

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Fourth Sunday of Easter - 7 May 2017

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Josephine Curley
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Katie Loftus
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Barney Larkin and Eileen Thorpe (nee Larkin) (Ballydonagh)
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Tim and Agnes Brennan
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Janie, Tom and Mary Kilkenny
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	

Confessions: On request.

 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 Roche, Adam Roche, Amanda Brien; Lawrencetown—Mark Kilkenny, Ruth Kilkenny. Next week: Leah's and Claire's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Damien Farrell, (K)—Mary Muldoon. Eucharistic minister (K)—Margaret Egan.

Conferent diocesan pilgrimage to Knock will be on Sunday May 28th. The Sacrament of the Sick is at 2.30 p.m. and Mass at 3.00 p.m. followed by the Rosary Procession. As many people as possible should go on pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady on this special day for the diocese. If you wish to go by bus, please put your name, phone number and the number of seats you want on the list in the church porch, and if enough people would like to go by bus, I will get one.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€203.50 (L), €245 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€75.94 (L), to the Easter (priests' salaries) collection—€1,725 (L) (45 envelopes), €1,275 (K) (42 envelopes).

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Easter. The readings at Mass are Acts 6:1-7, I Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12.

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 *The Joyful Mysteries* on Monday, *First Communion* on Tuesday, *Martin the Cobbler* on Wednesday, *My Time with Jesus - Fatima* on Thursday and Friday. *Web of Faith* is today (Sunday) at 6:00 a.m. and Monday at 5:00 p.m. *Prophecy in Song* is today at 7:00 a.m. and Monday at 9:30 p.m. *EWTN Pro-Life Weekly* is today at 7:30 a.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m. *Fatima: Heaven's Peace Plan* is today at 9:00 a.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. *How to Pray for your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones* is today at 10:30 a.m. *Regina Caeli with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.m. *Defending Life* is today at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Praying as a Family* is today at 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. *Catholic View for Women* is on Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St. Columbanus* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. *Life is Choices* is Monday at 10:00 a.m. *The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* is Monday at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. *Catholics Come Home* is Monday at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *My Country, My Faith, Adoration* is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Thursday at 6:00 a.m. *The Message of Fatima* is Thursday at 10:30 p.m. and Friday at 12:00 p.m. *Pope Francis in Fatima* is Friday at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 9:15 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. with repeats from 10:00 p.m.

Please hand in your Trócaire Lenten contribution immediately. If you did not get a Trócaire Box, please take one from the church porch. If you wish to make your donation by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Lawrencetown Church or Kiltormer church.

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May 2017 are: **Intention for Evangelization: Christians of Africa, witnesses for peace** – That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

WMOF 2018: (World Meeting of Families 2018): Volunteers required!! Every parish will be involved in organising and participating in events at local and national level in preparation for WMOF2018. We want to make this a special event in our Diocese and use it as an opportunity to foster leadership of lay people in each parish. Training will be provided. No matter how small or limited your time please think about getting involved. We need your help. For more information contact your Priest or Diocesan Co-Ordinator @ 0838791745.

A Day retreat "**Do not worry about Tomorrow**" Facilitator Martina Lehane-Sheehan in Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Galway on Sun 7th May. Also in Esker Myers-Briggs, facilitator Dan Baragry C.Ss.R May 19th -21st. Contact 091 -84459 or www.redemptoristsesker.ie for more details.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6, 7, 28, 30. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Anne & Pascal Claffey, Frankie Hopkins, David Lyons, Gerry Gately, Stephen Cormican. Seller's prize: Rose Muldoon. House prize: Brian McManus. The draw this Saturday for €8,700 in The Beautiful Bird.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 6th May and Sun 7th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Fri night 12th until Sat 13th at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Sat 13th 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 13th from 12:30 p.m. and Sun 14th: Dr. Andrew Sargaïson ☎ 089 4322267.

Lawrencetown Community Hall Classes Update- HIP HOP DANCING-class on Monday 8th May €40 for 7 week block. Suitable for pre-school and national school children- queries 087-7646530

Lawrencetown Community Development Group hopes to revive the PARISH DAY OUT TOUR in mid July if interest is evident. Please contact 087-7646530 to put your name down if interested before 12th May-all older adults & all tour suggestions are very welcome.

If shopping in Tesco in Ballinasloe, please donate the blue tokens to Kiltormer school.

The Irish blood Transfusion Service invites people to donate blood in the Community hall Lorrha/Dorrha GAA centre on Tuesday 9th May 2017 from 3pm to 4.45pm and 7pm to 9.30pm.

Exhibition: In support of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020, Abbey Tidy Towns and Abbey Heritage Group will host a 'Collaborative Exhibition Exploring Pollination' in Abbey Community Centre this Sunday 7th May from 3 pm to 6 pm. This will be of interest to farmers, gardeners and everyone interested in preserving and caring for our natural heritage. Please support.

Learning for Life Series- Free Event. Information Day on free courses available locally. Drop in to The Shearwater Hotel, B'sloe on Wednesday 17th May, 10am – 1pm. Anything from Cookery, Commerce, Craft, Construction to Computer skills. Learn something new, meet new people, get out of the house. Get lots of information. Bring a friend. No booking needed. Tel. 091 844335 or email fgarman@grd.ie

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus knows us by name, Jesus calls us to life. There are many voices calling out to us in the wilderness of the 21st century. Advertisements urging us not to miss the bargain of a lifetime, 'when it's gone, it's gone'; websites calling us to place a bid; social media telling us what's hot and what's not! We are surrounded by voices calling us. Do we hear them? Yes. Do we respond to them? Often. The voice of Jesus calls out to us in every moment of our day. Do we hear the voice of Jesus? How do we respond to the voice of Jesus? When we pray we should activate our ability to listen to Jesus in a special way. Listen out for Jesus calling us by our names. We can train ourselves to distinguish between the voices of retailers and whimsical fads to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, calling us. Jesus invites us to respond by living life and living it to the full in God's name. Your name has been carved on the palm of his hands (Isaiah 49:16), listen to the voice of Jesus calling you.

(from Resources for Family Mass in Intercom)

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this?
2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?
3. We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?

(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)