



Patrickswell  
&  
Ballybrown  
Parish

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3/4 FEBRUARY 2024

**Saturday 3 February 2024: Feast of Saint Blaise**

**Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Parishes/schools may request a place for a young youth from their parish/school by phone or email (maximum of 2 per parish/school). We will take requests until the end of January. At that point we will review all requests and allocate places accordingly. An email address for the participant or parent will be required to obtain the full application pack and details. Requests can be made on 061 353454 / [pwbbparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pwbbparishoffice@gmail.com)

#### **PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN MASS TIMES 5 - 11 February 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 – Friday at 10.30am (*unless funeral is scheduled*)

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 for quiet prayer from 11.00am to 4.30pm.***

**Do This in Memory Mass:** Saturday & Sunday, 10 & 11 February 2024: We welcome the children from Patrickswell & Ballybrown schools who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year.

**Booking Anniversary Masses:** If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass please go to 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 Choir** will commence rehearsals on Tuesday, 6 February at 8pm. New singers welcome, aged 18 years and upwards.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Patrickswell</b>	<b>Ballybrown</b>
Sat 03 Feb: Tim Lane, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Fenton	Sat 03 Feb: Jimmy Collins (1st Anniv.), Paul O'Callaghan, Ger O'Loughlin
Sun 04 Feb: Monica Reidy, Martin O'Grady	Sun 04 Feb: Catherine Curtin
Fri 09 Feb: 7.30pm Months Mind – Martin Griffin	Sat 10 Feb: Grainne Hickey, Kathleen Thipps, Gerry Walsh, Christy O'Neill and deceased family members, John, Catherine & Thomas Toomey
Sat 10 Feb: Pat Ryan, Margaret & Thomas Leahy	
Sun 11 Feb: Tony O'Brien and deceased family members	

**May they Rest in Peace**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:** helps you to uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. An 8 night programme will run from Tuesday, 6 February to Tuesday, 26 March (7.30pm to 9pm) in the Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's, Corbally. Cost is €40. Beginners welcome, bible knowledge is not necessary.

**Theology on Tap** is back on Tuesday, 6 February beginning with meet and greet at 7.30pm Sr Mara Rose O.P. of Limerick Diocese Vocations Office will present on "The Next Priests of Ireland: where will they come from". Venue is Fennessy's Pub, finger food provided.

**Desert Day in Lent: "Come back to me with all your heart"** a silent retreat with Eucharist and reconciliation on Saturday, 17 February from 10.30am to 5pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/coffee/snacks will be provided. Donation €20. Booking is essential, contact Phyllis Moynihan on 087 9636893 or [moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com](mailto:moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com)

**CONNECT: Young adult event (18-35 years).** This event will take place in UCC Cork on Sunday February 18, 2024 from 11am to 4pm. This is organised by Cork Diocese. See posters on church noticeboards.

**Background to the Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 - Reference: *Intercom Magazine***

This passage tells three stories to illustrate the various dimensions of the life and ministry of Jesus. There is food for thought in each of them.

The first story is one of healing. The second story adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. The third story has a number of different elements – Jesus goes off into the desert to pray and Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground.

**Please ensure that notices for inclusion in the Weekend Newsletter are emailed to the Parish Office by 1pm on Thursday.**

**Weekly Offertory Collection - €1653.75**  
**Diocesan Needs Collection – January 2024 - €499.00**