

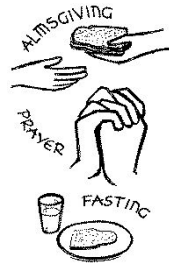
PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH

***We welcome the Scouts and Girl Guides to our Saturday Evening Mass in
Ballybrown Church
Day of Prayer for Temperance***

By long tradition, temperance has been understood as the virtue of moderation in food, drink and sex. And so it is. But temperance should also be seen in broader terms – an insight dating to Aristotle.

Writing about 'detachment' in a little book called *The Forge*, St Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, remarks: 'whoever really lives his faith knows that the goods of the world are means, and uses them generously, heroically.'

What this means is that temperance, along with closely allied virtues such as detachment and chastity, isn't just about avoiding this or that. Temperance, detachment and chastity serve a fundamentally positive purpose. They tell us something of great importance about using the goods of this world – as St Josemaria says – generously and even 'heroically.' Temperance is about growing in freedom. It's about making us, through our acquisition and use of world goods, increasingly more able to choose the right thing in the right way for the right reason, and to act accordingly. Russell Shaw, Intercom.



SYNOD 2016 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One of the most popular proposals from our Diocesan Synod last April is that there would be some singing at every mass. While we are blessed in this Parish generally to have music and song at our Sunday masses we now look for volunteers to lead some Congregational Singing on Saturday evenings.

Hopefully we can get a group of volunteers for both churches so that nobody is restricted with their weekend time.

Another proposal from our Synod is that each parish prepare for Lay Led morning Liturgies if and when a priest is not available for mass. Again we would hope for a group of volunteers.

If you are interested and available please advise any member of your Parish Pastoral Committee Members or Pauline in the Parish Office.

The First formation training day for Lay Led Liturgies will be 4th March.

Ballybrown Members: Maura Byrnes - Newtown, Noreen Fitzgerald and Pat Gallagher - Corcamore, Anthony McGann - Tervoe, Kieran McCarthy - Carrig East, Margaret O'Brien – Carrig West and Willie Ryan – Tervoe.

Patrickswell Members: Maria Bucke - Lisaleen, Seamus Enright - Cloonaduff, Rosemarie Fitzgerald - Ballycurrane, Joe Tierney - Ballyvalogue, Ann Reidy - Lurriga, Kay Nolan – Lurriga, Rose Kelleher – Ballyanrahan West.

There will be a Lay Led Liturgy in all churches Tuesday 25th April.

2017 Women's World Day of Prayer

Will take place on Friday, 3rd March. The theme for this year, chosen by the women of the Philippines, is 'Am I being unfair to you'

BALLYBROWN SENIOR CHOIR: Reminder : Choir practice for St. Patrick's Day & Easter will begin this coming Tuesday Feb 28th, at 8pm in the church. Bring folders. We look forward to seeing you there. New members especially welcome.

Ballybrown Crucifix

This crucifix has been donated to our Parish it is temporarily placed in the Church to the right of the altar. If you would like to offer your views on where the Crucifix might best be placed in the parish they would be welcome. Your views can be passed on to any of our Parish Pastoral Committee members or the Parish Office. Suggestions can be placed in the suggestion box beside the crucifix, it would be helpful to give your name and a contact number.

Masses this Week:

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence – There will be morning and evening masses for the blessing of Ashes in both Churches.

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

Ash Wednesday 1st March: Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm.

Adoration: Thursdays from 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.

Ash Wednesday 1st March: Masses at 9.30am and 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 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 Office or with the Church Sacristans Maria and Pat.

Baptisms: We welcome into the Christian Community: Aimée Putt – Clarina, Alan Nelson-Clarina, Tiernan Hogan- Ballygeale and Lily O'Grady – Lurriga.

First Friday: Friday next 3rd March is the First Friday of the month – communion will be taken to the sick and housebound

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Collection Last Week: €2115