

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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## Second Sunday of Advent - 4 December 2016

<b>Masses:</b>	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Edward and Agnes Geoghegan and their son Edward
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Michael and Attracta Dolan
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Patsy and Margaret Downey
	K. Wednesday:	8:00 p.m.	Patrick and Kate Temple
	L. Thursday:	11:30 a.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Patrick Murray (month's mind)
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Sarah Markham (month's mind)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Marcella Donnelly

**Confessions:** Saturday, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. in Lawrencetown; 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. in Kiltormer.

 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 Thursday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. Masses: Kiltormer–Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Lawrencetown–Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Lawrencetown–Emily Hanlon, Alisha Hanlon; Kiltormer–Joseph Freehill, Andrew Hynes, Rebecca Hynes. Next week: Gearóid's and Jessica's groups. Readers on the holy day (L)–Michael Healy, (K)–Mary Fahy and next weekend (L)–Catherine Gately, (K)–Ailish Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K) on the holy day–Mary Muldoon and next weekend–Mary Hayes.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 35:1-6.10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11. The readings for the Mass of the Immaculate Conception are Genesis 3:9-15.20, Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12, Luke 1:26-38.

**E**WTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *What is Advent* on Monday, *Nicholas, The Boy who Became Santa* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *The Donut Man* on Thursday (4:00 p.m.), *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Elijah* at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. *Web of Faith* is today (Sunday) at 6:00 a.m. and Monday at 5:00 p.m. *Advent Reflections* is today at 7:00 a.m. & 10:30 p.m., Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.m. and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. *The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* is today at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. *Defending Life* is today at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 10:30 p.m. *The Father Effect* is today at 4:00 p.m., Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:00 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is on Monday at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: The Brown Scapular* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is on Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Decision Point* is on Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Catholics Come Home* is on Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is Monday at 9:30 p.m. *Discerning the Will of God* is on Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. *Catholicism* is on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is Thursday at 6:00 a.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Homage to the Immaculate Conception with Pope Francis* is on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. *The Cloak of Juan Diego* is on Friday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 8:00 a.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* is on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

**W**e offer our deepest sympathy to Dene Curley and her family on the death of her father Johnnie Hodgins, and to Mary Staunton (Kylemore) and her family on the death of her daughter Marie Holly and to Trina Kilkenny and her family on the death of her cousin Gary Cafferkey. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace. Marie Holly will be reposing at her residence in Chapel Street, Tarbert today (Sunday) from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Her funeral Mass is tomorrow (Monday) at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Tarbert.

The Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for December 2016 are: **Universal intention:** End to Child-Soldiers – That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. **For evangelization:** Europe – That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**Y**outh 2000 invites **young adults** between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from 16th-18<sup>th</sup> December 2016. **What to expect?** Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site! **Don't let money be an obstacle;** just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. **Newcomers very welcome!** There will be **free buses** picking up from various areas throughout the country. **Booking is essential.** For more information on the event or to book your place, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), **Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page** or **Tel: 00353 (0) 1 6753690**

**The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock** will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, with confessions from 10pm, Vigil at midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Candlelight Procession, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh, S.C.A. and Mass at 4am with Fr. Freddy Warner, The Vigil will be screened live on the Knock Shrine website: [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch). For further information, please contact Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100 / [info@knock-shrine.ie](mailto:info@knock-shrine.ie)

**T**hank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€185.60 (L), €249 (K) and to the church refurbishment collection—€57.58 (L). I have sent €316 (L), €370 (K) to the bishop for the Missions collection. Thanks to those who contributed.

**K**iltormer National School Christmas concert on Wed 14th Dec in the complex @7p.m. All welcome. Raffle on the night along with a presentation to Cycle against suicide group by the Ironman Clodagh Glynn fundraiser. Please support.

**D**octor on call for emergencies on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec & Sun 4<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267; Fri night 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. until Sat 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412; Sat 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 11<sup>th</sup>: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217.

**K**iltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 11, 12, 19. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Delia Larkin, Catriona Lynch, Josephine Creavin, John Silke, Jimmy Fahy. Seller's prize: Fahy's Shop. House prize: The Hill Bar. The draw this Saturday for €6,500 is in Mother's Bar.

**K**iltormer Hurling Club AGM, which was to be held today (Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>) has been deferred because of the death on Marie Holly.

**T**he annual collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be taken up next weekend. In both churches the loose money in the offertory collection will be for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please be generous. Many people in the local and surrounding area depend on them for help.

**L**awrencetown Community Group are holding a Christmas party in the hall on Sunday 11th December at 4pm for all the community. There will be a DJ, refreshments, the village Christmas lights will be switched on and of course Santa Claus will be coming to meet all the children. So put on your Christmas jumpers and Santa hats and come along to enjoy the festivities!

**S**trigids College Loughrea Transition Year students are holding their Christmas fair in their school hall today (Sunday) at 11am to 3 pm. Santa will be in attendance all day, stalls include hand made crafts, bake sale and some local businesses stalls. All proceeds going to Crumlin Children's Hospital

**C**hristmas Country markets on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 in the Town Hall Portumna. Lots of cakes, puddings, minced pies. Lovely local handmade and homemade gifts available.

## Musings

Preaching the Church's message is both challenging and demanding. It does seem like 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness.' The Gospel appears unreal and irrelevant when presented in doctrinal terms to many people. Perhaps the message is lost in translation. When John preached, he too found himself in a community where many would have been indifferent to his message, especially the Jews. The Jews felt that they were the favoured people; one step ahead of all others when it came to God's judgement. Just being a Jew was enough to exempt oneself from judgement. Is there some of this in the modern psyche? John had to remind them that life, not lineage, is God's standard of judgement. When we preach today there are three things we should keep in mind as did John, the great preacher. Firstly, our Gospel is one of social concern; the poor need our attention. Secondly, in all we do we are serving God and not ourselves. Thirdly, that God judges us all fairly, without discrimination. This emphasis may help in the 'wilderness' of the modern world.  
(by Iomar Daniels in Intercom)