

First Reading	<i>Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10</i> Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.
Resp. Psalm	<i>Psalms 130(131):1-3</i> We find peace in the Lord.
Second Reading	<i>1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13</i> Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.
Gospel Reading	<i>Matthew 23:1-12</i> Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

This week's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church. The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

(Loyola Press/Sunday Connections)

Annual Cemetery Prayers:

Clounanna - Sunday 5th November at 12.30pm

Patrickswell – Sunday 12th November at 12.30pm

Kilkeedy – Sunday 19th November at 11.00am

Donation Box available in the Graveyards.

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



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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Monday November 6th: Feast Day of All Saints of Ireland

November Remembrance Mass

This Saturday we welcome to our 6.30pm Evening Mass in Patrickswell and to our 8.00pm Evening Mass in Ballybrown, families and friends of deceased Parish Members who have died during the past year. For extended family or friends who died during the past year, there is a book in each church where you may write their names and a Remembrance Tree is also there on which to place their names.

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you, nothing that you have received – only what you have given."
- St. Francis of Assisi -

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Norms for Indulgences for the Faithful Departed

The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain One Plenary Indulgence applicable only to the souls of the departed on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th November. The conditions are, to 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). 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.

Confession Times:

Ballybrown: Monday 6th November from 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Patrickswell: Tuesday 7th November from 7.30pm – 8.30pm during Adoration.

Raheen: A priest is available before 6pm Vigil Mass Saturday

Augustinians O'Connell St: Monday and Friday 10.45am-12noon & 3pm-4pm, Saturday 10.45am-12noon & 2.30pm-4pm.

Redemptorists: Monday to Saturday 11am-12.30.

November Altar List of the Dead: Envelopes are available in both churches for you to write the names of your loved ones on the enclosed sheet. Special envelopes for the **Purgatorial Offerings** are also on hand 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 N.S. Parents' Association Church Gate Collection this weekend Saturday 4th Nov and Sunday 5th Nov. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Diocesan Liturgy Day:

This will be held on **next Saturday 11th November** at St. Munchin's College, Corbally Eircode V94 925C, with a Keynote Address and Four Parallel Workshops. Fr. Éamonn is involved in this. The day will begin at 11.00am and finish with Mass at 5.30pm. A light lunch will be provided.

Workshops (each workshop will run twice so everyone can attend two workshops):

- 1) **'A Time to be Creative; Liturgy and the Recovery of a Sacred Playfulness'** Workshop led by Mossy Hynan, Lay Pastoral Minister.
- 2) **Revitalising liturgical music in our parishes Workshop** led by Riona Ní Churtáin, musician, teacher, and performer.
- 3) **'Children's Liturgy through Godly Play'** led by Sharon Collopy, Lay Pastoral Minister & trained Godly Play Storyteller
- 4) **'Praying with Young People Workshop'** led by Gráinne Delaney, Catechist, Crescent College Deputy Principal & former Chaplain, author of 'Occasional Prayers for the School Year'.

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL. Cost for the day is €25 incl lunch and materials and this will be covered by the Parish. If you would like to attend on behalf of the Parish, **please give your name to Maria in the Parish Office** and then register your place and choose workshops at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DiocesanLiturgyDay>

Ballybrown Church Choir will begin rehearsals for Christmas this coming Tuesday 7th November at 8.00pm in the church. New members very welcome.

ALONE

Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie or for further information please contact Caroline on 086-0591399 or via email caroline.bradley@alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.

Patrickswell 45 Drive: Patrickswell Community Council's 45 Drive continues at 8.00pm every Tuesday night from Tuesday the 31st of October in the new Community Centre.

PARISH WEEKLY MASSES: 6th November – 12th November

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Ballybrown:

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

Aidan O'Brien; Nora Graham

Fri 10th Nov: Lar Condon (7.30pm)

Sat 11th Nov: Damien Coughlan;

Tom Coughlan

Sun 12th Nov: Theresa Graham

O'Loughlin (1st anniv.); Frank Hanley;

Baby Alicia Jessica Coleman

Patrickswell:

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

Sun 5th Nov: Paul Carey; Josephine O'Regan;

Leonard Enright; Willie O'Brien

Sat 11th Nov: Gerry Bennis; Jack Fitzgerald;

Tess Foley

Mon 13th Nov: James Carroll (9.30am)

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 12.30pm.

Offertory Collection Last Weekend: €1,404.65

October Diocesan Needs Collection: €481.00

Mission Sunday Collection: €1,149.70

Notices for the Newsletter should be submitted to the Parish Office before 1.00pm on Thursdays.

