

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15 January 2017

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Marcella Campbell
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mick, Agnes and Leo Donnelly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Maura Murphy
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Tom Markham
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Michael and Nuala Finnerty

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—Amy Rocke, Adam Rocke, Amanda Brien; Lawrencetown—Mark Kilkenny, Ruth Kilkenny. Next week: Leah's and Claire's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Cathal Whyte, (K)—Fran Jennings. Eucharistic minister (K)—Mary Muldoon.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 8:23-9:3, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17, Matthew 4:12-23.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection—€88.83 (L), €191 (K) on the holy day and €244.50 (L), €251 (K) last weekend, to the church refurbishment collection—€92.11 (L) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection—€2,248 (58 envelopes) (L), €1,430.20 (43 envelopes) (K)

EWTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *The Joyful Mysteries* on Monday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Tuesday, *Mother Teresa of Calcutta* on Wednesday, *Ulysses' Odyssey* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Elisha* 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. *St. Luke's Gospel* is today at 7:00 a.m. and Monday at 9:30 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is on Sunday 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: Frank Duff and the Legion of Mary* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is on Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Confirmation* 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. *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. & 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* is on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Cards sent by Bishop Kirby listing the collection money sent to him from this parish last year are on the notice boards in the church porches. The bishop asked me to thank you for your continuing generosity to the priests, to the local church, to the diocese and to the needs of the church at large.

Bishop Kirby has asked that the annual collection for CURA should be taken up next weekend. CURA was founded by the Irish Bishops to provide a caring and compassionate service to women who feel unable to cope with an unexpected pregnancy and need someone to talk to and support them. Help is there for boyfriends and families. CURA also offers post abortion counselling for women. National Helpline: 1850 622626. E-mail: curacares@cura.ie Website: www.cura.ie. In both churches the loose money in the offertory collection next weekend will be for CURA.

We welcome Kate and Darragh Kenny, baptised recently, into the parish community, and we congratulate their parents Brian and Sharon and big brother Tom.

Clonfert Diocese wishes to employ a suitable person to undertake to new role of Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator for the diocese. This is a part-time position, for one year initially, with two months probation. See notice in church porch for details. Further information including the criteria for appointment on diocesan website -clonferdiocese.ie. Applications to include all relevant information on or before 1st February 2017 to the address below:

Pastoral Ministry Support. Clonfert Diocesan Office, Coorheen, Loughrea, Co Galway.

Copies of the submission of the Irish Bishops' Conference to the Citizens' Assembly on the proposed changes to the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution are in the church porch.

Two permanent deacons and their wives will speak about the permanent diaconate and their experience of it at a meeting in the Family Centre, Bracknagh, Ballinasloe on Monday January 30th from 8-10 p.m. All are welcome.

Pro Life follow up training workshop with Kate Bopp, Paddy Manning and Michael Dwyer of Family & Life on Thursday January 19th in Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe at 7:30pm. The talk will follow on from initial workshop and equip people to defend the pro life amendment on either writing to papers, radio or social media. All welcome!

The Priory Institute in Tallaght offers solid, high-quality, affordable theological education by distance learning. See poster and prospectus in church porch.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 14th and Sun 15th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri night 20th until Sat 21st at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre. Further details not available at time of printing.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 18, 22, 27, 12. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Amelia Keane, Amie O'Shea, Seamus Walsh, Micheal & Caroline Lynch, Stephen Cormican. Seller's prize: P.J. Casey. House prize: Peter McEvoy. The draw this Saturday for €7,100 is in The Bird.

Progressive 25 in Clontuskert National School on Thursday 19th Jan. 2017 at 8.45pm. All welcome!

The Kilconieron Camogie Club Bingo fundraiser that was postponed in November is now on the 28th of January in the Meadow Court Hotel at 8-30pm sharp. €500 jackpot to be won. Please support.

Progressive 25 Card Game in aid of Ardscoil Mhuire in Gullanes Hotel on Sunday 22nd January 2017 @8.00 pm 6 per table @ €10.00 p.p. Monster raffle. Cash & Spot Prizes. Tickets available from the school, members of the Parents Association or on the night.

'The Road to Equality' exhibition depicting the events leading to the passing of the 2015 Marriage Referendum is on display in the Church Gallery, Ballinasloe Library until January 20th.

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you? (by John Byrne *osa in Intercom*)

Musings

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Mass. A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring 'sin of the world'.

Not the Lamb, 'meek and mild' of Blake's poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the 'Lamb who was slain', mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as the Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel's sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace. Spread them widely. (by Fr David O'Riordan *in Intercom*)