

First Reading	<i>Exodus 22:20-26</i> The Lord teaches that compassion should be shown to the alien and the poor.
Resp. Psalm	<i>Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51</i> The Lord is our strength.
Second Reading	<i>1 Thessalonians 1:5-10</i> Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.
Gospel Reading	<i>Matthew 22:34-40</i> The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see [Matthew 22:22-33](#)). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarised in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

(Loyola Press)

Annual Cemetery Prayers:

Clounanna - Sunday 5th November at 12.30pm

Patrickswell – Sunday 12th November at 12.30pm

Kilkeedy – Sunday 19th November at ~~12.30pm~~ 11.00 AM

Donation Box available in the Graveyards.

Sunday 5th Nov: Castlemungret at 2.30pm; Old Graveyard Mungret at 3.15pm



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

29 OCTOBER 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mike Cussen Tel. 061 353711 Mobile 087 1279015

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Wednesday November 1st – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY

Thursday November 2nd – All Souls' Day

Remember those who kept the faith, who always turned to pray,

Who showed the love of Jesus in their lives from day to day.

Remember those this special time, who live with God above,

All Saints, All Souls, and all our own, who live with God in love.

(Holy Day Mass Times overleaf)

ALL-SAINTS AND HALLOWE'EN: (or Eve of All Saints Day).

The word **Hallowe'en** literally means "hallowed evening," and was previously known to early European celebrators as All Hallows Eve. All Hallows Eve/31st Oct and All Saints Day/1st Nov both paid homage to saints ("hallow" = holy or saint). Think of the 'Our Father' / "hallowed be thy name". The name was eventually shortened to "Hallowe'en," by which it is known to this day.

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

1. From 12 noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) may gain one Plenary Indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostles' Creed. This Indulgence applies only to the souls of the departed.

Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1st November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st to 8th November.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

Mass for Peace in the World - Sunday 29th October: With so many places in the world currently being devastated by war and destruction, Knock Shrine will offer a special Mass for Peace on Sunday October 29th at 12 noon. This Mass will take place in Knock Basilica and will also be streamed live on www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live. All are welcome to join with us as we pray for an end to all conflict worldwide.

COFFEE MORNING: A Coffee Morning will take place **this Sunday, October 29th** at Hodkinson's Centra Patrickswell in aid of Cancer Care from 12 noon onwards. There will be a raffle and there is an open invitation to all to attend and give your support.

PATRICKSWELL 45 DRIVE: Patrickswell Community Council's 45 Drive will resume after a long break every Tuesday night commencing on this coming Tuesday the 31st of October in the new Community Centre.

November Offerings: There will be special envelopes for the Purgatorial Offerings available in both churches for those **not using the weekly envelopes**. All envelopes are to be left in during Mass times only, or left into the Parish Office. Masses for the deceased are celebrated on the First Fridays and at other times during the year.

Patrickswell National School Enrolment:

Enrolment to Junior Infants 2024/2025 - Enrolment process for Junior Infants 2024/2025 is now open. **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

Annual November Remembrance Mass for Deceased Parishioners 2023

Saturday 4th November Patrickswell Church at 6.30pm. Ballybrown Church at 8pm.

Sacrament of Marriage: Blessings and best wishes to Orla Casey and Sean Carrick who were married in Ballybrown Church recently.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome to our Christian Community the following who were baptised recently:

Sadhbh Meadhbh Sheahan, Clounanna;
Donagh Michael Houlihan, Ballycarney;
Lir Gabriel O'Brien.



PARISH WEEKLY MASSES: 30th October – 5th November

PATRICKSWELL: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday & Friday: Mass at 9.30am (unless a funeral is scheduled). Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am.

Wednesday 1st November: All Saints Holy Day. Mass at 11.30am and 6.30pm.

Thursday 2nd November: All Souls Day. Mass at normal weekday time of 9.30am.

Adoration: Saturday from 8.00am to 11.30am

Extra Adoration will take place every Tuesday evening during November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, commencing on Tuesday 7th November.

BALLYBROWN: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday & Friday: Mass at 10.30am (unless a funeral is scheduled). Saturday (Vigil Mass) 8.00pm, Sunday 10.00am.

Wednesday 1st November: All Saints Holy Day. Mass at 10.00am and 8.00pm.

Thursday 2nd November: All Souls Day. Mass at normal weekday time of 10.30am.

Churches open daily from 11am to 4.30pm. Note earlier closing time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Ballybrown:

Sat 28th Oct: Rose Fitzgerald

Sun 29th Oct: Kitty Togher; Nancy

Byrnes; Bridget Byrnes; Mary Bridget
Byrnes; John & Nora Daly; Kevin Deane

Fri 3rd Nov (10.30am): Michael, Bridie
& Mary Cregan

Sat 4th Nov: Edmond & Nora O'Rourke;
Aidan O'Brien; Nora Graham

Patrickswell:

Sat 28th Oct: Liam Fenton

Sun 29th Oct: Bobby Collins

Sat 4th Nov: Mary Garvey (Month's Mind)

Sun 5th Nov: Leonard Enright; Willie O'Brien

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: Friday next 3rd November is the First Friday. Fr. Mike will make his Communion Calls on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd. If you would like a visit, please contact the Sacristans or the Parish Office.

Offertory Collection Last Weekend: €1,727.10.

Thank You For Your Support.

CLOCKS GO BACK:

Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday night/Sunday morning.

"Spring Forward, Fall Back"

