

## **PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### **TROCAIRE**

*"...but no one who drinks the water I shall give will ever be thirsty again..."  
John 4:14. Millions of farmers in Kenya suffer from a lack of rain due to the effects of climate change. Trócaire is installing irrigation systems and piping in drinking water to ensure farmers can grow enough to feed their families and there is clean water to drink without having to rely on the rain. Join the fight for justice at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)*

### **MAR 4/5: 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**

In the Diocese of Limerick the 24 hours for the Lord initiative will take place in Saint Augustine's Church, O'Connell Street, Limerick beginning with Mass at 4pm on Friday 4 March and concluding with Mass for the sick at 3pm on Saturday 5 March.

There will be opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the 24 hours and in keeping with the theme for the time of prayer, people are encouraged to make a special effort in the season of Lent, to celebrate the love and mercy of God. All are welcome to participate in this initiative.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

There is a newly developed proposal in Irish education to have a separate special subject called Education in Religious beliefs and Ethics. This would run as well as any RE teaching set up by the patron (eg Catholic RE). A national agency tasked with developing a new curriculum opened a consultation on the proposals - it will continue into spring 2016.

During our own local consultation it became obvious that while supporting the concept of Education about Religions and Beliefs members of the education community had some concerns regarding the proposal. (Some of these are listed on the poster at back of the Church).

***The proposed introduction of ERBE (Education about Religions & Beliefs ERB and Ethics) is a potentially significant change in the Irish primary school system, as such we would like to encourage people to become engaged in the consultation process.***

There is the option to complete an online survey at [www.ncca.ie/consultation/erbe](http://www.ncca.ie/consultation/erbe) but an advisory group gathered by the Council for Catechetics of the Irish Bishops' Conference and the Catholic Schools Partnership suggest that written submissions would be the better option.

If you would like to know more or be supported in preparing a submission contact St. Senan's office at [www.stsenansed.ie/](http://www.stsenansed.ie/)

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### **Senior Citizens XMAS Party Committee**

The committee are most grateful to all who supported their 45 drive fundraiser event on Sunday last and also those who donated spot prizes for the raffle. Many thanks.

### **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016 from June 21<sup>st</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Lourdes Office will open in the Social Service Centre, Henry St., Limerick on from Monday to Friday 10.00am – 12.30pm and 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Fare:

Pilgrims €719 and Hospital Pilgrim Fare €609.00. For further details contact 061 -314111.

### **Synod Updates:**

Further updates from the Synod on **Ideas for Youth and Ideas for Liturgy & Life** are now available in both Churches.

### **PATRICKSWELL MASSES:**

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

**Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday 8.00 a.m. - 12.00 mid-day.**

**Also on Thursday night 7.00 to 9.00 pm in meeting room Patrickswell Church.**

**All are welcome. Feel free to call in for 10 mins and pray silently with Jesus.**

**Pre-Baptismal Gatherings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.**

**Baptisms: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weekends of the month. Saturdays 5.00pm, Sundays 12.30pm**

### **BALLYBROWN MASSES:**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am. No morning mass Friday.

Wednesday 8.00pm. Saturday 8.00pm & Sunday 10.00am

1st Anniversary Mass for Michael Kiely - Friday 7.00pm.

**Adoration: Wednesday 7.00am – 8.00pm.**

**Pre-Baptismal Gatherings: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Friday next is the First Friday:** Communion will be taken to the sick. If there is anybody sick or housebound who are not on Fr Mike's list and would like Communion brought to them, please hand in the name at the sacristy in either Church or phone the Parish Office.

### **Hospital, Nursing Home or Home Visits**

If you know of any family member or parishioner who would welcome a pastoral visit please contact Fr Mike or the Parish Office

Collection Last Week: Patrickswell €740 Ballybrown €1130