

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Third Sunday of Advent - 11 December 2016

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Sarah Markham (month's mind)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Marcella Donnelly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Johnnie and Hubert Hardiman & dec. mem. Hardiman family
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Mary and Michael Ward and Mary Keogh
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Michael and Annie Kelly (Belview)
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Margaret and Liam Tierney
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Damien Hanlon

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.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer–Gearóid Markham, Louis Markham; Lawrencetown–Jessica Mannion, Katie Cahill. Next week: Amy's and Mark's groups. Readers next weekend (L)–Mark Kilkenny, (K)–Brendan Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)–Frances Curley.

Ladies of the Lawrencetown Altar Society are asked to come to the church at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday to set up the crib and clean the church for Christmas. Anyone else who is free is welcome to give a hand.

Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend–€337.53 (L), €269 (K) and to the church refurbishment collection–€77.49 (L).

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with My Little Angels: *The Virgin Mary* on Monday, *The Joyful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *The Chimes* on Wednesday, *The Mysteries of Light* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Daniel* at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. *Web of Faith* is today (Sunday) at 6:00 a.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. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today 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. *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: St. Louis Marie de Montfort* 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. *Our Lady of Guadalupe* is Monday at 9:00 p.m. *Discerning the Will of God* is on Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. *Catholicism* is on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. *The Sacred Heart* is on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Called to Communion* is on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. *Pure in Heart* is on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Life of Christ: A Holy Land Pilgrimage* is on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Little Red Riding Hood Christmas Panto, Ballinasloe Town Hall, Monday 12th – Saturday 17th nightly 7:30 p.m. Matinees Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets from J & S Photos or at the door. Not to be missed. Starring **Emily Hanlon**, Mariam Melaadi, Christopher Ward and **Claire Whyte**. **Heavy print** every performance, others Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7:30. Please support.

Kiltormer Christmas Party is in the Complex next Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Pastoral Council members are asked to find out the number of people who wish to attend the party and tell Peter Campbell.

Kiltormer 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.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 10th Dec. & Sun 11th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri night 16th Dec. until Sat 17th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Sat 17th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 18th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 7, 9, 23. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Carmel Whelan, Pat Guinan, Veronica Fahy, Maura Hanley, Ellen Brennan. Seller's prize: Fahy's Shop. House prize: Cian Doyle. The draw this Saturday for €6,600 is in Pardy's Bar.

Epilepsy Ireland wish to thank all who contributed to their recent church gate collection in Kiltormer. They collected €102.50.

Bingo in Kiltormer Complex on Thurs. 15th Dec. at 8:30 p.m. €1,000 jackpot must be won. Hamper and gamble sheet on the night, also side prizes of single winner on full house. Please support.

Lawrencetown 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!

Kiltormer Community Alert Meeting next Tuesday 13th December at 9.00pm in the Complex.

The annual collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is taken up this 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.

Wednesday 14 December Progressive 25 card game in Clontuskert School at 845pm. All Welcome!

Festive Concert "Midland Classical" Accompanist Marie Power Performing at Clontuskert Church Monday 19 December at 8pm Tickets €10 - available at the door

Fit Town 2017 Let's Do It Again - If your club or school would like to be part of the Fit Town Action Sign up Forms can be downloaded online www.ballinasloe.ie or phone 087-6261709 or by emailing fitballinasloe@gmail.com. Completed forms to be returned by Monday 19th December.

The ConTempo Quartet will perform a free Christmas Concert in the Church Gallery, Ballinasloe Library on Friday December 16th at 7pm. The concert will include some very special guest performances, refreshments and a raffle. Please come early to be sure of a seat.

Carols Service: The Town Band will lead the way in a carols service at the Church Gallery, Ballinasloe Library on Saturday December 17th at 12 midday. Come along and join in the fun.

Killimor, Mullagh, Kiltormer are holding a meeting in Killimor Heritage Centre at 9.00 pm Tuesday 13th December to discuss the setting up of Community games in the area. Further info. 087 2242445

Musings

There is much waiting time in prison. Waiting for sentence, for release, waiting with patience to discover one's fate. This is where John the Baptist finds himself after confronting Herod. John had prophesised revolutionary change but couldn't see it in Jesus. Therefore, the question: 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' Jesus knew his cousin had a depth of spirituality to sustain him and his response is simple but effective: 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see.' We've seen it too in others who were confined. St Paul, Nelson Mandela and Viktor Frankl never lost hope. They were not self-preoccupied in waiting but focused on their mission of establishing God's kingdom, ending apartheid or not allowing evil to win the day. 'He who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how' (Nietzsche). Advent is our time for developing a spirituality that teaches patience; to wait with patience and hope despite the darkness of our time. In the depths of winter we learn to wait for the light. And the light will come just as the days begin to lengthen. We must wait.

(by Fr. Iomar Daniels in Intercom)

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

November 25, 2016: "Dear children! Also today, I am calling you to return to prayer. In this time of grace, God has permitted me to lead you towards holiness and a simple life – that in little things you discover God the Creator; that you fall in love with Him; and that your life be a thanksgiving to the Most High for everything He is giving you. Little children, in love, may your life be a gift for others and God will bless you; but you, witness without interest - out of love for God. I am with you and intercede before my Son for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call." © Informativni centar "Mir" Medjugorje www.medjugorje.hr