

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Second Sunday after Christmas - 3 January 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the O'Connor family (Oghilbeg)
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Dec. mem. Grooms fam. (Clonfert) & Ridge fam. (Kylemore)
	K. Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.	Private intention.
	L. Wednesday:	11:30 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Fineola Ahern
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	John, Margaret and James Hynes
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Michael, Agnes and Leo Donnelly

Confessions: On request.

I hope that you and your loved ones had a happy and peaceful Christmas and I wish you a happy, holy, healthy and successful new year.

An Induction Loop System has been provided in Lawrencetown church to assist Hearing Aid Users. Please switch your Hearing Aid to the 'T' position.

There will be adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Lawrencetown church tomorrow (Monday) from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and in Kiltormer church next Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please give some of this time to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Next Wednesday is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be in Kiltormer on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. and in Lawrencetown on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer—Emer Fahy, Rebecca Hynes, Andrew Hynes, Lawrencetown—Emily Hanlon, Mída Poland, Alisha Hanlon. Next week: Gearóid's and Conor's groups. Readers on the holy day (L)—Emily Hanlon, (K)—Mary Curley and next weekend (L)—A.N. Other, (K)—Ffran Jennings. Eucharistic minister (K) on the holy day—Ailish Glynn and next weekend—Mary Fahy.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3:15-16.21-22. The readings for the feast of the Epiphany are Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6, Matthew 2:1-12.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection—€234.50 (L), €265.43 (K) on Christmas Day and €298.60 (L), €220.35 (K) last weekend, to the church refurbishment collection—€87.00 (L) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection—€2,210 (53 envelopes) (L), €1,625 (42 envelopes) (K).

Boxes of collection envelopes for 2016 have been distributed to every house in the parish. Thanks very much to those who distributed them in the station areas. If there has been any mistake or if you have not received a box or need an extra box, please take one from the church porch and put a piece of paper with your name and address (station area) in the envelope the first time you use it, or contact me. Thanks to all who have been using their envelopes for the Sunday and other collections. If you attend Mass in another parish of the diocese or in a neighbouring diocese, please use your envelope, as all envelopes, except holy days, are returned to the parish named on them. If you still have envelopes from last year (or any previous year), please hand them in or destroy them.

The Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for January 2016 are: **Universal intention: Interreligious Dialogue** – That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. **For evangelization: Christian Unity** – That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 2nd Jan from 9:00 a.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Sun 3rd from 9:00 a.m.: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267; Fri 8th until Sat 9th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Andrew Sargaison; Sat 9th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 10th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Michael Healy on the death of his cousin Michael K. Walsh who died in England. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul. Please pray also for the happy repose of the soul of Kaye Killeen, sister of Fr. John Killeen. She will be reposing in Spain's Funeral Home, Main St., Ballinasloe today (Sunday) from 4:00 p.m. Removal to St. Michael's Church at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass tomorrow at 12:00 noon. May they rest in peace.

We welcome Tori Lucy Kilkenny, baptised last week, into the parish community, and we congratulate her parents Keith and Avril.

WTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *Cat Chat* on Monday, *The Sorrowful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *Epiphany Special* on Wednesday, *The Donut Man* on Thursday and *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday. *Virtue, Freedom and Faith* is today (Sunday) at 7:00 a.m. and Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *My Country, My Faith: The Healing Power of the Eucharist* is today at 10:30 a.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.m. *Defending Life* is today at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Savoring our Faith* is today at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Web of Faith* is on Monday at 5:00 p.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is Monday at 9:30 p.m., Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:30 p.m. *Grandparents* is on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. and Thursday at 7:00 a.m. *Apostolate for Family Conversion* is on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany from Bethlehem* is on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Mass of the Epiphany with Pope Francis* is on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. *Living The Faith* is on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Friday at 7:00 a.m. and Saturday at 5:00 p.m. *In Search of Christendom* is on Friday at 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. *The Infant of Prague* is on Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

Year of Mercy: The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father, who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. *Lk* 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken on his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 22, 30, 31. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Bernie Campbell, John Greaney, Pat Geraghty, Mary Muldoon, Jessy Glynn. Seller's prize: Maura Hanley. House prizes: Paul Malone. The draw this Saturday for €16,900 is in Mother's Bar.

The winner of the Tidy Town Christmas Hamper was Gerard Tully – congratulations. Thanks to all those who supported the draw and to Pardy's for facilitating it. People are encouraged to use the free re-cycling facility in Lawrencetown for glass and drinking cans but please do not leave bags, boxes, or any other rubbish beside the re-cycling bins as they are most unsightly litter and also against the law.

Announcement of Easter

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the tenth day of February will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the twenty-seventh day of March you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the eighth day of May will be the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the fifteenth day of May, the feast of **Pentecost**. On the twenty-ninth day of May, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. On the twenty-seventh day of November, the **First Sunday of the Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. This prologue to the Gospel of John is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.
2. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?
3. The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God'. How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?
4. In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?
(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)

Message of Our Lady to the parish of Medjugorje and to the world:

December 25, 2015: "Dear children! Also today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you and from this embrace I am giving you His peace and a longing for Heaven. I am praying with you for peace and am calling you to be peace. I am blessing all of you with my motherly blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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