

PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Trócaire (Mothering Sunday)

"...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune." *Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 3:4*. On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers in the developing world who struggle, through no fault of their own, to care for their children. Mothers like Teresina Karimi in Kenya who skips meals so her children can eat. We pray that with Trócaire's support Teresina will be able to look forward to a brighter future. Find out more at www.trocaire.org

PARISH EVENTS

- **PATRICKSWELL FRIDAY CLUB** The Patrickswell Friday Club are holding a Coffee Morning & Cake Sale on Sunday 13th March at 12 noon in The Cu Chulainn. Proceeds are in aid of the Friday Club. Donations of home baking gratefully accepted.
- **THE ANNUAL EASTER FAIR** will take place in the Resource Centre on Sunday March 13 from 10.45am. Winners of the "Design an Easter Egg" Art Competition will be announced. Join us for complimentary refreshments, Cake Sale, Raffle, Flower Arrangements, Vegetable and Plant Stalls, Easter Bonnet Parade, Face Painting and lots more.
- **DAFFODIL DAY:** Friday next 11th March is Daffodil Day thousands of volunteers around Ireland sell daffodil pins and flowers to raise money for the Irish Cancer Society's free, nationwide services for those with, and affected by, cancer in Ireland. There will be stalls at Hayes Shop Tervoe, Centra Clarina and Centra in Patrickswell. Your support will be greatly appreciated.
- **COMHALTAS:** We welcome the members of the Comhaltas Classes in the Community Resource Centre to our 10.00am Mass in Ballybrown Church on Sunday next.

Church Gate Collections: Our recent Pastoral Council meeting discussed where is the most appropriate location for church collections to take place outside Patrickswell Church.

The sense was those who stand for collections and those who give to collections don't want collections to be held too near the entrance doors.

Our next pastoral council meeting is on Thursday 10th March at 7.30 in the Sacristy. Anyone with views on this are invited.

Those who are regularly asked to stand for various charities are especially asked to attend so that we can come to an agreed decision.

Collection Last Week: Patrickswell €1005 Ballybrown €800

Wednesday March 9th – Synod Music Session in Holy Trinity Abbey Church, Adare at 8pm. All Synod participants from the diocese are welcome and participation is free. Bookings to 061 400133 or by email to reception@ldpc.ie

International Women's Day Luncheon in aid of the Symptomatic Breast Cancer Services Unit UHL

To celebrate International Women's Day the Rotary Clubs and the Soroptomist Club of Limerick are hosting a charity luncheon in aid of the Symptomatic Breast Cancer on Sunday March 13th 2016, from 12.45 p.m. to 3.00p.m. at the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick.

Guest speakers Prof. Colette Cowan, CEO University of Limerick hospitals group and Ms. Anne Merrigan, Consultant General and Breast Surgeon, Symptomatic Breast Cancer Services Unit, UHL. Men and women are most welcome to attend.

Tickets €30 are available from: Rotary Club Limerick Shannon

0876707627/Soroptomists Club - Tel 0863785328/Rotary Club Limerick Thomond
Tel 0863142087/Greenhills Hotel - Tel 061453033

PATRICKSWELL MASSES:

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

Months Mind Mass – Jackie Thornton will be held in Monaleen Church on Sunday 13th at 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: 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.

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

"There is no way to be a perfect mother but a million ways to be a good one!"