

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 January 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Marcella Campbell
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Nuala Finnerty and deceased members of the Rourke family
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Maura Murphy
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Paul and Eileen Jennings
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Jim Shields
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Tom Markham
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Ann Coughlan

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—Amy Roche, Joseph Freehill, Adam Roche, Lawrencetown—Ciarán Craughwell, Mark Kilkenny, Caoimhe Craughwell. Next week: Leah's and Claire's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Tommy Downey, (K)—Geraldine Curley. Eucharistic minister (K)—Mary Muldoon.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10, I Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€181.22 (L), €198.03 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€79.63 (L) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection—€2,720 (62 envelopes) (L), €1,980 (51 envelopes) (K).

Year of Mercy: An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfaction of Christ and the saints. Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead. The Church grants special indulgences in the Year of Mercy.

Bishop Kirby has asked that the annual collection for CURA should be taken up this weekend. CURA 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 this weekend is for CURA.

Galway For Life, the local branch of the Pro Life Campaign will be holding a public information meeting on Tuesday, 19th January 2016 in the Menlo Park Hotel, Galway at 7.30pm. The meeting will update the public on the current situation as regards protection of the unborn and their mothers and present an opportunity to get involved as a volunteer. All are welcome. For more information contact (086) 854 6934 or email galway4life@gmail.com

ACCORD BALLINASLOE offers a confidential affordable and professional counselling service for marriage and relationship issues. For appointment Phone: 090 9643573 (Office Hrs: Mon-Thur 9.30am-1.30pm & Fri 9.30am-12.30pm)

MSR – Mindfulness based stress reduction 8 week course in Esker Retreat Centre commencing Mon 25th January. Further details from Lizzy 087 2462034 or email lizzie@redemptorists.ie

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs Mary Whyte of Derreenboy, Clonlahan who died on Wednesday January 13th 2016. May she rest in peace.

WTVN 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, *Skiff & AJ's Fantastic Voyage* on Wednesday and *The Mysteries of Light* on Thursday. *Virtue, Freedom and Faith* is today (Sunday) at 7:00 a.m. and Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. *John Waters* is today at 7:30 a.m. and Monday at 2:00 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *My Country, My Faith: Knock Shrine* is today at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.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 Thomas Becket* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Thursday 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. and Wednesday at 5:00 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. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.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. Don Bosco* is on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Enrolment of new pupils for 2016 will take place in Lawrencetown N.S. on Friday, 5th February at 2.30 p.m. Please bring along your child(ren) to meet and greet the teacher, as well as their Birth and Baptismal Certificates. If this time is not suitable for some parents, an alternative appointment can be arranged by phoning Lawrencetown N.S. on 090-9685609.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 16th Jan & Sun 17th: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Fri 22nd until Sat 23rd at 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 23rd from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 24th: Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063, 9685714, 9685645.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 28, 4, 24, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Maeve Downey, Cathal Dolan, Padraig Finnerty, Adrian Turley, Mick McGivern. Seller's prize: Emmet Goode. House prizes: Rose Muldoon. The draw this Saturday for €17,100 is in Pardy's Bar.

Medjugorje September 14th 2016. Ex Shannon. 7 nights €649. €100 deposit before February 17th secures this price. Transport to and from Shannon arranged. Contact Michael Mulryan 091-850855 or 087-6737888.

Meeting in Clonfert Hall on Tuesday 19th Jan at 8pm to discuss the proposed wind farm at Coolcarty, All residents in the Lawrencetown, Kylemore and Kiltormer areas are going to be effected by this proposal so please attend.

Galway Samaritans Need Listening Volunteers. Please come along to one of our open meetings to find out more: Thursday Jan 21 at 8pm in The Claregalway Hotel or Friday Jan 22 at 11am in the Harbour Hotel, Galway. Further Information: 086 2468203 or samsgalwayselection@gmail.com.

Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow. Icon Course Given by Mihai Cucu For 1 week February 22nd – 27th Beginners welcome. Details: email mihaicucu78@gmail.com

Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow Invite you to join them to celebrate the Day for Consecrated Life On Sunday 31st January at our 9.30 a.m. Mass Celebrant Fr Tom Noonan, Carmelite All welcome Refreshments after mass

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

During this past year we have watched, in almost disbelief, as hundreds of thousands of people flee their homes in Syria and other parts of the world. The image of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi, washed up on a beach last August as his family attempted to reach safety, caused complete outrage around the world. For a while we reacted and acted and called for an immediate response from our governments. Not since WWII have so many people been forced from their homes. So much can be said today about this crisis and we must continue to ask ourselves: how can we respond?

We must always be ready to welcome the refugee and migrant. Our faith is one of hospitality, compassion and mercy. In the Gospel today, Mary urges the disciples to 'do whatever He tells you' and we see Jesus perform a sign that shows he has come for the transformation of that which causes barriers to God's Kingdom. The refugee crisis may challenge us but as people of the Gospel of Mercy, we must respond:

'Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others as a necessary response to God's gracious love... Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Concern for fostering good relationships with others and the ability to overcome prejudice and fear are essential ingredients for promoting the culture of encounter, in which we are not only prepared to give, but also to receive from others. Hospitality, in fact, grows from both giving and receiving.'

POPE FRANCIS

(from The Deep End by Jane Mellett in Intercom)