

First Reading	<i>Isaiah 5:1-7</i> The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.
Resp. Psalm	<i>Psalms 79(80):9,12-16,19-20</i> The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.
Second Reading	<i>Philippians 4:6-9</i> Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching of Christ which they received from him.
Gospel Reading	<i>Matthew 21:33-43</i> Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus told the parable of the two sons and, then, criticised the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon *Isaiah 5:1-7*, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways — through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

October 7th: Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary
October 9th: Feast Day of Saint John Henry Newman

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REMINDER: PARISH OFFICE – CHANGE OF OPENING TIMES

Our Parish Office opening times have changed.

**The new opening times are Tuesday/Thursday/Friday
from 11.30am to 3.30pm.**

A Daily Prayer (Saint John Henry Newman)

May God support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

Thursday Club Senior Art Class takes place on Mondays at Ballybrown/Clarina Community Resource Centre from 2.00pm - 4.30pm under the tutor Paul Quane. There are still a few places available in this painting class, if interested please contact Miriam O'Kelly (086) 869 9409.

Patrickswell National School Enrolment:

Enrolment to Junior Infants 2024/2025

Enrolment process for Junior Infants 2024/2025 will commence on **Monday, October 2nd 2023.**

*Closing date for applications is **Friday 3rd November, 2023 at 5.00pm.***

Please note: Pupils wishing to enrol into other classes should email the school office directly. Email: info@patrickswellns.com

Limerick Mental Health Week 2023 begins on Sunday 8th October and runs until Sunday 15th October offering a wide variety of public talks, exhibitions, workshops, a concert hosted by Limerick Choral Union and other events. Full programme on Limerick Mental Health Week website <https://limerickmentalhealth.ie/limerick-mental-health-week-2023/>

#PlanToProtect your Mental Health

1. **CONNECT** – Talk, listen, reach out and chat...
2. **BE ACTIVE** – Walk, cycle, run, garden...
3. **TAKE NOTICE** – Be mindful and live every day...
4. **KEEP LEARNING** – Grow your mind...
5. **GIVE** – Volunteer & help someone else...

Workshop on Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing:

'Living a happy and contented life'; getting the conversation going on positive mental health and wellbeing with *Grow & JIGSAW*.

A workshop for parents, people in ministry, community leaders and others to **start the conversation** on the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing in the family, the parish, and the wider community. Details of resources and supports available to families, parishes and community groups will be shared.

Date: **Tuesday 10th October 7.30pm-9.00pm** in Limerick Diocesan Centre, Saint Munchin's College, Corbally, Limerick. Eircode V94 925C. Tel. 061 350000. Please register your place here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PostiveMentalHealth>

Understanding Divine Mercy – Fr. Chris Alar, MIC (UK & Ireland Tour)

Monday 9th October, St Paul's Church, Lisduggan, Waterford. Eircode X91 E167. 4:30pm HOLY MASS with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. 5:30pm TALK: Bereavement, Hope and Divine Mercy. 6:00pm Book Signing. Poster [here](#)

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

Families are encouraged to make a special effort to pray a 'Hail Mary' each day together during the month of October. Maybe you might say a decade of a rosary or just one 'Hail Mary' but it's a great time to begin this practice as a family. You will see the blessings.

Church Gate Collection – Patrickswell Church

Sunday 15th October at 11.30am – in aid of St. Ita's Hospital, Newcastle West.

Global Synod 04 Oct-29 Oct: During this last week the Global Synod has begun in Rome where bishops and lay people are convening to discuss the findings of the process begun in 2021, when local gatherings around the world considered the issues facing the Church. Our own Bishop Brendan together with Bishop Alan McGuckian of Raphoe Diocese are representing the Irish Church at the global assembly. This is a moment where we are encouraged to pray that God's Holy Spirit will enliven the hearts of all who make up the Church - the body of Christ - to see clearly God's plan for His people.

PARISH MASSES/LAY LED LITURGIES: 9th October – 15th October

PATRICKSWELL: Monday/Tuesday & Friday: Mass at 9.30am

Wed 11th Oct & Thurs 12th Oct: Lay Led Liturgy at 9.30am

(unless a funeral is scheduled). Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am.

Adoration: Saturday from 8.00am to 11.30am

BALLYBROWN: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday & Friday: Mass at 10.30am

Wed 11th Oct: Lay Led Liturgy at 10.30am

(unless a funeral is scheduled). Saturday Vigil Mass 8.00pm, Sunday 10.00am.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Ballybrown:

Saturday 7th Oct: Christy & Jamie Cusack and deceased members of the Cusack family; Hugh O'Neill; Peter & Mary Carroll.

Sunday 8th Oct: Brian Holland; Edmond & Nora O'Rourke

Tues 10th Oct: Con & Annie Kirby

Sat 14th Oct: John Madden (1st anniv.)

Patrickswell:

Saturday 7th Oct: George Buston (Month's Mind); Eithne Cussen (Month's Mind); Breda Murray; Thomas Kiely.

Sun 8th Oct: Neilus Hayes

Tues 10th Oct: Tommy O'Neill

Sat 14th Oct: Lily Woulfe (1st anniv.);

John O'Donnell

Sun 15th Oct: Denny & Maisie Gavin

May They Rest In Peace

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 12.30 pm