

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 10 January 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday: 8:00 p.m.	John, Margaret and James Hynes
	L. Sunday: 11:30 a.m.	Michael, Agnes and Leo Donnelly
	L. Monday: 7:00 p.m.	Maura Forde and her parents Ellie and Pat
	K. Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.	John, Bridget and Patsy Larkin
	L. Wednesday: 11:30 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday: 6:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Tully family
	L. Friday: 7:00 p.m.	Michael and Lena McKeigue
	K. Saturday: 8:00 p.m.	Marcella Campbell
	L. Sunday: 11:30 a.m.	Nuala Finnerty and deceased members of the Rourke family

Confessions: On request.

 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.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer—Gearóid Markham, Kaitlyn Brien, Amanda Brien, Lawrencetown—Conor Mannion, Jessica Mannion, Katie Cahill. Next week: Amy's and Ciarán's groups. Readers next weekend (L)-Aoife Dolan, (K)-Breda Turley. Eucharistic minister (K)-Pauline Hanley-Lynch.

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday on Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-12.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection—€374.50 (L), €202.91 (K) last weekend and €53.00 (L), €187.11 (K) on the Holy Day, to the church refurbishment collection—€102.61 (L) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection—€2,550 (59 envelopes) (L), €1,860 (47 envelopes) (K).

In a letter I received before Christmas bishop Kirby said the Liturgical Commission of the bishops is recommending Communion 'under both Species', i.e. that people receive from the Chalice as well as the Sacred Host. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But 'the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.' This is the usual form of receiving communion in the Eastern rites." Receiving Holy Communion from the Chalice may be done in different ways: 1) The communicant drinks from the Chalice [Eucharistic minister at Mass or bride and groom at a wedding], 2) By the use of a spoon or tube, 3) By intinction, i.e. dipping the sacred Host in the chalice. The Liturgical rules say: "For Holy Communion by intinction, 'the communicant must not be permitted to intinct the host himself in the chalice, nor to receive the intincted host in the hand.'" I will provide the option of receiving Holy Communion under both species by intinction in this parish. If you wish to receive Holy Communion this way, please approach the altar and do not extend your hands. If you extend your hands I will give (undipped) Communion on the hand in the traditional way. Receiving Holy Communion under both species does not break a Pioneer pledge or a Confirmation pledge. Some parents may not wish their children to receive Holy Communion under both species. Any child who wishes to receive under both species should have prior permission from his or her parents.

Year of Mercy: One of the paragraphs of the Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy reads: "Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind." Please pray that the Jubilee may be truly 'a year of grace from the Lord' and that many people will return to the sacrament of Confession, which is the great channel of mercy that Jesus has given us.

Bishop Kirby has asked that the annual collection for CURA should be taken up next weekend. BCURA was founded by the Irish Bishops to provide a caring and compassionate service to women who feel unable to cope with an unexpected pregnancy and need someone to talk to and support them. Help is there for boyfriends and families. CURA also offers post abortion counselling for women. National Helpline: 1850 622626. E-mail: curacares@cura.ie Website: www.cura.ie. In both churches the loose money in the offertory collection next weekend will be for CURA.

Cards sent by Bishop Kirby listing the collection money sent to him from this parish last year are on the notice boards in the church porches. The bishop asked me to thank you for your continuing generosity to the priests, to the local church, to the diocese and to the needs of the church at large.

WTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *Cat Chat* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* 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. *Bernadette Goulding* is today at 7:30 a.m. and Monday at 2:00 p.m. *Solemn Mass with Pope Francis* is today at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. *My Country, My Faith: The Eucharist, Road to Recovery from Addiction* 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 Columbanus* 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. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Fr. Spitzer's Universe* is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 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. *St. Maria Goretti* is on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 9th Jan & Sun 10th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Fri 15th until Sat 16th at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Sat 16th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 17th: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6, 13, 17, 30. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Maura Hanley, Mossie Larkin, Pat Curley, Sean Jennings, Frances Markham. Seller's prize: Donie Campbell. House prizes: Sarah Gallagher. The draw this Saturday for €17,000 is in Pardy's Bar.

See notice in church porch about Foyer of Life retreat. The retreats address those who search for God, or who wish to progress in their life of faith and prayer.

A special meeting is being organised by Lawrencetown Community Enterprise group - on Wednesday 13th Jan - 9pm - in the store - with local public representatives - to discuss potential developments and improvements in the area. The meeting is open to anyone interested.

Fish & Chips eve in Karibas Ballinasloe on Friday Jan.15th.@ 6.30pm organized by Community Hearts to support local charities in the area & Diocese. Booking required (090) 964 4830

Day Care Centre Eyrecourt reopens On Monday. Keep Fit in Eyrecourt Hall on Wednesdays at 7.30.

The ConTempo Quartet are performing a free Lunchtime Concert in the Church Gallery of the New Ballinasloe Library on Tuesday February 12th at 1pm featuring works from Schubert and Stravinsky. This follows the launch of an exhibition in the Gallery from the German Embassy to Ireland 'The Path to German Unification' at 11.30am.

All are welcome to participate in music lessons beginning Thursday January 14th and continuing each Thursday as per school term. Lessons begin at 6 pm for beginners on tin whistle (30 mins) and all Improvers are welcome with any instrument from 6:30 to 7. Please phone or text Pauline on 087 6383977 for any extra information.

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you - either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?
(by John Byrne *osa in Intercom*)