

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - 1 January 2017

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Eddie Kilkenny
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Jack Markham
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Patsy, Brigid and John Larkin
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	8:00 p.m.	John, Margaret and James Hynes
	L. Friday:	11:30 a.m.	Private intention
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Paul and Eileen Jennings
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Peter and Agnes Naughton

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

I hope that you and your loved ones had a happy and peaceful Christmas and I wish you a happy, holy, healthy and successful new year.

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. but **not** 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 of January. As Friday is a holy day of obligation, the First Friday Holy Communion calls will be on Thursday, beginning as usual at 9:30 a.m.

Next Friday is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be in Kiltormer on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. and in Lawrencetown on Friday at 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)—Damien Farrell, (K)—Phyllis Ryan, and next weekend (L)—Brigid Frehill, (K)—Caroline Roche. Eucharistic minister (K)—Ailish Glynn on the holy day and Mary Fahy next weekend.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17. The readings for the feast of the Epiphany are Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6, Matthew 2:1-12.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€700.52 (L), €374 (K) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection—€1,863 (51 envelopes) (L), €1,180.20 (34 envelopes) (K)

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *My Little Angels: St. Joseph on Monday, The Mysteries of Light on Tuesday, The Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday, A Guardian Angel Story on Thursday, The Way of the Cross for Kids on Friday and The First Saturdays for Kids* at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. *St. Luke's Gospel* is today (Sunday) at 7:00 a.m. and Monday at 9:30 p.m. *Holy Mass with Pope Francis* is today at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.m. and Friday 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. A series: *Women of Grace* is on Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Web of Faith* is on Monday at 5:00 p.m. *Discerning the Will of God* is on Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. *Catholicism* is on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m. *Catholics Come Home* is on Tuesday at 2:30 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. & 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *The Choices We Face* is on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* is on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Getting Married in 2017? Why not consider a Pre-Marriage Course in Esker, Athenry? This course, from Friday night to Sunday lunch, is an approved course. It comes highly recommended by couples who have experienced the weekend. There are courses in January, March, June and October of 2017. Find us on [www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what-we-do](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what-we-do), or email [info@redemptoristsesker.ie](mailto:info@redemptoristsesker.ie).

We offer our deepest sympathy to Bernie Curley and her family on the death of her uncle, John Page. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions. Starting in 2017 Pope Francis will present only one prepared prayer intention per month, rather than the two presented before this year. He plans, however, to add a second prayer intention each month related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The urgent prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation. His prayer intention for January 2017 is: **Christian Unity**. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity. He will announce his 'current or urgent' intention today.

Boxes of collection envelopes for 2017 have been distributed to every house in the parish. Thanks very much to those who distributed them in the station areas. If there has been any mistake or if you have not received a box or need an extra box, please take one from the church porch and put a piece of paper with your name and address (station area) in the envelope the first time you use it, or contact me. Thanks to all who have been using their envelopes for the Sunday and other collections. If you attend Mass in another parish of the diocese or in a neighbouring diocese, please use your envelope, as all envelopes, except holy days, are returned to the parish named on them. If you still have envelopes from last year (or any previous year), please hand them in or destroy them.

In a Christmas message received on Christmas eve from Fr. Tom Curran SMA, he said "May you have a blessed Christmas. And may 2017 be a New Year of peace and harmony in our world and in your life

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 31<sup>st</sup> until Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Jan at 9:00 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Sun 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.: Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063. Further details not available at time of printing.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 7, 11, 13. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Tony Glynn & family, Fintan Madden, Gately family, Fionan Curley, Linda Horan. Seller's prize: Tony Glynn. House prize: Stevie Cormican. The draw this Saturday for €6,900 is in Mother's Bar.

Ballinasloe Cancer Support drop-in Centre on Main Street is closed for Christmas and will re open on Wednesday January 4th at 10.00 am. If at anytime you need help or support call 0868840441

Lawrencetown 'LET'S GET ACTIVE' Event is taking place from 6<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Jan. in/from the Community Hall. For details of the 3 week schedule of classes, see Lawrencetown Community Development Groups facebook page or phone 087-7646530. (All classes €5p.p.). Free events include Lawrencetown Lights Challenge (Walking/Running), The Beautiful Bird 'Get's Fit' Event, Pardy's Bar & Lounge 'Get's Fit' Cycle. Event Finale- 5km Walk/Run. Join the event to get active, fit and healthy in 2017.

Exploring Ballinasloe is an initiative of the Fit Town Project to promote and develop Ballinasloes rich outdoor environment. Full details @ <http://www.ballinasloe.ie/exploringballinasloe.html>

Roscommon and East Galway Recovery College (REGARI) develop and facilitate modules for people who want to learn about Mental Health and Recovery in Mental Health. Modules/ classes will be held in Athlone, Ballinasloe and Roscommon. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact 086 1304869/ 087 2280165. Email [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com)

### Announcement of Easter

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the first day of March will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the sixteenth day of April you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-eighth day of May will be the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the fourth day of June, the feast of **Pentecost**. On the eighteenth day of June, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. On the third day of December, the **First Sunday of the Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

*December 25, 2016:* "Dear children! With great joy, today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, for Him to give you His peace. Open your hearts, little children, and be joyful that you can receive it. Heaven is with you and is fighting for peace in your hearts, in the families and in the world; and you, little children, help with your prayers for it to be so. I bless you with my Son Jesus and call you not to lose hope; and for your gaze and heart to always be directed towards Heaven and eternity. In this way, you will be open to God and to His plans. Thank you for having responded to my call." © Informativni centar "Mir" Medjugorje [www.medjugorje.hr](http://www.medjugorje.hr)