



Patrickswell
&
Ballybrown
Parish

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) 9/10 MARCH 2024

Laetare Sunday reminds us of the Event we look forward to at the end of this Lenten Season. These outward signs symbolise the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, a joy which cannot be contained even in Lent, though we still refrain from Alleluias and the singing of the Gloria until the magnificence of the Easter Vigil.

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 20 – 25 June 2024 and is back to full capacity. If you know someone (family member, friend, neighbour, etc.) who would like to travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim section please get in touch with the Parish Office on 061 353454 or email pwbbparishoffice@gmail.com. Alternatively contact Karen in the Diocesan Office 061 350000 or email karen.kiely@limerickdiocese.org

Ballybrown Pioneer Association: The Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 20-25 June 2024. It has been four years since the Ballybrown Pioneers sent any sick person from the parish to Lourdes. In view of this, we have allocated five places this year. So please pass on any suitable nominations either to the Sacristy or to Lena McCarthy on 086 0774108. If we are oversubscribed, a draw will be held to decide on the five nominated people from this list. If you are nominating any person, please ensure that they are able to travel. Thank you.

Ballybrown Pioneer Association A.G.M. on Wednesday, 13 March 2024 in Ballybrown Church at **8.30pm (note later time)**. We would appreciate a good turnout of our Pioneer members. At this meeting we will be electing a new President to succeed Pat Gallagher, who died on June 24th, 2023, among other important items affecting the future of our Association in this parish. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Tea & Coffee after Mass This Weekend for Patrickswell N.S.

Please join us for tea/coffee and baked goods in the back room of the Church after Masses on Saturday, 9th and Sunday 10th March. Donations would be very welcome for Patrickswell National School.

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

Mother's Day, Sunday 10 March 2024 – *A mother is one who can take the place of anyone but no one can take her place.*

God himself needed a Mother – how much more so do we! Jesus himself gave her to us, from the cross: “Behold your Mother!”. He said this to the beloved disciple and to every disciple. Our Lady is not an optional accessory: she has to be welcomed into our life. She is the Queen of Peace, who triumphs over evil and leads us along paths of goodness, who restores unity to her children, who teaches us compassion.

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.

Trócaire: In Malawi, longer and more severe droughts in recent years have dried up small streams and water holes. Unfortunately, some areas are also affected by cyclones and flooding. When this happens, the simple mud houses are badly damaged. The water that falls is not suitable for drinking or farming but causes a huge amount of destruction. Trócaire is working with local partners to help communities to rebuild after these events and to be better prepared for the future. To learn more go to <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/> Please consider donating to [Trócaire](#) this Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sat 9 March: Month's Mind Sean Arnold; Joseph (Josie) Murray	Sat 9 March: Noel Shanahan
Sun 10 March: Jim & Elizabeth Costello & their sons Raymond and Dessie; John Whelan; John Quinn; deceased members of the Lynch Family, Ballyvelogue	Sun 10 March: Joe O'Donovan
Sat 16 March: Sean Coleman; Deceased members of the McNamara/Mann Families	Wed 13 March, 7.30pm: Month's Mind Breda Clifford
Sun 17 March: Peter Bennis; Fran Lynch and her parents Kevin & Maureen	Thurs 14 March, 7.30pm: Anniversary Shane Kenny
	Sat 16 March: Pat O'Dwyer; William, Josephine and Tony Fogarty
	Sun 17 March: Mary & Mick Gavin

May They Rest In Peace

Booking Anniversary Masses: If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass, please go to the Church Sacristy. All Masses must be recorded in the diary 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.

Baptisms may be booked in advance with the Parish Office for Ballybrown or with Maria for Patrickswell.

Patrickswell: Saturdays at 2.00pm and Sundays at 12.30pm

Ballybrown: Saturdays at 3.00pm and Sundays at 12.30pm

Gospel Reading: Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel John 3:14-21.

Reference Intercom Magazine

The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God given to us through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ. As an act of love and gratitude to God who is 'rich in mercy' and as an expression of our Faith, we are invited to share Jesus' sufferings by doing penance during Lent so that we may inherit our eternal salvation and the glory of his Resurrection in Heaven. As we continue our Lenten observance for the fourth week, the Sacred Liturgy invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's grace, mercy and salvation.

Please ensure that notices for inclusion in the Weekend Newsletter are emailed to the Parish Office by 1.00pm on Thursday.

Weekly Offertory Collection: €1473.95