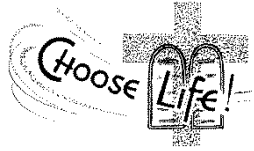


PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Limerick Diocesan Synod... Planning our Future.

As a follow up to our Diocesan Synod our pastoral council and Synod Delegates who are available will be meeting to decide how best we can respond to the Synod suggestions with a view to seeing what needs to be done in this Parish.

We hope to make available at our week-end Masses the various proposals that came up at our Synod.

You will be given an opportunity to list what you see as a priority for the well-being of our faith community.

Central to this will be the recruitment of parishioners who will put into action in a variety of ways the proposals that will enable you to have greater ownership of your Parish.

How best can we respond to our present and future pastoral needs is a question that we are all asked to reflect on.

The only certainty is that the future will be very different from the past.

Hopefully more fruitful in many, many ways.

May the Holy Spirit guide us and direct us as we face the future together.

ST VALENTINE'S DAY

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate St. Valentine's Day!

In his document on The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia), Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life.

This is why, as part of the preparations for **World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018**, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine's Day Tuesday 14th February in a special way.

- ❖ **"Come and See" Vocations Event** being held in the Pallottine House, Thurles on 17th and 18th February 2017. Would you know anyone interested in attending? Advance booking required. Tel. Fr. Muiris O'Connor 086 6075628
- ❖ **The Life Institute** are hosting a pro-life meeting in Limerick on Sunday 19 February in Pery's Hotel, Glentworth Street at 3.30pm. The meeting is to discuss the ongoing debate about the 8th Amendment, and a pro-life response.
- ❖ **Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara** is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 16th of February from 19:00 to 21:00 in Milford Care Centre, Limerick. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 15th February or call 01 4045378.

Catching your Breath – Glenstal 25th February. From 9.30am to 5.00pm

A one-day workshop of gentle movement, breath, chant and meditation at Glenstal Abbey, Murroe. Join us for this New Year's retreat in Glenstal Abbey, exploring and restoring

freedom in your breath through gentle activities. Fee €85, includes workshop, materials, lunch, teas and coffees. Workshop Leader, is Niall Kelly for further details contact niall@laneekelly.com

- **Table Quiz: Patrickswell NS Parents Association** are holding a Table Quiz on Friday February 17th at 8.30pm to raise much needed funds in the Cú Chulainn Lounge. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
- **PATRICKSWELL FRIDAY CLUB**, will be holding a Pancake Coffee Morning & Cake Sale on Sunday February 26th in the Cú Chulainn from 12noon onwards. This replaces the one which was cancelled in December and is aid of homeless charities in Limerick. Donations of home baking would be very much appreciated, and all are welcome.
- **45 Drive - Senior Citizens Xmas Party Committee** are holding a 45 drive on Sunday 19th February at 3.00pm in the Community Resource Centre, Ballybrown. If you can play 45 why not come along, there will be time for tea and chat.

Masses this Week:

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

Adoration: Thursdays 7.00 – 9.00pm & Saturdays 8.00am – 12noon.

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

1st Anniversary Mass – Esther Cusack on Friday 17th Feb at 8.00pm.

Adoration: Wednesday 7.00am – 8.00pm.

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 or with the Church Sacristans Maria and Pat.

Baptisms: We welcome into the Christian Community: Emily Shanahan, Rahina and Michael John Howe, Clarina.

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

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

Collection Last Week: Patrickswell €960.00 Ballybrown €980.00

Salesian College Lime Tree Theatre with Wizard of Oz on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March.



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