

PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17th March – St. Patrick's Day

We honour St. Patrick for bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to our ancestors and thus to us and we ask St. Patrick to help us to be faithful.

Prayer for Emigrants and those away from home.

*Loving God, We pray for those whom we love,
But who are absent from us. Keep them safe from all harm,
evil and danger.
Bless them with peace, laughter, Wisdom, love and joy.
Grant that we may be reunited In the fullness of love;
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

- ❖ **Emigrant Collection:** Collections will take place at all masses for St. Patrick's Day in aid of Emigrants in need. Funds raised through the emigrant collection are used to support the work of the Council for Emigrants and other projects that provide pastoral outreach to Irish emigrants of all generations. We ask you to give a little extra at the offertory collection and to remember especially all our own emigrants.
- ❖ **World Youth Gathering 2016** takes place in Poland end of July 2016. A few places are still available anybody over 18 years of age from the Parish who would like to participate are asked to contact the Parish Office or Sacristans as soon as possible. Fr Chris O Donnell is guiding the tour.
- ❖ **Nantes to Lourdes Cycle 2016** in aid of Lourdes invalid Fund and Cliona's Foundation. A coffee morning will be held in the home of John & Maria Bucke, Lissaleen, Patrickswell on Saturday 19 March from 10.30 onwards. All are well.
- ❖ **CPR & Defibrillator Training** – Due to demand another day of training will take place on Saturday 19th March from 9.30am to 1.00pm in the Ballybrown/Clarina Community Resource centre if you are interested in attending and becoming a 1st responder please contact Maura at 087-2565443 as soon as possible.
- ❖ **Laochra Gael programme with Richie Bennis** will take place on Sunday 13th at 5.30pm and repeat will take place Monday at 8.00pm.

Are you trying to cope with a Family Member's Substance Misuse?

Free Family Support Programmes, Providing Education, Relaxation, Support
YOU are not Alone – Just Drop In

- Education, Information, Support Provided, (Counsellor & Facilitator Led)
 - Tues 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Central Building, 51A O'Connell Street, Limerick
 - Thurs 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm, Central Building, 51A O'Connell Street, Limerick
- Phone Ellen at Bushypark at 065-6862049/086-8457946 for further information.

Trocaire:

"He went off, went off weeping, carrying the seed. He comes back, comes back singing, bringing in his sheaves." Psalms 126:6. Many people in Kenya have sown their crops not knowing if there will be a harvest to bring in to feed their families. However your support has ensured that with irrigated lands many farmers there are now able to sow in confidence of harvesting a good crop. Joseph Iri is one of those farmers who has seen his family transformed because a Trócaire irrigation scheme means he can not only feed his children but now afford to send them to school. Find out more at www.trocaire.org

BOOK LAUNCH: Bishop Brendan Leahy **THE END OF ALL THINGS EARTHLY: Faith Profiles of the 1916 Leaders.** Edited by David Bracken. To be launched on Tuesday, 15 March at 6.30 p.m. in the Mary Immaculate College. All Welcome!

Keeping Faith in Religious Education - iCatholic will host a live panel discussion on Mon 14th March at 8pm on the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment's proposal to introduce an approach to teaching religion in all primary schools that may present significant challenges for Catholic primary schools. See iCatholic.ie/live or the iCatholic facebook page, tune in to iCatholic.ie on the 14th March at 8pm. Family Carer's Ireland are providing the QQI Level.

PATRICKSWELL MASSES:

Monday Tuesday & Friday at 9.30am. Wednesday at 6.30pm eve of Holy Day.
Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 11.30am.

St. Patrick's Day – Thursday Mass at 11.30am.

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

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

Confessions: Saturday 19th from 2.30pm – 3.00pm.

BALLYBROWN MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 9.30am.

Wednesday 8.00pm eve of Holy Day. Adoration: Wednesday 7.00am – 8.00pm.

St. Patrick's Day – Thursday Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 8.00pm & Sunday 10.00am

Confessions: Saturday 19th from 3.30pm – 4.00pm.

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

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.

Collection Last Week: Patrickswell €895.00 Ballybrown €990.00

Parish Office Hours: Mon/Thurs/Friday 09.30am to 3.30pm. Tel: 353454