

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 26 March 2017

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Alice McDonagh (first anniversary)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Joe and Margaret Kelly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Agnes and Patrick Healy
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	All who sympathised with the family of Alice McDonagh
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Michael and Annie Kelly (Belview)
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	John Paul Freehill
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Kevin Ridley and deceased members of the Ridley family

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)–Aoife Dolan, (K)–Mary Curley. Eucharistic minister (K)–Margaret Egan.

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45.

EWTN 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 *My Time with Jesus: Communion of Saints* on Monday, *The Joyful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *Fatima* 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. EWTN *Pro-life Weekly* is today at 7:30 a.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* is today at 10:30 a.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.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. *In Memoriam: Mother Angelica* is today at 9:00 p.m. and Monday at 7:00 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St. Benedict* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. *The Holy Spirit* is Monday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 10:00 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Catholics Come Home* is Monday at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Defending Life* is on Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* is Tuesday at 10:30 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. *Called to Communion* is Friday at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotion is on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. *Servant of God: Frank Duff* is on Saturday at 10:30 p.m.

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.

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held next weekend (1 and 2 April). Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection on St. Patrick's day—€134.20 (L), €194 (K), and last weekend—€198.20 (L), €230 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€74.48 (L) and to the Lenten collection—€496 (L) (33 envelopes), €390 (K) (30 envelopes).

We offer our deepest sympathy to Marty Naughton and his family on the death of his brother P.J. (Joey) Naughton. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul. May he rest in peace. He will be reposing in Grenham's Funeral Home, Ballinasloe today (Sunday), 4pm to 8pm. Requiem Mass at 12:00 noon on Monday in St. Michael's Church, followed by burial in Creagh cemetery.

Leaflets on the World Meeting of Families 2018 are in the porch of the church. Please take one and read it. In both churches the loose money in the offertory collection next weekend is for WMOF2018.

Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family? Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together? Training will be provided. Closing date for application forms April 20th. Contact: 090 9643573 or Web: <http://www.accord.ie/> for further information.

Lawrencetown Parish Party is on Sunday 2nd of April. Invitations have been delivered during the week, if someone who would like to attend the party and has not received an invitation please drop a note in the reply box in the Church Porch or contact either Mary Nee or Marie Dolphin. Dinner will be served at 2pm followed by music, dancing and entertainment from 4pm. Anyone who would like to come along for the evenings entertainment are very welcome to join the party.

A huge thanks to everyone who so generously supported this year's cake sale either by donating cakes and desserts or by buying produce. All money collected will go towards funding this year's Parish Party. The sale was a great success due to your generosity.

All are invited to 'Ladies and Legends Night' on Friday 7th April at 8pm in the Beautiful Bird. Ladies, come and be pampered by hairdressers, beauticians, a stylist and treat yourself to some jewellery by 'Stella and Dot'. There will also be party games, complimentary prosecco and a free goody bag for the first 50 ladies through the door. For the men, relive the last time Galway won the 'Liam McCarthy' cup in 1988 as we replay the match complete with some of the stars of both the Galway and Tipperary senior hurling teams from that day. Then dance the night away with 'Yer Man'. A great night guaranteed. Admission: €15 per person. All monies raised goes to the 'Lawrencetown Playground Fund'.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 25th Mar. and Sun 26th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Fri night 31st until Sat 1st April at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267; Sat 1st from 12:30 p.m. and Sun 2nd: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 10, 19, 28, 31. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Doreen Glynn, McDonagh grandchildren, Anne O'Shea, Anne Ryan, Donald Pardy. Seller's prize: Mother's Bar. House prize: Michael Callaghy. The draw this Saturday for €8,100 is in Mother's.

Kiltormer GAA Club membership due by March 31st. Contacts: Enda—085 7396861; Doreen Glynn—086 3746670; Peter Campbell—086 3890363.

Eleven month letting of c5 acres of agricultural land owned by Lawrencetown Community Development Company Ltd available. Phone Noel McEvoy auctioneer 087 2660811 for details.

Table Quiz fundraiser for Ardscoil Mhuire Parents Association on Friday 31st March @ 8:30pm in An Tain Bar, Ballinasloe. Table of 4 €40. Quiz Master, Pat O'Sullivan. Lots of spot prizes on the night. Please support.

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

We are not blind, surely?

What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God,' he says, 'he couldn't do a thing.' He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: 'Lord, I believe.' The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

(from *The Deep End* by Triona Doherty in Intercom)