

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 February 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Joe Mannion
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Bridget Doorhy (first anniversary)
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Lily Whitty (nee Moylan) (first anniversary)
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	John Hanlon
	L. Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	K. Wednesday:	8:00 p.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Joseph Kelly
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	James Donnelly (Doores)
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Johnny Lynch
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mick and Patrick Hanlon

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)—Marie Naughton, (K)—Brendan Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)—Margaret Egan.

Thanks to all who sponsored the sanctuary candles which were blessed last Tuesday and Wednesday. We have enough sanctuary candles to keep the lamps lighting until this time next year.

The Christian tradition of Lent as the "Great Fast" is a very ancient and universally respected one, with clear warrant in the Bible. Each year at the beginning of Lent Christians are reminded that prayer and fasting – together – bring about the vitally important *Metanoia* (change) in their lives. Modern living conditions have modified the severities experienced in former times. In the present discipline of the Catholic Church the regulations prescribe that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. **Fasting** means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. **Abstinence** means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence. There are many **motives for fasting**: to praise God by recognising that the good things we abstain from are gifts from God; to train ourselves in self-denial for times of temptation to sin; to do penance, fasting in atonement for sin; to prepare for a feast – to heighten the enjoyment – so Lent prepares for Easter; to make an act of communion with those who live in want, fasting in solidarity with them, and then contributing to the needy. Other penitential exercises include: giving alms; abstinence from some foods or other pleasures; controlling our desires for possessions; controlling our desire for entertainment. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed at the 7.00 p.m. Mass in Lawrencetown and at the 8.00 p.m. Mass in Kiltormer.

The Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for February 2016 are: **Universal intention:** Care for Creation – That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations. **For evangelization:** Asia – That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Kiltormer N.S. Parents Association are appealing for any unwanted 1c or 2c coins. Please donate by 15th March. All donations towards school resources. Please drop into the school or give to any parents Association member.

Bishop Kirby has asked that the annual collection for the Clonfert – Lourdes Invalid Fund should be taken up. In both churches the loose money in the offertory collection this weekend is for the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€254.60 (L), €175.00 (K) and to the church refurbishment collection—€70.97 (L).

Lenten Stations: Ash Wednesday is on February 10th this year and it is time to start planning for the Lenten Stations. The Stations are in Kiltormer this time. If it is your turn to have the Station, please get in touch with me to arrange the date. Ideally stations should be on or before March 18th (Friday before Palm Sunday), but not on Saturdays, Sundays or first Fridays. Stations should be at 8.00 p.m.

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said: 'It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy* . . . Let us rediscover these *corporal works of mercy*: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the *spiritual works of mercy*: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.'

Galway For Life will be holding a public meeting in Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe on Wednesday, 10th Feb. at 7pm. The aim of the meeting is to update supporters on the current situation as regards the protection of the unborn and their mothers and offer ideas on what you can do in the Galway area.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge! Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for his or her freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

eWTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *Cat Chat* on Monday, *The Holy Mass* on Tuesday, *St Bernadette of Lourdes* 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. *Frank Carson* is today at 7:30 a.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *My Country, My Faith: The Eucharist and Little Nelly* 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. *Lord Have Mercy* is today at 11:30 a.m. *Defending Life* is today at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Peace of Soul in the Divine Mercy* is today at 4:00 p.m., Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. *Savoring our Faith* is today at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St Thomas Aquinas* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday at 10:00 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday (not Wednesday) 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 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. *Holy Mass and Blessing of Ashes with Pope Francis* is on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and 11:00 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. *Bernadette, Saint of Lourdes* is on Thursday at 9:30 p.m. *Guadalupe: the Miracle and the Message* is on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 6th & Sun 7th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783. Details of doctors on call for next Friday evening and for next weekend are not available at the time of printing.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 11, 25, 26, 31. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Cyril/Doreen/Sharon Glynn, Zoe & Killian Glynn, Marie Coleman, Johnny & Kitty McKeigue, Clodagh Glynn. Seller's prize: Damian Curley. House prizes: Sean McDonagh. Draw this Sat for €17,400 is in Pardy's.

Eyrecoort/ Clonfert/ Meelick Active Retirement Ass. A G M will be held in Eyrecoort Day Care Centre on Wed. 10th Feb. at 8.00 pm. New members very welcome.

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

January 25, 2015: "Dear children! Also today I am calling all of you to prayer. You cannot live without prayer, because prayer is a chain which brings you closer to God. Therefore, little children, in humility of heart return to God and to His commandments so that with all of your heart you are able to say: as it is in Heaven so may it be on earth. You, little children, are free to in freedom decide for God or against Him. See where Satan wants to pull you into sin and slavery. Therefore, little children, return to my heart so that I can lead you to my Son Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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