

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 6 March 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Eileen Markham
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Pat Joe & Winifred Glynn and Joe Connolly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Bennett family and Michael Larkin
	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.	Kevin Ridley and deceased members of the Ridley family
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Tommy and Delia Kilkenny
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Gilmore and Folan families

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.

Each year our bishop gives permission to one missionary order or society or charity to visit the parishes of the diocese to make an appeal. This year it is the turn of Fr. Paddy Kelly's society – the SMA Fathers. This weekend we welcome Fr. Frank McGrath SMA who will tell us about the work of the society. He will distribute envelopes that you can use to make your donation. These envelopes will be collected next weekend.

There will be a choir practice in Lawrencetown church tomorrow Monday at 7.30 p.m. to prepare for Confirmation. As the pupils of both schools will be together for Confirmation this year, members of the Kiltormer choir are invited to join with Lawrencetown choir and come to the practice.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer–Gearóid Markham, Kaitlyn Brien, Amanda Brien, Lawrence–town–Conor Mannion, Jessica Mannion, Katie Cahill. Next week: Amy's and Ciarán's groups. Readers next weekend (L)-Damien Farrell, (K)-Caroline Rocke. Eucharistic minister (K)- Mary Fahy.

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend–€320.06 (L), €196.84 (K), to the church refurbishment collection–€64.14 (L) and to the Lenten collection–€384 (L) (26 envelopes), €337 (K) (27 envelopes).

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.

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis expressed the wish for “the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective.”

Diocese of Clonfert. Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering 2016. Theme: “*Meeting Jesus in Prayer and Parables*”. Gullane's Hotel Ballinasloe. Sunday March 6th, 2.30–5.30 p.m. Glenstal monks Fr. Columba McCann & Fr. Luke McNamara are guest presenters. For further information take a brochure from the church porch. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

The Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for February 2016 are: **Universal intention: Families in Difficulty** – That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments. **For evangelization: Persecuted Christians** – That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mary Callagy and her family on the death of her uncle, John O'Connor, and also to Geraldine Fahy and Sean McDonagh and their families on the death of their mother Alice McDonagh. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

We want to bring to your attention that some homes in some parishes around the country are receiving Trócaire boxes delivered to the door with instructions that they will be collected after Lent is finished. This is not a genuine Trócaire or parish method of delivery or collection, so please report any such activity to the Gardaí and make us aware also please at colm.hogan@trocaire.org

Keeping Faith in Religious Education. iCatholic will host a live panel discussion on Mon 14th March at 8pm on the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment's proposal to introduce an approach to teaching religion in all primary schools that may present significant challenges for Catholic primary schools and for the teaching of Catholic religious education. See iCatholic.ie/live or the iCatholic facebook page for more details and don't forget to tune in to icatholic.ie on the 14th March at 8pm.

EWTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *Cat Chat* on Monday, *The Joyful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *Odyssey* 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: Young People Reawakening* is today at 10:30 a.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: Pope St. Pius X* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday at 10:00 p.m. A series: *Reality Check* is Monday to Friday at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 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. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 4:00 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.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 5th & Sun 6th. Dr. Killian Darcy ☎ 085 1457444; Fri 11th March until Sat 12th at 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 12th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 13th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 11, 12, 17, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Michael Lynch, Sarah Hanley, Mary Callaghan, Declan Hough, Carol Dowling & M.J. Seller's prize: Rose Muldoon. House prizes: P.J. Casey. The draw this Saturday for €17,800 is in Pardy's Bar.

OpenDay/Enrolment day on Thurs 10th March in Kiltormer N.S. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. All welcome. Details form 9627109.

Proclamation Day on Tues 15th March: **Kiltormer** school at 11 a.m. Raising of the Irish flag, 1916 projects, music and museum. Light refreshments Appeal for photos of the village over the last 100 years; **Lawrencetown** school at 2 p.m. ALL past pupils and parishioners welcome.

Calvary Cemetery, Lawrencetown. The Cemetery Committee are holding a meeting in the hall on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to have a discussion about works they are seeking to get done by the County Council. All who have family plots in the cemetery or who are interested are asked to attend.

If anybody is starting a computer class email, internet browsing, skype, buying on line how to book a hotel or flight please give their name to Mary Muldoon or ring 0861908975

The Mental Health Association 'Community in Focus' Photographic Project Collage entitled 'A Week in the Life of Ballinasloe' will be unveiled in Ballinasloe Library at 4pm. on Tuesday March 8th. All are welcome.

The Holocaust Education Trust in Ireland exhibition, 'Traces of a Memory' will be launched by Mayor of County Galway, Peter Roche, at 2pm. on Thursday March 10th in the Church Gallery of the New Library, (B'sloe). All are welcome. Exhibition runs until April 2nd and group bookings for guided tours may be made at 090 9643464.

Celebrating National Tree Week gives us the opportunity to pay attention to trees, to their beauty and their importance in our lives and in the eco-system. This year we can set ourselves the challenge of becoming familiar with our native trees and hedgerows. If we are planting we are strongly advised to plant Native species as these offer maximum habitats to bees and wildlife in general. For further ideas see www.angairdin.ie

Book Launch and Presentation 'Rebellion in Galway Easter Rising 1916' by Kevin Jordan (380 page book on the 1916 Rising in Galway) Tues 8th March in Banagher College Colaiste na Sionna at 7.30pm Cost of Book: €15.

Colaiste Néifinn in now enrolling for its 2016 Irish Summer course for 12 to 18yr olds which will run from July 11th-22nd in Athenry. For further information call 087 390 3994 or visit www.colaisteneifinn.com