

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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## Second Sunday of Lent - 21 February 2016

<b>Masses:</b>	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Dylan Larkin
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Leo Glynn
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Agnes and Tim Brennan
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Tom Lynch
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Peter and Agnes Naughton

**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—Leah Campbell, Sophie Flynn, Lawrencetown—Claire Whyte, Michael Kennedy, Níamh Moloney. Next week: Emer's and Emily's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Ailbhe Hanlon, (K)—Mary Muldoon. Eucharistic minister (K)—Mary Muldoon.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Exodus 3:1-8.13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12, Luke 13:1-9.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€221.60 (L), €240.28 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€61.56 (L). Thanks to all who handed in the Lenten collection.

**Lenten Stations:** It is time to start planning for the Lenten Stations. If it you would like to have the Station – in either end of the parish – 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 are normally at 8.00 p.m.

**EWTVN TV (Sky #589).** Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Joyful Mysteries* on Monday, *First Communion* on Tuesday, *Object Lessons: Dirt* on Wednesday, *Fatima* 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. *Lenten Reflections* is today at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *My Country, My Faith: Grandparents* 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. *Battle for Souls* 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 Teresa of Avila* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday at 10:00 p.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. *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.

**Year of Mercy:** Pope Francis said: "The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! We can repeat the words of the prophet Micah and make them our own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (cf. 7:18-19)."

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mike Keogh and his family on the death of his cousin Michael Curley, and also to Mary Callagy and her family on the death of her aunt-in-law Mary Pender. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

The Irish Catholic Bishops have issued a statement explaining the priorities of the Church in relation to Election 2016. It is independent of party political views and it shows leadership. Copies of the statement are in the porch of the church. Please take one and read it before Election Day – next Friday.

**Husbands and Wives:** Why not gift one another with a Marriage Encounter Weekend to enrich your communication, rekindle romance, deepen your love and discover the rich spirituality of your marriage. The next Weekend will be at The Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 26 to 28-Feb-2016. For more info. and / or to book, visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 087-784 0408 for a brochure.

There is a Galway for Life meeting taking place in Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Loughrea, next Wednesday 24th at 7 pm. Attendees will get an update on the current situation as regards the protection of unborn children and their mothers. They will also hear about the work of Galway for life, which is a branch of The Pro Life Campaign. All are welcome.

**Foyer of Light, Charity & Love 5 Day Silent Retreat:** March 28th to April 3rd 2016 Cost: €380 full board. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Venue: Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway. Contact: Helen : 086 1678027, [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie) The retreats address those who search for God, or who wish to progress in their life of faith and prayer.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Feb & Sun 21<sup>st</sup>: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri 26<sup>th</sup> until Sat 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre; Sat 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Sat 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 28<sup>th</sup>: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 12, 32, 19, 30. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Michael Dolan, Michael Donoghue, Ella & Jack Scannell, David Mollaghan, Jimmy Hardiman. Seller's prize: David Hayes. House prizes: Paul Jolley. The draw this Saturday for €17,600 is in The Hill Bar.

**Cake Sale** on Sunday 28th Feb. from 11am - 12.45 in Lawrencetown Hall. If you would like to give items for sale, please drop them into the hall before Sunday Mass or contact Mary Nee or Marie Dolphin before the event. All proceeds will go towards this year's Parish Party on Sunday 20th March.

**MAJOR JOINT GAA AND CAMOGIE FUNDRAISER** Play called "THE PULL" in Eyrecourt Hall on Friday March the 4th at 7.30pm. A comedy for all ages. All support appreciated.

**FirstLight Bereavement Conference 2016 - March 10th - Heritage Hotel Portlaoise.** There are limited spaces left - please email [louise@firstlight.ie](mailto:louise@firstlight.ie) to reserve your place as soon as possible.

**Ethical and Theological Perspectives** on the 1916 Rising At Carlow College, St. Patricks, 26 February 2016 from 9.30am to 5pm. Conference to debate the significance of the 1916 Rising from ethical and theological perspectives. Keynote speaker: Francis Campbell, former ambassador to the Vatican and currently Vice-chancellor to St. Mary's University, London. Other speakers from Trinity College Dublin and Carlow College. See [www.carlowcollege.ie](http://www.carlowcollege.ie) or Tel: 059 9153200.

Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre is offering a number of clinics to help people set up and operate their Smartphones and Tablets. These clinics will take place in the Resource Centre during the week beginning Monday February 22nd 2016. All clinics are free to attend but people must book their place through the Resource Centre. For more information or to register for a place please feel free to call into the Family & Community Resource Centre on Bride Street, Loughrea or ring (091) 871149 or (086) 3449950

### Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. On the mountain, the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendships there are experiences when we get to know a friend in a deeper way. A marvellous moment. This can also happen in our relationship with God. Recall such experiences in your life. Remember what it was like for you, and give thanks. How do such memories sustain you in difficult times?
2. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud. It was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning an important truth about yourself, or about your relationship with God, from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?
3. The disciples were prepared for this experience by getting an invitation from Jesus to come apart, to withdraw to the mountain. Have there been times when going apart was an important element in preparing you for a significant experience?
4. Peter wanted to build three tents. He wanted to hold on to the experience. Have there been experiences that you wanted to hold on to?  
(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)