

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 July 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Joe and Mary Finnerty
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Johnnie and Kathleen Rogers
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	John and Margaret Brennan
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Mary Keogh and Michael and Mary Ward
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Gus Mariner and Baby Reilly
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Bridget and John O'Brien
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mary Guinan

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—Amy Rocke, Joseph Freehill, Adam Rocke, Lawrencetown—Ciarán Craughwell, Mark Kilkenny, Caoimhe Craughwell. Next week: Leah's and Claire's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Rachel Whyte, (K)—Brendan Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)—Mary Hayes.

Next Sunday is the fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€119.92 (L), €262.00 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€62.90 (L) and to the Summer Priests' Salaries collection—€1,330 (L) (39 envelopes), €1,160 (K) (35 envelopes).

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said: "This parable [the "ruthless servant" (Mt 18:23-35)] contains a profound teaching for all of us. Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle's exhortation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy as an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire in this Holy Year."

The Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for July 2016 are: **Universal intention: Indigenous Peoples** – That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect. **For evangelization: Latin America and the Caribbean** – That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

Mass will be celebrated in the Kiltormer Old Cemetery on Friday July 15th at 8.00 p.m. Please tell people who have left the parish and might like to return for this Mass.

The Clonfert Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop Kirby takes place from Tuesday, 23rd August to Sunday 28th August 2016. The fully inclusive fare is €695. 24-hour medical care is provided for the sick. Booking is at Society Travel, Ballinasloe (090) 964 5350.

The Lawrencetown Parent & Toddler Group will meet on Mondays in The Store from 10:30am - 12noon, commencing this Monday, 4th July. Please come along to have a chat and cuppa, and let your children play together! All welcome.

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Joyful Mysteries* on Monday, *The Holy Mass* on Tuesday, *Children's Adoration* on Wednesday, *The Apparition at Fatima* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *My Time with Jesus: The Guardian Angels* on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *The Choices We Face* is today (Sunday) at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 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. *Door of Faith* is today at 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: Lanciano* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. *The Fount of Mercy* is on Monday at 2:00 p.m. *Mary's Meals* is on Monday at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8:30 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 on Monday at 9:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:00 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. *Light from Light* is on Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 6:00 a.m. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is on Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Our Lady of Czestochowa* is on Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

Lough Derg 2016: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Saturday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Reunion of Clonfert Youth of 1980s to 90s will be held in Gullanes Ballinasloe on Sunday August 14th at 6pm. Adm €10 Please contact Margaret 0851456937 before July 15.

Thanks very much to the Community Development Group and the teams of helpers who cleaned and painted Lawrencetown hall on Friday and Saturday. A beautiful job. You can be proud of it.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 12, 32, 21, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Carmel O'Grady, John Curley, Keith Glynn, Johnny Darcy, Liam Nevin. Seller's prize: Fahy's Shop. House prize: Michael Pardy. The draw this Saturday for €3,400 is in Pardy's Bar.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 2nd July & Sun 3rd: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 625478; Fri night 8th until Sat 9th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267; Sat 9th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 10th: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412.

Next weekend the loose money in the Offertory Collection will go to ACCORD which is an agency of the Catholic Church providing a nationwide service to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the Sacrament of Marriage. It is committed to providing a quality service. The local branch of ACCORD is situated in The Family Centre, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.

At the request of Archbishop Michael Neary, our Parish will participate in a special collection at all Masses on July 16th-17th, in aid of a campaign for our National Shrine at Knock, entitled *Witness to Hope*. This special initiative is: promoting pilgrimage to Knock and the west of Ireland; enhancing the sacred congregation point of Our Lady's Basilica; and initiating the development of significant faith renewal programmes at Knock. This diocese has taken part in many pilgrimages to Knock, helping parishioners deepen their understanding of their own faith. *Witness to Hope* has asked for each of us to consider our potential to support this important project. We ask you to pray for the success of the campaign and contribute generously, where possible. Thank you.

Esker Annual Family Fun Day & Dog Show will be held in the Monastery Grounds on Sunday July 10th at 1.30pm. Please support. Funds raised go to help Esker Youth Village & Youth Ministry.

Kilconnell Tidy Towns are hosting a 'BioBlitz' on Sun July 17th, from 2-6pm. This will be a fun day of nature walks & talks, scavenger hunt, species identification, competitions, art, a bee visit...and more... The event is free of charge and is open to people of all interests and expertise. Have fun while learning about our local Biodiversity. Takes place in Kilconnell hall and community park. Contact tidytownskilconnell@gmail.com or 087 1261590.

Message of Our Lady to the parish of Medjugorje and to the world:
June 25, 2016: "Dear children! Give thanks to God with me for the gift of my being with you. Pray, little children, and live God's commandments that it may be good for you on earth. Today, on this day of grace, I desire to give you my motherly blessing of peace and of my love. I intercede for you with my Son and call you to persevere in prayer so that, with you, I can realize my plans. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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