

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 February 2017

<b>Masses:</b>	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Dylan Larkin
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Jim Shields
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Joe, Mary and Marty Walsh
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	John Hanlon
	L. Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	
	K. Wednesday:	8:00 p.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Patrick and Jim Curley
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	John, Eileen and Michael Walsh
	K. Friday:	8:00 p.m.	Martin Frehill
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Eileen Markham
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Joe Connolly and Winifred & Pat Joe Glynn

**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: Lawrencetown–Emily Hanlon, Alisha Hanlon; Kiltormer–Joseph Freehill, Andrew Hynes, Rebecca Hynes. Next week: Gearóid's and Jessica's groups. Readers next weekend (L)-Jessica Mannion, (K)-Gerard Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)-Mary Fahy. Altar Ladies for March (K)-Anna Flynn and Bernie Campbell. Door collector for March (K)-Frances Cullen.

Parish workers for Lawrencetown in March: Thanks to all who help so generously.  
Altar Society: Mary Nee & Anne Lucas  
Door Collectors: Sunday: Jimmy O'Dowd & Michael Gately  
Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday: Mary Nee

Next Friday is the first Friday in March. First Friday Holy Communion calls will begin as usual at 9.30 a.m.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11.

The Christian tradition of Lent as the "Great Fast" is a very ancient and universally respected one, with clear warrant in the Bible. Each year at the beginning of Lent Christians are reminded that prayer and fasting – together – bring about the vitally important *Metanoia* (change) in their lives. Modern living conditions have modified the severities experienced in former times. In the present discipline of the Catholic Church the regulations prescribe that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. **Fasting** means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. **Abstinence** means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence. There are many **motives for fasting**: to praise God by recognising that the good things we abstain from are gifts from God; to train ourselves in self-denial for times of temptation to sin; to do penance, fasting in atonement for sin; to prepare for a feast – to heighten the enjoyment – so Lent prepares for Easter; to make an act of communion with those who live in want, fasting in solidarity with them, and then contributing to the needy. Other penitential exercises include: giving alms; abstinence from some foods or other pleasures; controlling our desires for possessions; controlling our desire for entertainment. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed at the 7.00 p.m. Mass in Lawrencetown and at the 8.00 p.m. Mass in Kiltormer.

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2017 are: **Intention for Evangelization: Help persecuted Christians** – That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Pat and John and Noel Guinan and their families on the death of their uncle Patsy Shiel and also to Mick Kilkenny and his family on the death of his brother Christy Kilkenny. Patsy Shiel will be reposing in Portiuncula mortuary chapel today (Sunday) from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., followed by removal to Lawrencetown church. His funeral Mass is tomorrow (Monday) at 12:00 noon. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

**Lenten Stations:** Ash Wednesday is on March 1<sup>st</sup> this year and it is time to plan for the Lenten Stations. If you would like to have a Station, in either end of the parish, please get in touch with me to arrange the date. Ideally stations should be on or before April 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday before Palm Sunday), but not on Saturdays, Sundays or first Fridays. Stations will normally be at 8.00 p.m.

**e**WTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (not Sunday) and 11:00 p.m., *Holy Rosary* at 12:30 p.m. and *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* at 3:00 p.m. Also this week, children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. include *God's Mercy* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *My Guardian Angel* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *First Saturday for Kids* 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 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 Monday at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: Laus, France* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday – not Wednesday – at 4:30 p.m. *Decision Point* is Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Catholics Come Home* is Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. *Discerning the Will of God* is Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues* is Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Trustful Surrender to God* is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. *Holy Mass with Pope Francis* is Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Ash Wednesday* is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *First Saturday Devotion* is on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* is on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

**R**e-encountering Jesus: All welcome @ Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering in Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Society St., Ballinasloe on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 - 5.15 pm. For more info take a brochure from the church porch or see: [www.clonfertdiocese.ie/news](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie/news)

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€365.51 (L), €188 (K) and to the church refurbishment collection—€58.62 (L).

**D**octor on call for emergencies on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. & Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri night 3<sup>rd</sup> March until Sat 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Sat 4<sup>th</sup> from 12.30 p.m. & Sun 5<sup>th</sup>: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

**K**iltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 19, 23, 31, 32. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Chrissie Cox, Patrick Taaffe, Ollie Ryan, Lucy Coen, John Quinn. Seller's prize: Doreen Glynn. House prize: Patrick Cormican. The draw this Saturday for €7,700 is in Mother's Bar.

**T**he Biggest Loser: Kiltormer GAA Club fundraiser starting Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 p.m. in the Complex. €15 to join, €5 each night x 6 weeks. €40 up front – one week free. €500 for the biggest loser, or if multiple qualifiers prize will be shared. Grand finale in the Ink Bottle on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Music to DJ Corky, Full bar and finger food on the night. Raffle on the night. Please support. Contact 086 3746670.

**A**thlone Army band will play in Kiltormer Complex on Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 11 a.m. Light refreshments afterwards in Kiltormer school. All welcome"

**K**iltormer camogie Club Table Quiz Sat 4<sup>th</sup> march in the Beautiful Bird.@9pm. please come out and support the camogie club. Tables of 4 €40. With food and music on the night.

**w**omens World Day of Prayer in Our Lady of Clonfert Church on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm All welcome.

**a** meeting of kiltormer /Clontuskert alert group in kiltormer complex on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March @8.30 PM. Please attend.

**F**ostering Awareness Week: Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer? If so come and meet a fostering social worker from Tusla Child and Family Agency at the Family Resource Centre, Bride St., Loughrea on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am 'til 12 noon.

**Y**outh 2000 are holding a retreat in Presentation College, Athenry, Co. Galway from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It is an opportunity for young people (16-35 yrs) to take some time out of their regular routine and have an experience like no other! There promises to be an action packed programme consisting of workshops, testimonies, music, drama, prayer, talks and chill out time. For more information, visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or contact 086-2150607 (on-line booking recommended).