

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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## First Sunday of Advent - 3 December 2017

<b>Masses:</b>	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Lena Kennedy (month's mind)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Damien Hanlon
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Roche family
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Thursday:	8:00 p.m.	Patrick and Kate Temple
	L. Friday:	11:30 a.m.	Josephine McDermott (month's mind)
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Christy Higgins (birthday remembrance)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Marcella Donnelly

**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. but not 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 Friday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. Masses: Kiltormer–Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Lawrencetown–Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Lawrencetown–Alisha Hanlon, Ellen Hanlon. Kiltormer–Joseph Freehill, Aidan Freehill, Caoimhe Kilkenny; Next week: Gearóid's and Katie's groups. Readers on the Holy Day (L)–Mairead Gately, (K)–Breda Turley and next weekend (L)–Marie Dolphin, (K)–Geraldine Curley. Eucharistic minister (K)–Margaret Egan on the Holy Day and Frances Curley next weekend.

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11, II Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8. The readings for the Mass of the Immaculate Conception are Genesis 3:9-15.20, Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12, Luke 1:26-38.

Clonfert Diocese's Advent Adult Faith Dev. Gathering, 2.30 - 5.15 pm, Sun. Dec. 3rd in Scoil an Chróif Naofa, Ballinasloe. Theme: Drawing Closer to Christ Through Mary. For more info go to [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie) or see leaflet in Church porch. All welcome.

If you did not attend a station this year, please put €20 (station dues €6, fuel €14) in an envelope with your name and station area and hand it in as soon as possible. Thanks to all who have already done so.

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 *Saints in Training* on Monday, *Advent Special* on Tuesday, *Saint Nicholas* on Wednesday, *The Mysteries of Light* on Thursday, *Manna from Heaven* on Friday (4:00 p.m.) and *Finding Forgiveness* on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *Web of Faith* is today (Sunday) at 6:00 a.m. and Monday at 5:00 p.m. *Reflections on Advent* is Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 8:00 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. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.m. *Catholics Come Home* is today at 2:30 p.m., Monday at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. *Praying as a Family* is today at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 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. *Forgotten Heritage: The Feast of Corpus Christi* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Fostering Vocations* is on 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. *Household of Faith* is Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Battle Ready* is Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. and 10:30 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. *Jesus Christ: True God and True Man* is Wednesday at 7:00 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. *Diamonds from Daniel* is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. *Called to Communion* is Friday at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. *Queen of Heaven* on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December 2017 are: **Universal Intention:** For the elderly – That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Calling all singers and musicians!! The Lawrencetown Community Carol Service & Nativity will take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. We are inviting anyone who would like to take part in the choir/play an instrument to attend rehearsals this Tuesday at 7pm in The Church. Please come along. ALL VERY WELCOME.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The programme for the night is on the poster in the church porch. St John's Rest & Care Centre will be open all night to facilitate pilgrims who are attending the vigil. For more information please contact Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100.

Esker Healing Mission Mon December 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. Daily 10am, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm. This is an ideal way to prepare for Christmas. All welcome.

Silent Retreat- Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius will take place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery, Knock, Co. Mayo, for women aged 18 years and up. From December 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Places are limited. Please book early. For more information contact 085-8235525.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€163.10 (L), €221 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€69.24 (L) and to the Mission collection—€411 (L) (38 envelopes), €467 (K) (31 envelopes). If you have not yet handed in your Mission collection envelope, please do so next weekend.

The annual collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be taken up next weekend. In both churches the loose money in the offertory collection will be for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please be generous. Many people in the local and surrounding area depend on them for help.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec & Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Fri night 8<sup>th</sup> Dec until Sat 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267, Sat 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 1, 5, 25, 26. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Zoe/Killian/Maisie Glynn, Ella & Jack Scannell, Paddy Flaherty, Bridie Headd, Noel Harney. Seller's prize: Tony Glynn. House prize: John Goode. The draw this Saturday for €3,300 is in Mother's Bar.

Kiltormer GAA Club AGM will take place in the Complex on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30pm preceded by Mass at 6pm. You are requested to attend. Thank You.

Kiltormer Camogie club AGM Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December @9pm in the complex all very welcome

Bingo in Kiltormer sports complex Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 8 30 pm 1000 euro must be won hamper and gamble sheet on the night please support

Christmas Fair & Cake Sale in Ballinasloe Social Services, Brackernagh on Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am–3pm  
Progressive 25 card game in Clontuskert National School on Thursday 7 Dec. at 845pm. All Welcome!

BOOK LAUNCH - The Man With The Cap.....Fifty Odd Poems by Mike Glynn, a book of poetry will be launched in Gullane's Hotel, on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm. Admission free, all welcome.

### Keep Awake

We are surrounded these days by the commercial 'circus' of Christmas shopping and 'getting ready'. Don't forget that at Christmas we are celebrating the story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for? Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: 'Where do I see God being born around me today?' In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart? Our awe and wonder grows and we can be prepared for the coming of the Gift himself. How we prepare determines what will be. (from *The Deep End* by Jane Mellet in Intercom)

Message of Our Lady to the parish of Medjugorje and to the world:

November 25, 2017: "Dear children! In this time of grace, I call you to prayer. Pray and seek peace, little children. He who came here on earth to give you His peace, regardless of who you are and what you are – He, my Son, your Brother – through me is calling you to conversion, because without God you do not have a future or eternal life. Therefore, believe and pray and live in grace and the expectation of your personal meeting with Him. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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