

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 July 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Patsy Curley
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Patsy Staunton (Kylemore)
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Martin and Mary O'Dowd
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Jack Dooley
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	John and Margaret Brennan
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Sonny Cox and Annie Duffy
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Michael and Joan Hayes
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Private intention.

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)-Colette Breheny, (K)-Ailish Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)-Margaret Egan.

Next Sunday is the seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€244.51 (L), €178.00 (K), to the ACCORD collection—€104 (L), €71 (K), to the Summer Priests' Salaries collection—€1,510 (L) (46 envelopes), €1,200 (K) (36 envelopes) and to the Pope's collection—€179.50 (L) (19 envelopes), €311 (K) (24 envelopes).

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said: "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church 'has an endless desire to show mercy.' Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

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.

Bishop Doran will speak at a talk entitled, "Every Human Life a Gift: Defending the Pro Life Amendment" in the Athlone Springs Hotel, on Tuesday July 19th at 7:30pm. Other speakers include Patrick Carr and Sarah Ekada and Patrick Carr of Family & Life. All welcome!

A Year of Mercy pilgrimage to St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford will take place on SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 3pm-5.30pm. Guest speaker Fr Peter McVerry. The theme of the pilgrimage is "JOURNEYING TO NEW LIFE". All welcome.

The Priory Institute provides solid, high-quality, affordable theological education by distance learning. Application deadline is 20th September 2016. See poster and prospectus in Kiltormer church porch or visit www.prioryinstitute.ie or contact 01 4048124 or enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Jubilee of Mercy Walk from St Michael's Church, Ballinasloe to St Brendan's Cathedral, Loughrea on Sat. Aug 6th. Options: Walk from Ballinasloe or Aughrim or Cappataggle or Kilrickle. Pre-registration essential for safety requirements. Walkers from all parishes welcome. For more info. see poster in Church porch or contact Michéal @ 086 261 8152 or John @ 086 860 0987.

eWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *St. Bernadette* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *My Time with Jesus: Confirmation* 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. *Catholic View for Women* is on Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St. Peter Julian Eymard* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. *St. Benedict* is on Monday at 2:30 p.m. *The Fount of Mercy* is on Monday at 2:00 p.m. *Focolare* 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. *Holy Hour for Persecuted Christians* 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. A series: *Pallottines in Africa* is Monday to Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday to Thursday at 8:00 a.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. *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.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 12, 16, 24, 32. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Jimmy Fahy, Grainne Whitney, Anne Claffey, Ella Scannell, Kate Callaghy. Seller's prize: Pascal Claffey. House prize: Danny Lynch. The draw this Saturday for €3,800 is in Mother's Bar.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 16th July & Sun 17th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri night 22nd until Sat 23rd at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre; Sat 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412; Sat 23rd from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 24th: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308.

At the request of Archbishop Michael Neary, we have a special collection this weekend in aid of Knock Shrine, 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 developing significant faith renewal programmes at Knock. Please pray for Knock and be generous.

Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps will take place in Kiltormer from Mon July 18th to Fri July 22nd. All children in the locality from 6-12 years are welcome to attend. We will have registration on first morning of camp. Further details on www.kellogsculcamps.gaa.ie

Mystery Tour from Day Centre Eyrecourt on Tuesday 28th of July Contact Margaret on 0872699560

The Mullagh Boot Campers are doing a walk from Croke Park to Mullagh on the 3rd to the 6th of August to raise funds for Mullagh Community development and for Cuan Mhuire, Athenry who has helped over 80,000 people as it is Ireland's largest multi-site provider of residential detoxification and treatment from addictions. To support the lads, there is a "Project Glam" night in the Lough Rea hotel on Thursday 21st July from 7 to 10pm. The night consists for a pre-loved dress and handbag sale, and many beauty items on the night. There is also an auction of items donated by celebrities Miriam O'Callaghan, Mary Kennedy, George Hook, Siobhan Ryan, Jean Byrne and many more. Please support!!

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)