

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Fifth Sunday of Easter- 24 April 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Christy and Maisie Glynn
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Denis Kelly
	L. Monday:	No Mass	
	K. Tuesday:	No Mass	
	L. Wednesday:	No Mass	
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Michael and Kitty O'Brien
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Paddy and Maura Daly

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.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer—Emer Fahy, Rebecca Hynes, Andrew Hynes, Lawrencetown—Emily Hanlon, Mida Poland, Alisha Hanlon. Next week: Gearóid's and Conor's groups. Readers next weekend (L)-Tommy Downey, (K)-Gerard Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)-Mary Muldoon.

The annual retreat for the priests of the diocese will be held at the Redemptorist Retreat House, Esker—phone (091) 844549—this week, starting tomorrow (Monday) morning and finishing on Wednesday evening. If you need a priest, ring Ballinasloe presbytery (9643916). Please pray that God will bless the bishop and priests powerfully during the retreat.

Next Sunday is the sixth Sunday of Easter. The readings at Mass are Acts 15:1-2.22-29, Revelation (Apocalypse) 21:10-14.22-23, John 14:23-29.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€190.72 (L), €297.10 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€124.72 (L) and to the Easter collection—€1,820 (L) (50 envelopes), €1,367 (K) (42 envelopes).

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said: "It is proper to God to exercise mercy, and he manifests his omnipotence particularly in this way." These words of Saint Thomas Aquinas show that God's mercy, rather than a sign of weakness, is the mark of his omnipotence. For this reason the liturgy, in one of its most ancient collects, has us pray: 'O God, who reveal your power above all in your mercy and forgiveness...' Throughout the history of humanity, God will always be the One who is present, close, provident, holy, and merciful."

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Prodigal Son* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *Bernadette of Lourdes* on Thursday and *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday. *Jubilee Celebration for Boys and Girls with Pope Francis* is today (Sunday) at 9:30 a.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* 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. *Month's Mind Mass for Mother Angelica* is today at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Door of Faith* is today at 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *St. Catherine of Siena* is on Monday at 11:30 a.m. *The Fount of Mercy: Humility* 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., Friday at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.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. and Saturday at 5:00 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *St. Damien of Molokai* 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. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Our Lady of Lourdes* 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'.

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

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.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 15, 16, 29, 32. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Kate Callaghy, Eoin Jennings, John Donnellan, Marion Walshe, Declan Gately. Seller's prize: The Elms. House prize: Andy Fenton. The draw this Saturday for €18,500 is in Mother's Bar.

Doctor on call on Sat 23rd April & Sun 24th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri 29th to Sat 30th at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre; Sat 30th from 9:30 a.m. to Mon 2nd May at 9:30 a.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May from 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217.

Western Alzheimers Fundraising Tea Day at Brendan & Attracta Carroll's house, Kylemore, Lawrencetown on Saturday 30th April from 2pm – 6pm. Also Tea Day at Mary Muldoon's house, Kill, Kiltormer, on Friday 20th May from 4pm to 10pm. Also Tea morning at Country Market, Town Hall, Portumna on Friday 29th April from 9am to 12 noon. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Age Action runs beginner/refresher computer classes (iPad/Tablet/Smartphones also) for older people (55+) who have little or no computer experience or who would like to get connected to the digital age!. Participants are taught either one to one or in very small groups by trained volunteer tutors. Classes run every four weeks on Wednesdays in the Ballinasloe Library. For more information or book a place call Ballinasloe Library on 090 9643464.

Volunteers needed to tutor over 55's on Internet and Email on laptops/tablets/iPads/smartphones in Ballinasloe Library on Wednesdays. Training provided. Both tutors and learners find the classes rewarding and fun. Basic computer skills and fluent English needed but patience and good humour just as important! Call Age Action on 091 527831 or email helen.murray@ageaction.ie.

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

The Big Weekend at Padraig Pearses GAA Grounds, Ballymacward: Mike Denver Fri 29th 9pm €15, Tierney Talks and Shindig Sat 30th 8pm €5 and Kilfenora Céili Dance Sun May 1st 9pm €15. Please support. Also family Fun Day and Duck Derby 12-4pm at the pitch Sun 1st May. Free admission. All welcome. Galway v Wexford in inaugural Fr. Nicholas Murray Memorial Cup Mon May 2nd 4pm.

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

Ballinasloe's Darkness Into Light takes place on Saturday morning 7th May at 4.15am from the Emerald ballroom. Register online now at dil.piete.ie or contact GELS on 085 1237878. On the morning of the walk, bring a torch and wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Our Darkness Into Light pop-up shop on Main Street Ballinasloe is open Fridays and Saturdays from 12-6pm.

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. Judas leaves and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?
2. 'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?
3. Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?
4. Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you?
(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)