

PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mission Sunday – Theme this year ‘Abundant life’.

With the publication of Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis is seeking to lead the whole Church to become, at every level, an evangelising community of missionary disciples, highlighting the joy of the being a missionary.

Missionary Outreach, he writes, must be ‘paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity’. All Church institutions, from the papacy to parishes, must be reformed so that their structures are directed not towards maintenance, but towards a permanent state of mission (25).

October is Mission Month, an appropriate time to highlight the sharing of the Good News of Christ as a fundamental element of our Christian call.

‘World Mission Day, which seeks to heighten awareness of the missions, as well as to collect funds for them, is an important date in the life of the church, because it teaches how to give’ (Redemptoris Missio, 81)

World Missions Ireland is the vehicle of this communion, bringing the prayers, solidarity and financial help of the Church in Ireland to Christian communities in other parts of the world, especially those in greatest need.

The theme “Abundant Life” builds on the 2014 Mission Sunday theme, ‘That They May Have Life’ (Jn 10:10). Our culture continues to fail to provide meaningful answers to life’s fundamental questions, leaving people unfulfilled, insecure and experiencing the pain of separation and stress of all sorts. Many live with uncertainty and sadness, seeking a meaning to life.

Defibrillator for Community Resource Centre: A meeting will take place in the Resource Centre on Monday 19th at 8.30 to organise the purchase and training in the use of a Defibrillator. This has been brought about by the generous donation of €700 from Meanus Harvest Day and €1,600 raised from the recent Ballybrown Tractor Run, thanks to John Harty and Maurice Histon who were involved in both events. For further information. Contact Maura Byrnes at 087 2565443

The Irish Kidney Association: A fun quiz will take place to raise much needed funds for the Association in Bobby Byrnes Bar, O’Connell Ave on Thursday 22nd October at 9pm. Tables of 4 - €40. Raffles, Spot Prizes, Finger Food on the night. Please come and support The Kidney Association and have a fun night out.

Ballybrown Senior Citizens Christmas Party Committee wish to inform all, that they are currently updating their Senior Citizens Party List. If you know of anyone in your area whom you feel would like to be invited (even yourself), please inform our Secretary Rose Merrigan at 087 9777911, it would be disappointing if a person who is eligible would miss out on a good evening because of not being on the list. The party this year will be on Sunday 6th December please note change of time to 3.00pm in the GAA Hall Clarina.

Ballybrown Senior Church Choir: Choir practice resumes on Tuesday nights at 8.00pm next practice Tuesday 20th October. New members are very welcome so come along.

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Mungret Heritage Lecture – The Complete Story of St. Nellan - Dr. Pádraig O’Riain St. Nellan who died in AD 551 founded in Mungret one of earliest and greatest monasteries in Ireland. Churches, schools, hospitals, roads and even companies have been named in his honour. Yet, for most of us St. Nellan remains a mysterious figure about whom we know little. Dr Pádraig O’Riain, acknowledged as the greatest expert on early Irish saints, knows more about him than anyone else. He presents the complete story of St. Nellan at Mungret College on Thursday, October 22nd at 8pm. Free admission – all welcome.

Strictly Come Dancing for Ballybrown GAA will take place on Saturday 24th October in the South Court Hotel. Get your tickets sorted out if you haven’t already done so, get behind your dancers and make this a night to remember.

November Mass for Deceased Parish Members

The annual mass for those deceased during the last year from the parish will take place on Saturday 7th November in Patrickswell Church at 6.30pm and in Ballybrown Church at 8.00pm.

The **Annual Cemetery Prayers** will take place on the following dates:

Clounanna	- 1st November at 12.30pm
Patrickswell	- 8th November at 12.15pm
Castlemungret	- 15th November at 2.30pm
Old Cemetery Mungret	- 15th November at 3.15pm
Kilkeedy	- 15 th November at 11.00am.

Masses this Week:

Patrickswell: Monday to Friday at 9.30am, Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 11.30am.

Adoration: Saturdays 8.00am – 12.00noon.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th weekends in the month on Saturdays at 5.00pm, Sundays at 12.15pm.

Ballybrown: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9.30am.

Wednesday & Saturday 8.00pm. Sunday at 10.00am.

Adoration: Wednesday 7.00am – 8.00pm.

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd weekends in the month on Saturdays 5.00pm, Sundays 12.30pm.

One month’s notice required for Baptisms, please book with Church Sacristan.

Next Sunday we welcome the children who are commencing the ‘Do This In Memory Programme 2015-2016’

Synod 2016: Copies of the Synod Report are available at exit doors; please take one for yourself or a neighbour.

Collection Last Week: Patrickswell: €885.00 Ballybrown: €795.00

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Office Hours: Mon/Thurs/Fri from 0930am to 3.30pm.