

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Fourth Sunday of Easter- 17 April 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	{Ollie Donnelly {Paddy Greaney
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Rosaline Kelly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Patrick and Agnes Healy
	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.	Private intention.
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Christy and Maisie Glynn
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Denis Kelly

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.

We thank each of the many people who helped to make our Confirmation day last Sunday a very special occasion for the parish: the teachers of the Confirmation classes in both schools who prepared the children so well and the other teachers and school secretaries, Séamus Lyons and Willie Nee who painted the church walls and railings and gate, and those who prepared and decorated the church and grounds so beautifully for the occasion. We thank bishop Kirby, the choir, the Mass servers, the parents and sponsors and all who attended the ceremony, and of course the children themselves. We pray that the grace of the sacrament will stay with them always.

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.

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)—Emily Hanlon, (K)—Brendan Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)—Pauline Hanley-Lynch.

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Easter. The readings at Mass are Acts 14:21-27, Revelation (Apocalypse) 21:1-5, John 13:31-33,34-35.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€116.15 (L), €234.80 (K) and to the Easter collection—€1,645 (L) (46 envelopes), €1,307 (K) (40 envelopes).

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said "May the message of mercy reach everyone, and may no one be indifferent to the call to experience mercy. I direct this invitation to conversion even more fervently to those whose behaviour distances them from the grace of God. ... For their own good, I beg them to change their lives. I ask them this in the name of the Son of God who, though rejecting sin, never rejected the sinner. Do not fall into the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money and that, in comparison with money, anything else is devoid of value or dignity. This is nothing but an illusion! We cannot take money with us into the life beyond. Money does not bring us happiness. ... Everyone, sooner or later, will be subject to God's judgment, from which no one can escape."

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day for everyone in our parish and our Diocese. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We pray in thanksgiving to day for our Bishop, Priests and Religious and for an increase in vocations in the Church. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

Pilgrim Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be visiting the Cathedral in Loughrea on April 18th and 19th, celebrating 150 Years with the Redemptorists. Mass of Welcome (Bishop Kirby) at 7.30pm and Healing Service at 9.30pm on Monday April 18th. Masses at 7am and 11am and Primary Schools Prayer Service at 12noon on Tuesday 19th.

East Galway & Midlands Cancer Support Centre will have a Church gate collection next weekend. They provide support for people living with cancer, their families and friends.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Benny and Johnny McKeigue and their families on the death of their brother Thomas (Thady) McKeigue, and also to Rose Kelly and her family on the death of her brother Kieran O'Shea. Kieran's funeral will take place in London next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration invites all Parishioners on a special Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 24th April. There is a full programme organised for Adults, Teens and Children. The launch of a National Crusade of Prayer for Vocations will take place at the 3 pm Mass. The programme begins at 11.30. Bishop Kevin Doran is the chief celebrant and homilist Fr Declan Hurley Adm Navan, will give a talk on 'Gazing at the face of Mercy' at 1.30 in the Basilica.

EWTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Friar* on Monday, *The Sorrowful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *God's Footprint* on Wednesday, *Day the Sun Danced (Fatima)* on Thursday and *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday. *Holy Mass with Priestly Ordinations with Pope Francis* is today (Sunday) at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Regina Caeli with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.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. *Defending Life* is today at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Joseph Ratzinger* is today at 4:00 p.m. and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. *Door of Faith* is today at 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St. Peter Julian Eymard* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. *The Fount of Mercy: Czestochowa* is on Monday at 2:00 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. *Gifts of Catholicism to Civilization* on Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Friday at 8:30 a.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is Monday at 9:30 p.m. *Catholicism* is on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. *Discerning the Will of God* is Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Abbe Henry Essex Edgeworth* is on Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Our Lady of La Salette* is on Saturday at 7:00 a.m. *Savoring our Faith* is on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Do you want to be able to answer tough questions about your faith or deepen your spiritual life with other like-minded people? A conference for young Catholics 18-35 takes place in Maynooth College on July 8th-10th. Information on www.evangelium.ie or Facebook 'Evangelium Ireland'.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6, 7, 29, 19. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Barry Glynn, Seamus Walsh, Teresa Fahy, Carol Dowling & MJ, Ita Cormican. Seller's prize: Mother's Bar. House prize: Tommy Glynn. The draw this Saturday for €18,400 is in The Hill Bar.

Doctor on call on Sat 16th & Sun 17th: Dr. Killian Darcy ☎ 085 1457444; Fri 22nd to Sat 23rd at 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 23rd from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 24th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217.

Western Alzheimers annual Tea Day is on Friday 29th April 2016. The funds raised from the Tea Day will help Western Alzheimers to provide quality services to families who are caring for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Please support by hosting a tea day in your home, or place of work or your local community on Friday 29th April or on any day that suits you. Donations towards Tea Day also gratefully accepted. Thanks to everyone who supported the Tea Day in the past and a big welcome to new supporters. Telephone Galway office on 091 565193 for further details.

Western Alzheimers Fundraising Tea Day at Brendan & Attracta Carroll's house, Kylemore, Lawrencetown on Saturday 30th April from 2pm – 6pm. Also Tea morning at Country Market, Town Hall, Portumna on Friday 29th April from 9am to 12 noon. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Taughmaconnell Community Care presents Brendan Shine in Gullane's Hotel on Friday 29th April. Dancing from 10:00 p.m. Adm.: €12.50

Were your relatives involved in the 1916 rising? Galway County Council would like to link in with the relatives of those who participated in the 1916 Rising in the County of Galway. If you are related and would like to be kept informed of Galway County Council's events commemorating 1916, please complete a short form on www.galway.ie/gaillimh2016, in local libraries or 091 509000.

Samaritans' 40th Anniversary. Samaritans are 40 years in Galway. Special day takes place from 10am-8pm in Eyre Square, Galway on April 30. Events include a cyclathon on spin bikes, guest speakers, photo exhibition and a green laser light show. All welcome. Contact 086 8336666 and visit www.sams40.com for more info or to enter a team for cyclathon.

The 2016 East Galway Library Art Trail launches its third instalment this year at the Church Gallery of Ballinasloe Library on Tuesday evening, April 19th at 7.30pm. The artist is Margaret Dooley Burnell and the exhibition runs for two weeks. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.