

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 August 2017

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Jack and Teresa Glynn
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Michael and Mary Dolan (Sycamorehill)
	K. Monday:	8:00 p.m.	Josephine, William and John-Joe Hanley
	L. Tuesday:	11:30 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	Private intention
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Marty & Maura Keogh, their son Mark & daughter Catherine
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Mary and Jim O'Shea and deceased members of O'Shea fam.
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Martin and Bridget O'Brien
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Patrick Hoban (Belview)

Confessions: Saturday, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in Lawrencetown; 12:45 – 1:15 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.

Next Tuesday is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be in Kiltormer tomorrow (Monday) at 8:00 p.m. and in Lawrencetown on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Lawrencetown—Emily, Alisha and Ellen Hanlon; Kiltormer—Joseph and Aidan Freehill, Andrew and Rebecca Hynes. Next week: Gearóid's and Jessica's groups. Readers on the holy day (L)—Marie Naughton, (K)—Phyllis Ryan and next weekend (L)—Jessica Mannion, (K)—Caroline Rocke. Eucharistic minister (K) Monday—Mary Hayes, Saturday—Margaret Lynch.

Next Sunday is the twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 56:1.6-7, Romans 11:13-15.29-32, Matthew 15:21-28.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€135.20 (L), €178 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€82.28 (L). I have sent €452 (L), €316 (K) for the Trócaire famine relief appeal and €299 (L), €303 (K) for the Pope's collection, to the bishop. Thanks.

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: The Pope* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *Bernadette of Lourdes* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Queen Esther* at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. *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. *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 and Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. *God's Urgent Call for Conversion* 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. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. *Decision Point* is Monday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 10:00 p.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 Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Household of Faith* is Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St. Catherine of Siena* is on Monday at 8:00 p.m. *Catholics Come Home* is Monday at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *My Country, My Faith: Adoration* is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on 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. & Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

We welcome Finley Lucas Glynn and Noah Jack Larkin, baptised last weekend, into the parish community, and we congratulate their parents Barry and Anita Glynn and Matthew and Sandra Larkin and Finley's big brother and sister James and Nevaeh.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Eileen Curley (former teacher in L'town NS) on the death of her brother Michael Curley and also to Gráinne Dooley (Kiltormer NS) and her family on the death of her father Micko McMahon. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace. Micko McMahon will be reposing in Loughnane's Funeral Home, Feakle tomorrow (Monday) from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. His Funeral Mass is in St. Mary's Church, Feakle on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2017 are: **Universal Intention:** For artists – That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

The Clonfert Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop Kirby takes place from Wednesday, 23rd August to Monday 28th August 2017. The fully inclusive fare is €709. 24-hour medical care is provided for the sick. Booking is at Society Travel, Ballinasloe (090) 964 5350.

Commencing Monday 14th August, a TÚS worker will be responsible for a period of 12 months for choovring Lawrencetown Church weekly, along with the mopping of the tiles and the cleaning of the toilets. The altar society will continue to clean all other aspects of the church.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 12th Aug and Sun 13th: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri night 18th Aug until Sat 19th at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre; Sat 19th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 19th from 12:30 p.m. and Sun 20th: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 15, 20, 22, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Jack Fenton, Martin Jennings, James Murphy, Mary Headd, Rose & Bridget Muldoon. Seller's prize: Lily Murphy. House prize: Peadar Ryan. The draw this Saturday for €10,100 is in Mother's Bar.

Lawrencetown Community Development Group is planning to run a 'Farm First Aid Course', which is suitable for anyone who is interested in learning or refreshing the lifesaving skills of first aid and CPR working in or around farms. The course will cover how to deal with major emergencies and illnesses including CPR and choking, tractor overturns, machinery entanglements, manure storage emergencies and livestock emergencies among others. Each student will receive an Adult Pocket Face Mask (Single use), First Aid Manual and a pair of disposable gloves. **Certification:** Irish Heart Foundation Heartsaver AED Certificate & ETQAS First Aid Certificate in Basic First Aid which is valid for 2 years. **Cost:** €80 per person. If you are interested, please contact: **Ann-Marie on 087-7678134** for more details.

Always wanted to go to university but feel you haven't the academic requirements? See notice in church porch about a free part-time, evening Access Course to be presented in Ballinasloe from the end of September to early April, a course which may be right for you!

In association with the *Irish in Europe* Cultural exchange program, Ballinasloe Library is hosting an Art Deco exhibition from the Paul Hankar Institute in Brussels with a launch at 6.30pm on Friday August 18th. The exhibition on 24 panels will be housed in the Church Gallery and will be launched by the Honorary Belgian Consul. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Back to the Mountain Top

Jesus once again goes to the mountaintop to pray. We too are encouraged to carve out space and time out in our everyday lives for quiet, for reflection for prayer or meditation; for whatever it is that we do to nourish that deeper spiritual heart of ourselves. It is so important.

The famous story of Jesus walking on the water follows in the Gospel today. What a shock the disciples must have received! Initially Peter is so brave and enthusiastic. Peter is able to walk on the water until he notices the wind, then fear takes over and he begins to sink.

If you have read the book *The Shack* (and if you haven't I highly recommend it!) you might remember a scene where the main character, Mack, is led onto the water by Jesus and they walk together on the lake. Mack, like Peter in today's Gospel, is full of fear, mostly about what might happen in the future. Jesus is clear to Mack that he lives in the present and that we waste time trying to play God and control what might happen in the future: 'You neither believe I am good nor know deep in your heart that I love you. You sing about it, you talk about it, but you don't know it' (*The Shack*, p. 151)

Jesus' message for Mack in the story; for Peter in the Gospel and for all of today is 'Why did you doubt?' What eliminates our awareness of the love of God? We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on him. It is in the present that Jesus lives, not in our fears about the future or worries about the past.

(from *The Deep End* by Jane Mellet in *Intercom*)

MUSINGS: Looking at Jesus

I'm fascinated by the first step of Peter as he climbed over the side of the boat. He was looking at Jesus, not at the water. His mind was charged with Jesus' invitation 'Come.' So often the way out of depression, fear or anxiety is not a thought or a consideration but a physical step. I take a risk and find myself strong enough to walk forward, keeping my eyes on the Lord.

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