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## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **20/21 JANUARY 2024**

**Annual Diocesan Collection for Limerick Social Service Centre**

**Saturday/Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

Services include:

- Counselling and Psychotherapy service.
- Early Years' Service with crèche and preschool.
- Child and Family Services which includes Parents/Teen Mother Support programme for mothers in the local community. Family Advocacy Service, Family Welfare Conference service, Community Mothers programme, Community Social Work and Family Support service.
- Services for Older People.
- Southside Child and Family Centre Galvone which provides targeted early years intervention.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Our Catholic schools as well as being a community of learning are in addition to communities inspired by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Our Catholic schools invite us into the mystery of God's great love for each of us and ask us to reflect how this love can enrich our lives.

We give thanks for the gift of our Catholic schools. May they continue to influence us to become the best person we can be, guided by the Holy Spirit.

**Church Unity Lay Led Liturgy:** To celebrate Church Unity Week a lay led liturgy will be held in St. Nessan's Church, Raheen on Tuesday, 23 January 2024 at 7.00pm Please come along and invite your fellow Christians.

**The theme this year is "Love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself".**

### **PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN MASS TIMES 22-26 JANUARY 2024**

#### **PATRICKSWELL:**

Monday – Friday at 9.30am (*unless funeral is scheduled*)

Saturday: 6.30pm (Vigil Mass); Sunday: 11.30am

Adoration: Saturday from 8.00am – 11.30am

#### **BALLYBROWN:**

Monday – Thursday at 10.30am (*unless funeral is scheduled*)

Friday, 26 January – Lay Led Liturgy at 10.30am

Saturday: 8.00pm (Vigil Mass); Sunday: 10.00am

(Tea/coffee and chat after 10.30am Tuesday Mass in Ballybrown. All welcome.)

***Our churches are open daily from 11.00am to 4.30pm.***

**Booking Anniversary Masses:** If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass please go the Church Sacristies. All Masses must be recorded in the book held in the Sacristy to ensure no Anniversary request is omitted. This can be done before or after any Mass during the week or at weekends. Thank you.

**Baptisms** may be booked monthly in advance with the Parish Office for Ballybrown or with Maria for Patrickswell Church

**Patrickswell:** Saturdays at 2pm and Sundays at 12.30pm.

**Ballybrown:** Saturdays at 3pm and Sundays at 12.30pm.

**Ballybrown National School Application Form:** Is your child starting school in 2024? Application forms for pupils wishing to enrol for Junior Infants in September 2024 must be returned before Wednesday, 24th January. Application form can be found on the school website at <http://www.ballybrownns.ie/> If in doubt, please contact the school on 061 353276.

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

#### **PATRICKSWELL**

Sat 20 Jan: Joe McNamara, Julia Coleman  
Sat 27 Jan: John Fitzgerald, Mary Quinn  
Sat 03 Feb: Tim Lane, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Fenton  
Sun 04 Feb: Monica Reidy, Martin O'Grady

#### **BALLYBROWN**

Sat 20 Jan: John & Elizabeth Carroll, Jimmy Guerin  
Sun 21 Jan: Mick & Peggy Mulqueen, Joan & Tony O'Neill, Eileen & PJ Nolan  
Sat 27 Jan: Ollie Honan, Michael Lynch  
Sun 28 Jan: Kim Murphy (1st Anniv), Mary Byrnes

**May they Rest in Peace.**

First Reading: [Jonah 3:1-5,10](#) The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Responsorial Psalm: [24:4-9](#) Lord, make me know your ways.

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#) The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel: [Mark 1:14-20](#) Repent, and believe the Good News.

#### **Background to the Gospel Reading:**

It is at once striking and quite probably revealing that Mark's version of the gospel story gets off to such a humble, modest start. Matthew has his mysterious star in the east and the Magi who follow it. Luke gives us layer upon layer of drama surrounding the birth and later appearance of Jesus. John brings us to the rim of the galaxies and the beginning of all things with that all-creating Word of God who was with God in the beginning. But not Mark, Mark allows Jesus merely to appear out from the desert floor to be baptized by John.

The message we have to proclaim and to embody and to exemplify is the same now as it has always been; the kingdom of God is at hand.

**Weekly Offertory Collection - €1588.95**