

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 July 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Michael and Joan Hayes
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Private intention.
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Brendan, Eileen and Maureen Glynn and Maud Mulkerrins
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Dec. mem. of Campbell and Cunningham families and Adam
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Thomas and Kathleen Forde and Mary Corcoran
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Josephine and Dan Lynch
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Michael and Mary Dolan (Sycamorehill)

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—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)-Catherine Gately, (K)-Mary Muldoon. Eucharistic minister (K)-Margaret Egan.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€142.06 (L), €204.00 (K), to the Knock collection—€147 (L), €88 (K), to the Summer Priests' Salaries collection—€1,560 (L) (47 envelopes), €1,200 (K) (36 envelopes) and to the Pope's collection—€189.50 (L) (21 envelopes), €351 (K) (28 envelopes).

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said: "Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, which at the time came unexpectedly, its theme catching many by surprise. There are two passages in particular to which I would like to draw attention. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today's cultural milieu: 'The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of "mercy" seem to cause uneasiness in man, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it (cf. *Gen* 1:28). This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one-sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy ... And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God."

EWTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Friar: The Talents* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *The Mysteries of Light* on Thursday, No programme on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. *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: Feast of Corpus Christi* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. *Saints Anne and Joaquim* is on Monday at 2:30 p.m. *The Fount of Mercy* is on Monday at 2:00 p.m. *Women of Grace* is on Monday 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. *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. *Light from Light* is on Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. & Friday at 7:00 a.m. *A Tour of Krakow* is on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. *World Youth Day 2013 in Rio* is on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *Our Lady of Czestochowa* is Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

World Youth Day is celebrated this year in Krakow from next Tuesday to Sunday. Please pray that it will bring rich blessings to many people. Coverage on EWTN television includes:
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.: Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Stanislaw Dsiwysz.
Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.: Welcoming ceremony for Pope Francis, live from John Paul II Airport, Kraków.
Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.: Meeting with civil authorities and the diplomatic corps.
Wednesday, 4:40 p.m.: Meeting with the president.
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: Meeting with the bishops of Poland.
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 p.m.: Arrival at Jasna Gora monastery in Czestochowa.
Thursday, 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.: Holy Mass at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.: Welcoming of Pope Francis by the youth.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.: Visit to Auschwitz.
Friday, 9:30 a.m. & 12:00 midnight: Visit to Birkenau concentration camp.
Friday, 3:00 p.m.: Visit to children's university hospital.
Friday, 4:30 p.m. & Saturday, 1:30 a.m.: Way of the Cross with young people.
Saturday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.: Visit to the Shine of Divine Mercy in Krakow.
Saturday, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.: Holy Mass with religious, priests and seminarians.
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.: Prayer vigil.
Sunday, 8:15 a.m. & 10:00 p.m.: Final Mass to mark the end of World Youth Day 2016.
Sunday, 4:00 p.m.: Meeting with volunteers, organizers and benefactors.
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.: Farewell ceremony.

Next Sunday is the eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23, Colossians 3:1-5-9-11, Luke 12:13-21.

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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage for the year of mercy, from the west of Ireland. Fr. Rob Mc Namara, Spiritual Director. Oct. 9 to 17. Contact Veronica on 087 0639919, or Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lisieux 2016. Thursday 22 - 26 September Cost €644 plus Insurance €25. Enquiries: Celine 01 838 7281, info@sttherese.com www.sttherese.com

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 24, 26, 28, 30. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Bridget Cunniffe, Michael Dolan (Lucan), Ollie Reilly, Shane Horan, Lisa Cunniffe. Seller's prize: Michael Callaghy. House prize: Tommy Callaghy. The draw this **Sunday** for €4,000 is in Pardy's Bar.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 23rd July & Sun 24th: Dr. Killian Darcy ☎ 085 1457444.; **Fri night 29th until Sat 30th at 12:30 p.m.:** Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 30th from 12:30 p.m. until Mon Aug 1st at 9:00 a.m.; Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063.

Esker Annual Family Fun Day & Dog Show will be held in the Monastery Grounds today (Sunday) at 1.30pm. Please support. The funds raised goes to help Esker Youth Village & Youth Ministry.

Ballinasloe Cancer Support Centre has advised me that they have obtained a permit to hold church gate collections in this parish next weekend. They provide free and confidential service for persons diagnosed with cancer and their families. They rely on fundraising and contributions to run the centre.

Applications for a Level 5 Business Administration/Information Technology PLC course that starts in September at St. Brigid's College, Loughrea are now being taken. Modules include: Text Production, Marketing, Computerised Accounts, Communications, Personal Effectiveness, Work Experience, Spreadsheets and Business Administration. Information available at (091) 841919. Email admin.stbrigidsvs@greb.ie

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come'. That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?
2. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.
3. In the culture of the Middle East, hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God, what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

(by John Byrne *osa in Intercom*)