

First Reading	Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom will come to those who seek it.
Resp. Psalm	Psalm 62 (63):2,3-4,5-6,7-8 Our souls are thirsting for God.
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14) God will raise all those who have died.
Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

Today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realisation that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

(Loyola Press/Sunday Connections)

Annual Cemetery Prayers:

Patrickswell – Sunday 12th November at 12.30pm
Kilkeedy – Sunday 19th November at 11.00am

Donation Box available in the Graveyards.



Patrickswell
&
Ballybrown
Parish

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

*Each weekend throughout
November we remember and
pray for all our beloved dead,
especially our deceased
parishioners who have died
since 30th September 2022.*

May They Rest In Peace.

"We loved them in life, let us not forget them in death."

- Saint Ambrose -

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November Memories

How do we let a loved one go?

How do we say, "I'm ready now to go on without you"?

How can we ever have a clue of what that really means?

All of a sudden the moment is upon you, and there's no turning back.

And then we know what grief is... guilt and love and things undone.

In trying to prepare, you will fail in some way, be it subtle or looming.

But there is peace too.

Peace and acceptance and overwhelming love that you maybe weren't aware of.

Waves and waves of conflicting emotion, and laughter,

and memories you hadn't been able lately to recall,

come flooding back in shared company.. and it's all about them....

And there's gratitude.. so much of that,

that you had such a wonderful person in your life.

A part of you has passed away,

but much is carried every day within you,

and will, as long as you live.

There was that final goodbye, but it was not final,

because when someone you love becomes a memory,

that memory becomes a treasure.

Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

November Theology on Tap: A date for your diaries, the November Theology on Tap is on Tuesday, **14th November** at 7:30pm, with a presentation by Limerick seminarian **Tim Collins** beginning at 8.00pm. Please note venue is **Fennessy's Pub** (Eircode V94 A9F5).

For Parents of children receiving Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2024: Save The Date!

What: Zoom talk for parents of children receiving sacraments this coming year.

Who: Fr. Chris O'Donnell

When: Holy Communion talk 7.00pm on **Thursday 16 November;**

Confirmation talk 7.00pm on **Thursday 23 November**

Your school will send Zoom link before the night.

Advent Desert Day: **Saturday December 2nd, 10.30am to 5.00pm: Time Apart with God; a one-day Advent Retreat** in Limerick Diocesan Centre, Saint Munchin's College, Corbally, Limerick. Eircode V94 925C. The day takes place in an atmosphere of silence with reflections, guided meditations, prayer, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist. Bring own packed lunch, tea/coffee/snacks provided. A €20 contribution is requested. Facilitated by Ann Mulcahy and Sister Phyllis Moynihan tel. 087 9636893 or email moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023 Live On Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 18th November from 2.00pm. Speakers include Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese), Fr. Luke Demasi (Home of the Mother), Fr. John McEaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese), Frances Hogan (scripture scholar). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland app, Saorview channel 210 or listen live at (01) 4373277.

Advent Retreat – Waiting Transformed in God's Presence with Sister Thérèse Fitzgerald, Sister of Sion - **Saturday 2nd December, 10.30am to 4.00pm, Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limerick. Eircode V94 A725.** The Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies (MIC) is offering an Advent Day of Recollection, facilitated by Sister Thérèse Fitzgerald, in the beautiful surrounds of Glenstal Abbey. The day will help us slow down and awaken ourselves to God's treasures in unexpected places, deepening our awareness of God's presence with us, by being more choiceful in how we wait. A contribution of €70.00 is requested for the day, which will include lunch. **REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL, follow link here** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AutumnProgramme>

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500.

PARISH WEEKLY MASSES: 13th November – 19th 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 takes place every Tuesday evening during November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, commencing on Tuesday 7th November. Can be viewed online.

BALLYBROWN: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday & Friday: 10.30am (unless a funeral is scheduled). **Friday 17th Nov: Robert Best – Memorial Mass 7.00pm.** Saturday Vigil Mass 8.00pm, Sunday 10.00am.

Churches open daily from 11.00am to 4.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Ballybrown:

Sat 11th Nov: Damien Coughlan;

Tom Coughlan; Thomas Cusack;

Mrs Ann Davoren

Sun 12th Nov: Theresa Graham

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

Baby Alicia Jessica Coleman

Fri 17th Nov: Robert Best – Memorial Mass 7.00pm.

Sat 18th Nov: Conor Cusack; Bride, Billy & Pauline Keyes.

Sun 19th Nov: Ned Lyons; Deceased Members of Ballybrown GAA.

Patrickswell:

Sat 11th Nov: Gerry Bennis; Jack Fitzgerald;

Tess Foley

Sun 12th Nov: Mick & May Allen

Mon 13th Nov: James Carroll (9.30am)

Sat 18th Nov: Tim Hunt (1st Anniv.); Frank

McDonagh; Deceased Members of the Murray & Meehan families.

Sun 19th Nov: Teresa Clarke

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PEACE

Offertory Collection Last Weekend: €1,923.00