

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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The Baptism of the Lord - 8 January 2017

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Paul and Eileen Jennings
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Peter and Agnes Naughton
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Mai Dervan and deceased members of the Dervan family
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Rose and Bertie Canning
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Tully family
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Marcella Campbell
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mick, Agnes and Leo Donnelly

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. 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)–Corrina Goode, (K)–Mary Curley. Eucharistic minister (K)–Pauline Hanley-Lynch.

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 49:3.5-6, I Corinthians 1:1-3 10:34-38, John 1:29-34.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€164.75 (L), €263 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€92.11 (L) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection—€1.968 (54 envelopes) (L), €1,275.20 (37 envelopes) (K)

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *My Little Angels: The Eucharist* on Monday, *The Sorrowful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *John Paul II: Be Not Afraid* on Wednesday, *The Mysteries of Light* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Moses* at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. *Web of Faith* is today (Sunday) at 6:00 a.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is today at 7:00 a.m. and Monday at 9:30 p.m. *Holy Mass and Baptisms with Pope Francis* is today at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 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. A series: *Women of Grace* is on Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Catholics Come Home* is on Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 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. *Catholic View for Women* is on Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 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.

If you wish to enrol your child in Kiltormer N.S. for Sept 2017, please phone 090-9627109. Enrolment day 21st Feb 2017 @2p.m

Boxes of collection envelopes for 2017 have been left in the porches of both churches. 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.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Bernie Walsh and his family on the death of his brother-in-law Packie McKeigue, and also to Donie Frehill, Ann Curley and Carmel Costelloe their families on the death of their uncle Michael Hanney. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 7th Jan and Sun 8th: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Fri night 13th until Sat 14th at 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 14th from 12:30 p.m. and Sun 15th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 4, 6, 24, 32. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Jimmy Hardiman, J.J. O'Brien, Michael Callaghan, Maura Hanley, Patrick/Emily/Sean Daly. Seller's prize: Doreen Glynn. House prize: Liam Porter. The draw this **Sunday at 6:30 p.m.** for €7,000 is in Pardy's.

Karate classes will recommence in Kiltormer Sports Complex on Friday 13th January - Time 6.30-8pm. Beginners are welcome to join the class any Friday evening. Classes are suitable for complete beginners or advanced students. Instructors specialise in both traditional and sport karate and are qualified National & International Coaches. Contact 0873082323 if you require further information.

The U.S. Embassy Dublin American Citizen Services unit will be in Sligo on January 25th, 2017 for U.S. passport renewals, U.S. consular report of birth abroad applications and notary services. Applications are accepted by appointment only, U.S. citizens wishing to schedule an appointment should send an email to DublinOutreach@state.gov. For more information please visit: <https://ie.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/local-resources-of-u-s-citizens/consular-outreach-nationwide/>

Galway Samaritans Need Listening Volunteers. Please come along to one of our open meetings at the Harbour Hotel, Galway to find out more: Saturday Jan 14 at 11am or Tues Jan 17 at 8pm. Further Information: 086 2468203 or samsgalwayselection@gmail.com.

TAD Club Social is Saturday 4th February in Meadow Court Music by Gemini 4. Great night for all celebrate the club's achievements for the past year. More details to follow.

CATCHING YOUR BREATH A one-day workshop of gentle movement, breath, chant and meditation Glenstal Abbey, Murroe. Jan 14 th , 2017. From 9.30am to 5pm.

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, and one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others? (by John Byrne *osa in Intercom*)

Questions People Ask

Q. If Jesus was totally free from sin, why did he submit to John the Baptist's ritual washing for the remission of sins?

A. Jesus answered: 'It is fitting to do all that righteousness demands'. What this means is that it was right for him to submit to all that the plan of salvation demanded. He did not stand aloof to save us from a safe distance but he got into the muddy waters of humanity. Although sinless, he took the sins of humanity on himself when he suffered the injustices and violence of crucifixion. Submitting to John's baptism foreshadowed his acceptance of the cross. (by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap *in Intercom*)

The Deep End

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and Baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus, a fourth-century Church father tells us: 'Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.' Do you want to see changes in your life? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be 'light' and 'salt' to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

'Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father'.

DON SCHWAGER

(by Triona Doherty *in Intercom*)