

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Second Sunday of Lent - 12 March 2017

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Tommie, Delia and Christy Kilkenny
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Phyllis O'Connor
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Stephen and Kitty Ryder
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Martin and Margaret Keogh
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	8:00 p.m.	Christy Higgins (month's mind)
	L. Friday:	11:30 a.m.	Thomas and Carmel Curley
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Nora Kilkenny
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Gilmore and Folan families

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.

Next Friday is St Patrick's day 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.

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 on St Patrick's day (L)–Mairéad Gately, and next weekend (L)–Rachel Whyte, (K)–Phyllis Ryan. Eucharistic minister next weekend (K)–Mary Muldoon.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42. The readings for St Patrick's Day are Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 39:6-10, II Timothy 4:1-8, Matthew 13:24-32.

EWTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m. (not Sunday) and 11:00 p.m., *Holy Rosary* at 1:30 p.m. and *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* at 3:00 p.m. Also this week, children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. include *The Joyful Mysteries* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *John Paul II: Be Not Afraid* on Wednesday, *Saint Patrick* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Abraham & Isaac* 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. *EWTN Pro-life Weekly* is Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and Monday 7:30 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. *Lenten Reflections* is today at 3:30 p.m., Monday at 9:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. *Thirst for Truth* is today at 4:00 p.m., Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:00 p.m. *Grandparents* is Monday at 2:30 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Decision Point* is Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St Louis de Montfort* is on Monday at 8:00 p.m. *Catholics Come Home* is Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Unlocking the Secrets of the Shroud* is Monday at 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 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 Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Discovering St Patrick* is Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 9:30 p.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *St. Patrick* is Thursday at 9:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m. *Patrick's Peak* is Friday at 5:00 p.m. *Trial at Tara* is Friday at 9:00 p.m. and Saturday at 8:00 a.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* is on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge! Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for his or her freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€160.00 (L), €170 (K) and to the church refurbishment collection—€81.43 (L).

Lenten Stations: Lent has already begun 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 7th (Friday before Palm Sunday), but not on Saturdays, Sundays or first Fridays. Stations will normally be at 8.00 p.m.

A Young Catholic Adult Conference will take place in the Castlecourt hotel in Westport on 25 March 2017. The event will bring young people from all over Ireland together to celebrate their faith through dynamic talks, group discussion and prayer. Speakers include renowned evangelist Rosemary Swords. The event promises to be a rewarding opportunity to engage with your faith in the company of other young Catholics. The conference fee is €15, and includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day. For further information please call Breda on 087 2747873. All are welcome and we hope you can make it. Find us on [Facebook@catholicyoungadultconference2017](https://www.facebook.com/catholicyoungadultconference2017)

See notices in church porch seeking volunteers to travel to Kenya in June on a humanitarian project – contact details: 086 8520271; and a conference in the Columban Ecological Institute, Dalgan Park, Navan on 'Food, Farming and Laudato Si' – contact Elizabeth Mc Ardle, devofficemail@gmail.com.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 11th & Sun 12th: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267. Further details not available at time of printing.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 30, 20, 12, 3. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: John Curley, Claffey family (Cartron), Kate Concannon, Carol Dowling & MJ, Smith family. Seller's prize: The Hill. House prize: Gerry Horan. The draw this Saturday for €7,900 is in The Beautiful Bird.

Lawrencetown Community Hall Fitness Classes are On-Going- MONDAY: Kid's Hip Hop Dance @ 7pm followed by Circuits @ 8pm, TUESDAY: Social Dancing @ 8pm and THURSDAY: Siel Bleu-Older Adults Exercise @ 7pm followed by Boot-Camp @ 8.30pm. Queries on classes to 087-7646530

Cake sale after the 11.30 Mass on Sunday the 19th March in Lawrencetown Community Hall. The hall will be open from 11am for anyone who would like to donate produce for the sale. All monies made will go towards this years Parish Party which will be on Sunday the 2nd of April

Table Quiz in aid of Ballinasloe Social Services on Wednesday 15th March at 9 p.m. in Killeen's, Shannonbridge. Teams of 4 @ €20 per table. Please support.

Progressive 25 card game in Clontuskert National School at 845pm on Thursday 16 March. All Welcome!

Seminar entitled "**Caring for Our Common Home**" Saturday April 1st 10.30am – 4.30pm at An Gáirdín. Nellie McLoughlin and Paul Kingsnorth will facilitate the day. See www.angairdin.ie for details. The seminar is grant aided. Lunch is €10. Booking 0872845443 or angairdin1@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul is asking again for donations to their shop in Abbey street, Portumna. We require clothes, household linen, children's clothes, bric-a-brac, DVDs and books. Thank you for your support in the past. All funds raised locally stay local. Do log on to our Facebook page, Portumna Vincents Charity Shop or call in to see us. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12 to 4pm.

Tales of St. Patrick. Award-winning storyteller Rab Fulton will be performing at a wonderful free family event celebrating St. Patrick, at the **National Museum of Ireland – Country Life**, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on **Saturday, March 18**. There will be two storytelling sessions on the day from 11.30am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 3pm. Events are free but booking is required on (094) 90 31751 or educationtph@museum.ie. Admission to the Museum of Country Life is free.

Portumna Community School are hosting their very own Fashion Show, on the 23rd of March, organised by the Transition Year students, in association with Muirne Goode, (Ladies Day Boutique). Cheese and wine reception at 7.30 pm with show beginning at 8 pm. Tickets are €15 per adult and €12 per student / senior citizen. Tickets are available at from the school, Ladies Day Boutique, All Occasions Boutique and Palmerson's Store on the bridge road. It's a show not to be missed!

Celebrating the 100 Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, A Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope Francis on January 11th. It was crowned by Archbishop Eamon Martin on 3rd March in Armagh and from there it is travelling around Ireland. It will be in the in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone on Tuesday, 21st Match arriving at 6 p.m. for public veneration and confessions. Holy Mass commences at 7 p.m. Consecration of the Homes and Families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and enrolment in the brown scapular will take place at the end of Mass for those who wish to do so. This will be followed by Holy Hour. All are most welcome.