

First Reading*2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16*

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Second Reading*Romans 6:3-4,8-11*

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19*

Sing God's praises for ever.

Gospel Reading*Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.



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Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarises both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily lives to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER
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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR A**

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Tribute

The parish was saddened to hear of the death of our beloved Ballybrown Church sacristan, Pat Gallagher on Saturday June 24th. Pat became sacristan in 2006, following the retirement of Dina Fitzgerald R.I.P. and his long and devoted service was recognised by Pope Francis last October when Pat was awarded the Benemerenti Medal. Pat was a lifelong member of the PTAA Pioneers and he served as President of the Ballybrown branch since 2003. He was also influential in setting up MPCC Credit Union in 1982. Pat is predeceased by four brothers and two sisters, and is sadly missed by his beloved wife Marie, daughters Marion (Bedford) and Geraldine (Walsh), grandchildren Eoghan, Amy and Cian and sons-in-law Liam and Ed, sisters Rosaleen and Mary and many relatives and friends both in this parish and in his native Derry. May he rest in peace.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES - SATURDAY 08 JULY

PATRICKSWELL CHURCH – MASS WILL BE AT 4.30PM

BALLYBROWN CHURCH – MASS WILL BE AT 8.30PM

Diocese of Limerick Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday 22nd July.

A Bus will leave from [McElligotts Car Park, Clarina](#) at **8:30am** (time brought forward from 9.45am) and from [Patrickswell Church Car Park](#) at **9:00am**. Cost €20. If you are interested **seats must be booked before Sunday 9th July**. For further details and to book a place, please contact Sacristans, the Parish Office or Ann on 086 1602874.

Annual Graveyard Masses In August

The annual Graveyard Masses will take place this year as follows:- **Clounanna: Tuesday 8th August - 7.30pm;**
Patrickswell: Friday 11th August at 7.30pm;
Kilkeedy: Friday 18th August at 7.30pm.



Weekly Offertory Collection: €1,215.50

June Diocesan Needs Collection: €334.00



SCHOOL'S OUT! Our Schools have come to the end of another school year. We would like to take the opportunity to say Thank You to our Principals, Teachers, SNA's, School Staff, Chairpersons and Members of Boards of Management for their generosity in supporting the work our schools do on our behalf. Rest is important so that the mind and body can be renewed and refreshed. We wish you all a very pleasant break from routine!

To All 6th Class Pupils of Ballybrown and Patrickswell Schools:

We wish all our pupils a safe and happy transition to Secondary School. May you be courageous and wise for the coming years and learn to see the hidden blessing in every obstacle.



PARISH WEEKLY MASSES

PATRICKSWELL: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday & Friday - 9.30am (unless a funeral is scheduled).

Saturday 8th July 4.30pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 11.30am

BALLYBROWN: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday & Friday - 10.30am (unless a funeral is scheduled).

Saturday 8th July 8.30pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday at 10.00am.

Churches open for quiet prayer from 11.00am to 5.30pm daily.

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

Patrickswell Baptisms: Saturdays at 2.00pm and Sundays at 12.30pm

Ballybrown Baptisms: Saturdays at 3.00pm and Sundays at 12.30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: Friday next 7th July is the First Friday. Fr. Mike will make his Communion Calls on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th. If you would like a visit, please contact the Sacristans or the Parish Office.

Next Newsletter will be weekend of 2nd/3rd September 2023.

The Parish Office will be open as normal.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

“It is of great significance if there is a person who truly prays in a family. Prayer attracts God's grace and all the members of the family feel it, even those whose hearts have grown cold. Pray always”.

- Thaddeus of Vitovnica