people who are not on Facebook; you can access our Facebook page on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseflimerick>. Be sure to check in every day. Fr. Chris explains everything in this video if you would like to know more: <https://fb.watch/bwt2KoKwbU/>

2. **Enviro-Lenten Films:** Aoife and Betty are showing 3 films in the Diocesan Centre on 3 Saturday evenings, starting this Saturday evening 5th March at 7.00pm. You will need to register for these films so that we can manage numbers and catering. Poster attached. You can register at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Enviro-LentenFilms>

3. **Prayers of the Faithful Resources for Lent, International Women's Day, Mother's Day and Earth Day:** Sister Betty Baker has kindly compiled prayers which include Prayers of the Faithful from First Sunday of Lent to Corpus Christi and for International Women's Day (8th March), Mother's Day (27th March) and Earth Day (22nd April).

4. **Time Apart Retreat in preparation for Lent:** Sr Phyllis Moynihan and Bernadette are offering a half-day retreat in preparation for Lent on Saturday 12th March in the Redemptorists Church, starting with Mass at 10am and finishing at lunch time. You are welcome to join in person at the Redemptorists Church or via the webcam for some quiet time of reflection and prayer.

Tuesday 8th March: Feast of ST. SENAN Senan offered the light of hope to the people in difficult times. To help rekindle the light of hope in our times we invite you to light a candle of hope and place it on the window.

International Women's Day (March 8th) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

PARISH WEEKLY MASSES

Patrickswell: Weekdays at 9.30am (unless there is a Funeral).
Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 11.30am.

Adoration: Saturdays 8.00am – 11.30am. **Church open daily from 11 to 4pm.**
Extra Adoration: Tuesdays during Lent from 7.30 to 10.30pm starting 1st March.

All welcome. May be viewed online.

1st Anniversary: Sunday 6th March at 11.30am – Teresa Buston.

Month's Mind Mass - Saturday 12th at 6.30pm – Pat Ryan.

Ballybrown: Weekdays at 10.30am (unless there is a Funeral).
Saturday at 8.00pm & Sunday at 10.00am.

1st Anniversary: Saturday 5th March at 8pm - Joseph Lynch.

1st Anniversary: Friday 11th March at 7.30pm – Shane Kenny.

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

Recent Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community
Patrickswell: Mia Luna Carroll, Rian Patrick Fitzgerald, Róisín Ann Quinn.

Offertory Collection Last Weekend amounted to €991.40
Diocesan Needs Collection for February amounted to €469.10.