

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) - 3 April 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	John Paul Freehill
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Joe and Margaret Kelly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ryder
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Kathleen, John & Patsy Hardiman & dec. mem. Hardiman family
	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.	Michael Colohan
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Alice McDonagh (month's mind)
	L. Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Mass

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 on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please give some of this time to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Confirmation for the children of 5th and 6th classes in Lawrencetown and Kiltormer schools will be celebrated in Lawrencetown Church next Sunday (April 10th) at **11:00 a.m.** (not 11:30 a.m.)

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)—members of the Confirmation class, (K)—Mary Fahy. Eucharistic minister (K)—Ailish Glynn.

Final Choir practice for Confirmation is on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Lawrencetown church. All who wish to sing with the choir for Confirmation should attend this practice.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Easter. The readings at Mass are Acts 5:27-32, 40-41, Revelation (Apocalypse) 5:11-14, John 21:1-19. The readings chosen for the Confirmation Mass are Acts 2:1-6, 14, 22-23, 32-33, Romans 8:14-17, Mark 1:9-11.

Thank you for your contributions to the Holy Places collection—€169 (L), €73 (K), to the door collection last weekend—€390.07 (L), €343.00 (K), to the Emigrants collection—€101 (L), €94 (K), to the Lenten collection—€516.60 (L) (38 envelopes), €476 (K) (35 envelopes), and to the Easter collection—€1,015 (L) (30 envelopes), €922 (K) (29 envelopes). Please hand in your donation to the Trócaire Lenten collection immediately. If you are not using the Trócaire Box to hand in your donation, please keep the box for next year, as the box will be the same.

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said "Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness."

Aware - if you are dealing with stress, anxiety or depression come along to our weekly meetings in the Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea every Tuesday at 8 pm. This service is free and confidential. For further info. contact Des Greene on 087-2993142 or visit www.aware.ie.

The Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for April 2016 are: **Universal intention:** Small Farmers – That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour. **For evangelization:** African Christians – That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mags Kilkenny and her family on the death of her grandfather John Manning. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

We welcome Ally Erin Broderick, baptised last week, into the parish community, and we congratulate her parents Rúairí and Leona.

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Friar* on Monday, *Holy Mass* on Tuesday, *Michael the Visitor* on Wednesday, *The Mysteries of Light* on Thursday and *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday. *Holy Mass and Jubilee of Divine Mercy with Pope Francis* is today (Sunday) at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Feast of Saint Faustina* is today at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. *How to Pray for your Sons and Daughters* is today at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. *Divine Mercy Celebration from Vilnius Lithuania* is today at 3:00 p.m. *Divine Mercy Holy Hour* is today at 9:00 p.m. and Friday at 2:00 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: Lanciano* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. *Mary's Meals* is on Monday at 2:30 p.m. & Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Gifts of Catholicism to Civilization* on Monday at 8:30 p.m., Friday at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is Monday at 9:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Catholicism* is on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. *Discerning the Will of God* is Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday at 5:00 p.m. *Door of Faith* is 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. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is on Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Emmanuel House on Sunday 3rd April, starting at 2pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated on the day, and confessions will be available.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 9, 16, 17, 19. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Gately family, Ollie & Annette Spain, Thomas Cunniffe, Paul McKeigue, Nijole. Seller's prize: Sean McKeigue. House prize: Carmel Dervan. The draw this Saturday for €18,200 is in Pardy's Bar.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 2nd April from & Sun 3rd: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri 8th to Sat 9th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Sat 9th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 10th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

Care Bears Community Playschool Lawrencetown. Enrolment Day Friday 8 April 2016 if you are unable to attend contact 0872953368.

Ballinasloe Cancer Support Centre (A.G.M) We are pleased to cordially invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) Monday 4th April at our Centre on Main St. (Above John Dolan Auctioneers) @ 8pm. All Welcome - Refreshments Served.

Reminder to Dog Owners. There have been a number of serious incidents of dog attacks on sheep flocks in recent weeks. Dog-owners are reminded to ensure their dogs are kept under effective control at all times. The dog-owner is liable for damages in cases where sheep are killed or injured. The owner of the sheep is allowed to shoot the dog if it is causing damage to his sheep or the dog may be seized by the Gardaí. Stray dogs will be picked up by the dog warden. Farmers who are affected are asked to report all attacks to the Gardaí and the dog warden. For more info please contact Patricia Morley, Environment section, Galway County Council @ 091 509560

CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE. On Sunday 1st May Cycle Against Suicide will come to Ballinasloe. Volunteers are needed to help with the arrival of over 350 cyclists. Help is needed to provide Homestays for the Cyclists. Can you provide a bed, shower and hot meal or help in any way please contact Jacinta Divilly on 0872459138 or e-mail homestays@cycleagainstsucide.com

Peace be with you

Today's Gospel tells us about Jesus appearing to the disciples. He offered them peace, as we do when we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus offered peace of mind, peace of body and soul and peace from anxiety and tension. When Thomas heard about Jesus' appearance he found it difficult to believe until he saw Jesus. When Jesus visited again Thomas was there and Jesus invited him to put his hand on the wounds of the cross. It was only then that Thomas believed that this was Jesus. Sometimes we too struggle with our faith and its presence or absence in our lives. It is important that we try to ask the right questions in our moments of doubt. So instead of asking 'where is God in my life?' we can ask 'Where am I for God in my life?', 'What parts of my day are handed over to God?', 'What parts of my day are based and rooted in my trust in God's love?'. Often difficult to answer, but unlike Thomas, we can be freed from our doubts by putting our faith, hope and love in Jesus the risen Christ this Eastertide.

(from Resources for Family Mass in Intercom)

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

March 25, 2015: "Dear children! Today I am carrying my love to you. God permitted me to love you and, out of love, to call you to conversion. You, little children, are poor in love and you still have not comprehended that my Son Jesus, out of love, gave His life to save you and to give you eternal life. Therefore pray, little children, pray so that in prayer you may comprehend God's love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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