

PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Catholic School Week: As a parish we are grateful for the ongoing faith formation of our young people in our catholic schools.

Students from Ballybrown and Patrickswell Primary Schools will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from 31 January to 06 February.

Feast Days:

Monday 01 February - St. Brigid, virgin, secondary patron of Ireland.

Tuesday 02 February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Wednesday 03 February - St Blaise

SYNOD TIMELINE - YOUR VOICE

We are into the final months of preparations for the Synod in April. We have named the six themes we will be discussing, and now delegates have to create specific proposals under each theme.

The Six themes, in order as they were selected by the delegates are:

1. Community & Sense of Belonging
2. Faith Formation
3. Pastoral Care of the Family
4. New Models of Leadership
5. Liturgy & Life
6. Young People.

To assist the delegates in creating proposals for action we are currently issuing a call for a submission of ideas for action to the general public.

Parish Pastoral Councils have been asked to create space at a meeting to hear from members their ideas of what actions could be taken to address the issues that have been named through the Listening Process last Spring. If you personally have specific ideas to propose too, we would like to hear them.

Any such ideas can be forwarded to **Karen** at karen@ldo.ie or shared with local delegates. Hopefully these ideas will 'spark' the delegates, who are charged with developing formal proposals, with some ideas that might not otherwise have occurred to them.

Past pupils of Salesian Secondary School are invited to an afternoon in the school to 'Stroll down memory lane'

Students from: 1991- 2000: Saturday Feb 6th 3-6pm

Students from: 2001- 2014: Saturday April 2nd 3-6pm

Students from all previous years are welcome. Call 061- 454699

The Dublin and Shannon Gospel Choirs at the Lime Tree Theatre, Limerick

The Dublin and Shannon gospel choirs have come together with a concert that is not to be missed. They have been working together since 2009, and this February you will get a chance to see them perform live in the Lime Tree Theatre on Saturday 6th February at 8pm. It promises to be a fantastic night of gospel and contemporary music performed by two of the top gospel choirs in Ireland.

Tickets: €22/€18. Box Office: 061 774 774 | www.limetreetheatre.ie

Collection Last Week: Patrickswell €1335 Ballybrown €1125

PARISH EVENTS

Clarina Community Alert Annual General Meeting will be held in the Community Resource Centre on Tuesday, 2nd February at 8.00pm. Members of An Garda Síochána will address the meeting and we would like to see as many as possible in our area attend this meeting.

Patrickswell Community Council are holding their AGM on Monday February 1st at 8pm in the Community Resource Centre. It is a public meeting, all are welcome to attend.

PATRICKSWELL TIDY TOWNS GROUP will be hosting a Pancake Coffee Morning and Cake Sale next Sunday, February 7, in the Cú Chulainn, from 12noon onwards and we look forward to seeing our friends and supporters there. Donations of home baking or spot prizes would be very welcome.

Limerick GAA Senior Scor will be held on Sunday 21st February at 7.00pm in Askeaton Community Centre. Events taking place are Set & Figure Dancing, Solo Singing, Balad Group, Instrumental Music, Novelty Group, Recitation. If you are interested in taking part contact Evelyn Adams 087-2211804 or Gerry Griffin 085-1388028 before Friday 5th February 2016.

Thank You: Diarmaid Bucke and Gabriel Higgins would like to thank all those who helped in any way and contributed to their fundraiser last weekend in Patrickswell Church. All monies raised will go towards the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

Masses this Week:

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

Adoration: Saturdays 8.00am – 12noon.

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima: Saturday 6th February before 6.30pm Mass.

Pre-Baptismal Gatherings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Church.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th weekends of the month. Saturdays 5.00pm, Sundays 12.30pm

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

Wednesday 8.00pm. Saturday 8.00pm & Sunday 10.00am

Adoration: Wednesday 7.00am – 8.00pm.

Blessing of Candles for Church & Home use will take place at morning masses on Tuesday 2nd February.

Blessing of the Throat will take place on Wednesday 3rd February in Patrickswell Church at 9.30am mass and in Ballybrown Church at 8.00pm mass.

First Friday: Friday next 5th February is the First Friday of the month – communion will be taken to the sick and housebound.

Pre-Baptismal Gatherings: 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Church.

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

One month's notice required when booking a Baptism.

Bookings can be made with Pauline in the Parish Office or with the Church Sacristans Maria and Pat.

Fr Mike: 353711 Mobile 087 1279015. Email: mcuss@eircom.net

Parish Office Hours: Mon/Thurs/Fri from 09.30is to 3.30pm. Tel: 353454

Email: pwbbparishoffice@gmail.com

Available from Abbey bookshop at the Augustinian church, Limerick, and tickets
will be available at the door

CRIB DONATIONS

Monies donated at the cribs in Patrickswell Church and in Ballybrown Church will be given to Sr. Bride Moynihan, a Little Sister of the Assumption, to help with her work in a remote area of Brazil. "Thank you" to all who donated so generously.

Blessing of Candles for Church & Home use will take place at morning mass on Monday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in both Churches.