

<p>First Reading Acts 2:14,22-33 Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.</p>	<p>Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21 You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15(16): 1-2,5,7-11 God will show us the path of life.</p>	<p>Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35 Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.</p>

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We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognise the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Background on the Gospel Reading

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognise him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognised. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

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We welcome the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in May.

Prayer of St. Catherine of Siena (feast day 29 April)

My Nature is Fire

In your nature, eternal Godhead, I shall come to know my nature.

And what is my nature, boundless love?

It is fire, because you are nothing but a fire of love. And you have given humankind a share in this nature, for by the fire of love you created us.

And so with all other people and every created thing;
you made them out of love.

O ungrateful people!

What nature has your God given you? His very own nature!

Are you not ashamed to cut yourself off from such a noble thing
through the guilt of deadly sin?

O eternal Trinity, my sweet love!

You, light, give us light. You, wisdom, give us wisdom.

You, supreme strength, strengthen us.

Today, eternal God, let our cloud be dissipated so that
we may perfectly know and follow your Truth in truth,
with a free and simple heart.

God, come to our assistance! Lord, make haste to help us! Amen.

PRIEST EASTER COLLECTION: A very sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Priest Easter Collection last weekend. If anyone was away or forgot, your contribution would be still very welcome.

Orchard Fostering: There is currently a shortage of Foster Carers in Ireland and Orchard Fostering are now urgently recruiting Foster Carers in every county. Our team is available to answer enquiries and offer advice to those who have thought about fostering. If you have considered fostering or would like to know more, please email info@orchardfostering.ie, call 01 627 5713 or visit our website www.orchardfostering.ie to find out more information.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: If anyone still has their Trócaire box and would like to contribute please leave the boxes or envelopes into the sacristy or the Parish Office as soon as possible. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the Trócaire collection so far.

World Youth Day – Join the Diocese of Limerick being led by Bishop Brendan Leahy – 31st July to 8th August 2023 - 8 nights/9 days Lisbon, Portugal - Ages 18-35 - €690 - Includes flights, lodging and all expenses. What is WYD? World Youth Day is a world-wide gathering of young people, focused on Christ. Millions of youth will come to meet with each other and Pope Francis in a life-changing pilgrimage. Spaces are limited so please contact James at: 061 350000 / 086 6071021/
james.connery@limerickdiocese.com. Bookings close on 30th April 2023.

Lough Derg 2023 Pilgrimage Season – Three Day Pilgrimage – Thursday 1st June until Monday 15th August – Admission €80. Booking advised / Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.
www.loughderg.org or info@loughderg.org / Tel. 071 986 1518

Parish Weekly Masses

Patrickswell: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday & Friday - Masses at 9.30am. (Unless there is a funeral scheduled).

Saturday at 6.30pm and Sunday at 11.30am.

Ballybrown: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday & Friday - Masses at 10.30am. (Unless there is a funeral scheduled).

Saturday at 8.00pm and Sunday at 10.00am.

Churches remain open from 11.00am to 5.30pm.

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

Patrickswell: Saturdays at 2pm and Sundays at 12.30pm.

Ballybrown: Saturdays at 3pm and Sundays at 12.30pm.

Recent Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community the following who were baptised in our parish.

Patrickswell – Jacob John O'Brien Fitzgerald, Mungret.

Ballybrown – Robyn Emma Burke, Corcamore, Clarina.



Offertory Collection Last Weekend - €1,611.62