

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31 July 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Josephine and Dan Lynch
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Michael and Mary Dolan (Sycamorehill)
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Hynes family (Oghilmore)
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	All the deceased members of 'The Elms'
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Mary Flynn
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Chrissie Markham
	K. Friday:	8:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Tom Silke (Skycur)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mary Egan

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.

Next Friday is the first Friday in August. First Friday Holy Communion calls will begin as usual at 9:30 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer—Amy Roche, Joseph Freehill, Adam Roche, Lawrencetown—Ciarán Craughwell, Mark Kilkenny, Caoimhe Craughwell. Next week: Leah's and Claire's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Claire Whyte, (K)—Gerard Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)—Margaret Egan. Altar Ladies for August (K)—Bernie Curley and Bridget Glynn. Door collector for August (K)—Frances Cullen.

Parish workers in Lawrencetown for August: Sincere thanks to all who help so generously.

Altar Society:	Anne Gately, Colette Breheny and Teresa Gately
Door collectors:	Sunday: Eamonn Donnelly and Des Farrell
Eucharistic Minister:	Sunday: Eileen Tully

Next Sunday is the nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Wisdom 18:6-9, Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19, Luke 12:32-48.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€130.25 (L), €157.50 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€63.85 (L) and to the Pope's collection—€199.50 (L) (22 envelopes), €351 (K) (28 envelopes). If you have not yet handed in your envelope for the Pope's collection, please do so immediately as I must send the money to the bishop

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis said: "Saint John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in the contemporary world: 'It is dictated by love for man, for all that is human and which, according to the intuitions of many of our contemporaries, is threatened by an immense danger. The mystery of Christ ... obliges me to proclaim mercy as God's merciful love, revealed in that same mystery of Christ. It likewise obliges me to have recourse to that mercy and to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of the Church and of the world.' This teaching is more pertinent than ever and deserves to be taken up once again in this Holy Year. Let us listen to his words once more: 'The Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy – the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer – and when she brings people close to the sources of the Saviour's mercy, of which she is the trustee and dispenser.'"

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.

We welcome Maisie Ann Glynn, baptised recently, into the parish community, and we congratulate her parents Daragh and Annette and big sister Ella.

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Joyful Mysteries* on Monday, No programme on Tuesday, *The Chimes* on Wednesday, *St. Francis of Assisi* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *My Time with Jesus: The Pope* at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. *Final Mass of World Youth Day from Kraków* is today (Sunday) at 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 p.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. *World Youth Day: Meeting with volunteers, organizers and benefactors* is today at 4:00 p.m. *World Youth Day: Farewell Ceremony* is today at 5:00 p.m. *Door of Faith* is today at 8:00 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is on Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: The Holy Magi of Cologne* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. *Saint Leopold Mandić* is on Monday at 11:30 a.m. *The Fount of Mercy* is on Monday at 2:00 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is on Monday and Wednesday 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. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 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. *Vianney Speaks* is Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. *Light from Light* is on Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Discerning the Will of God* is on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

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.

Triduum at St Francis Church Meelick on Sun 31st July, August 1st and 2nd. Mass each evening at 8pm. Confessions before Mass. Sun 31st July Fr. Declan McInerney PP. Monday 1st August Fr. Kieran Danfulani. Tuesday 2nd of August Fr. Seamus Donohoe Friar from Athlone Friary. All welcome.

Ballinasloe Cancer Support Centre has advised me that they have obtained a permit to hold church gate collections in this parish this 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.

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.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6, 11, 25, 31. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Mary Whitney, Noel Harney, Colm Glynn, Martina Larkin, Jackie & Jodie Hough. Seller's prize: Mother's Bar. House prize: James Madden. The draw this Saturday for €4,200 is in Parly's Bar.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 30th Jul until Mon Aug 1st at 9:00 a.m.; Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063; Mon 1st to Tuesday 2nd at 9:00 a.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Fri night 5th Aug until Sat 6th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412; Sat 6th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun Aug 7th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217.

Anybody interested in doing a computer course in September contact Mary Muldoon 0861908975. Who have little or no computer experience or who would like to get connected to the digital age! Email, browsing the internet using iPad, Smartphone, Laptop, Tablet.

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions', said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed'. Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up in saying 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans'. Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that you have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times? (by John Byrne osa in Intercom)

Message of Our Lady to the parish of Medjugorje and to the world:

July 25, 2016: "Dear children! I am looking at you and I see you lost; and you do not have prayer or joy in your heart. Return to prayer, little children, and put God in the first place and not man. Do not lose the hope which I am carrying to you. May this time, little children, every day, be a greater seeking of God in the silence of your heart; and pray, pray, pray until prayer becomes joy for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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