

PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Vocation Sunday

Today, April 17th, the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday is a special celebration of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The theme for Vocations Sunday is The Church, Mother of Vocations.

As a diocese we have been reflecting on our Baptismal calling, and this theme is linked to that. A great gratitude and love for our priests and religious was named by delegates at our Synod over last weekend.

We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We pray in thanksgiving today for our Bishop, Priests, Religious and Deacons and for an increase in vocations in the Church. May we all listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

For more resources go to www.vocations.ie.

Confirmation Classes: Congratulations to the Boys and Girls of Ballybrown and Patrickswell National Schools who were conferred on Tuesday last by Bishop Brendan Leahy. Many thanks to the staff in both schools and all who contributed with the preparations in making the ceremonies a memorable occasion for the children and families involved.

Once again the ceremony was relayed smoothly via video link to the Ballybrown/Clarina Community Resource Centre thanks to Malachy and Damien.

Red Hill School Confirmation: On Thursday next at 1.30 we welcome again Bishop Leahy to Patrickswell Church for the confirmation of the Red Hill school children. This is a special community occasion and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

❖ **Limerick-Compassionate City**

On 19th April at 7.30pm in the Limerick School of Art and Design, Dublin Road, Limerick Milford Centre with the support of the Mayor of Limerick and Limerick City and County Council will be holding a public meeting to explore how Limerick can become recognised as the first Compassionate City in Ireland and the first of three in the World, with Bradford and Seville. The potential is huge but we cannot do it on our own. If you have an hour or so please come along. We will have some music, some food and a warm welcome ready for you.

❖ **The Limerick Diocesan Synod** has been a wonderful three days - A special Synod supplement is available with the Limerick Leader and Limerick Post papers this week, and it will be available in parish churches this weekend also. Get your copy, and share some copies with friends - this is a once-off limited edition! It will definitely be worth keeping your copy for future reference and as a great reminder of the work we have begun at www.synod2016.com.

Last week's Collection:

Patrickswell: €625

Ballybrown: €782.00

➤ **Patrickswell National School - CAKE SALE**

Patrickswell National School are holding a cake sale on Sunday 24th April after 11:30am mass in the Cú Chulainn Lounge to raise much needed funds for the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

➤ **1916 Commemoration Night:**

Local historian Tom Donovan will give a presentation on the 1916 Easter Rising on Tuesday April 19 in the Ballybrown Community Resource Centre at 8.30pm. All are welcome and entry is free. Refreshments will be served. We are expecting a large turnout so please come early as seating is limited.

➤ **Spring Lecture Series - in Mungret College**

Steamboats on the Shannon Estuary – April 19th at 8pm.

How Steam power revolutionised travel trade and tourism on the Shannon Estuary in the 1800s.

Mungret Natural Heritage – Tuesday April 26th at 8.00pm.

How the Shannon and Ballynacloough rivers have given Mungret such a rich natural Heritage.

➤ **Apology:**

Ballybrown GAA wish to clarify that the Church Gate Collection held on 26/27 March at Ballybrown Church was for the sole benefit of Ballybrown GAA Club. Tidy Towns were not involved in this collection and did not benefit from this collection in any way. Pat Davoren

Masses for the week

PATRICKSWELL:

Monday to Friday at 9.30am. Confirmation Mass Thursday at 1.30pm.

Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 11.30am.

Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday 8.00am - 12.00 mid-day.

Also on Thursdays 7.00 to 9.00 pm in meeting room.

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

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

BALLYBROWN MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.30am.

Wednesday 8.00pm. Saturday 8.00pm & Sunday 10.00am

Adoration: Wednesday 7.00am – 8.00pm.

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.

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