



Patrickswell  
&  
Ballybrown  
Parish

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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (EMIGRANTS' SUNDAY)  
16/17 MARCH 2024**

**Sunday, 17 March 2024: Saint Patrick's Day**

**A Prayer for Emigrants**

*Source: Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants*

Bless all those who have left our country and now live in other lands.

Give them a strong faith so that they will always put their trust in you and make you known by the example of their lives.

Console those who are lonely because they are separated from those they love.

Help all missionaries who are working far from home to make your love known.

Bless our people overseas who are sick or in prison.

We pray for foreigners living in our country that they may experience our hospitality.

Grant your eternal welcome to our emigrants who have died and to all the dead.

Amen.

**PATRICKSWELL / BALLYBROWN MASS TIMES**

**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.*

**Adoration – Patrickswell Church:** Adoration takes place every Thursday during Lent from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Thursday, 21 March: 8.00-9.00pm Confession in Patrickswell Church during Adoration.

Friday, 22 March: 5.00-6.00pm Confession in Ballybrown Church

Tuesday, 26 March at 7.00pm – Raheen Church: Sacrament of Reconciliation for Easter will be celebrated for adults and young people.

Wednesday, 27 March at 7.30pm – St John's Cathedral: Mass of Chrism.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<p><b>Patrickswell</b> <b>Sat 16 March:</b> Sean Coleman; Deceased members of the McNamara/Mann families <b>Sun 17 March:</b> Peter Bennis; Fran Lynch and her parents Kevin &amp; Maureen <b>Sat 23 March:</b> Ciara &amp; Carla Leahy; Mary O'Grady; Sean Mann; Michael &amp; Tieny McCarthy <b>Sun 24 March:</b> Michael Fenton; Sheila O'Brien; John &amp; Josephine Walsh</p>	<p><b>Ballybrown</b> <b>Sat 16 March:</b> Pat O'Dwyer; William, Josephine &amp; Tony Fogarty <b>Sun 17 March:</b> Mary &amp; Mick Gavin; Nan Doran <b>Sat 23 March:</b> Joe O'Riordan; Willie Collins</p>
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**May They Rest In Peace**

**Do This in Memory:** We welcome the First Communion children to Mass on the weekend of 23/24 March 2024.

**Patrickswell Choir** practice on Tuesday, 19 March at 7.00pm in Patrickswell Church. All are welcome.

**Baptisms** may be booked in advance with Parish Office for Ballybrown or with Maria for Patrickswell Church.  
Patrickswell: Saturdays at 2.00pm and Sundays at 12.30pm  
Ballybrown: Saturdays at 3.00pm and Sundays at 12.30pm

**Biodiversity Workshop for Parishes:** Wednesday, 20 March, Limerick Diocesan Office, 7.30pm-9.00pm. This is a very practical workshop for parishes who would like to explore how they can improve biodiversity in their parish grounds and protect our native species. Sinead McDonnell, Biodiversity Office with Limerick City and County Council and Councillor Seán Hartigan will give tips, ideas and guidance on planning, mapping and planting in parishes. This is a great opportunity to partner with your local Tidy Towns group. All welcome. To register for this workshop: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BiodiversityInParishes>

**Patrickswell NS** would like to thank all those who contributed to their tea/coffee morning in the Church last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

**Patrickswell NS Parents' Association** are delighted to be able to offer this talk on **Internet safety** to all parents.

Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm. Venue: Patrickswell National School

Duration: 1 hour, followed by Q&A

All welcome. We would encourage parents to attend on the evening to gain VITAL tips on how to keep your child safe online!

**Patrickswell NS Parents Association: "Bob a Job"** is a great initiative to help with jobs at home and learn how to be responsible and learn the value of money. The boys and girls from Patrickswell NS received their "Bob a Job" forms from the school. Please encourage your child to participate. If a grandparent or neighbours have jobs to do, maybe they might ask a child to lend a hand and earn a bob for the job!

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

**Weekly Offertory Collection: €1307.79**