

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 February 2018

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Johnny Lynch
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mick and Patrick Hanlon
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	James and Annie Donnelly (Dooros)
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Jim and Delia Murphy
	L. Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Denis and Jane Healy
	K. Wednesday:	8:00 p.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Michael and Mary Ward and Mary Keogh
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Christy Kilkenny
	K. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Mary Larkin (month's mind)
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Tom Lynch
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Leo Glynn

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.

Mass servers this week: Lawrencetown—Luke Donnelly, Darragh Quinn-Moloney, Oisín Donnelly, Emelia Donnelly; Kiltormer—Adam Roche, Isaac Markham, Amy Roche. Next week: Caoimhe's and Rebecca's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Caoimhe Craughwell, (K)—Adam Roche. Eucharistic minister (K)—Mary Hayes.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Genesis 9:8-15, I Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15. The readings on Ash Wednesday are Joel 2:12-18, II Cor 5:20-6:2, Matt 6:1-6:16-18

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for Feb. 2018 are: **Universal Intention:** Say "No" to Corruption — That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

The Christian tradition of Lent as the "Great Fast" is a very ancient and universally respected one, with clear warrant in the Bible. Each year at the beginning of Lent Christians are reminded that prayer and fasting — together — bring about the vitally important *Metanoia* (change) in their lives. Modern living conditions have modified the severities experienced in former times. In the present discipline of the Catholic Church the regulations prescribe that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. **Fasting** means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. **Abstinence** means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence. There are many **motives for fasting**: to praise God by recognising that the good things we abstain from are gifts from God; to train ourselves in self-denial for times of temptation to sin; to do penance, fasting in atonement for sin; to prepare for a feast — to heighten the enjoyment — so Lent prepares for Easter; to make an act of communion with those who live in want, fasting in solidarity with them, and then contributing to the needy. Other penitential exercises include: giving alms; abstinence from some foods or other pleasures; controlling our desires for possessions; controlling our desire for entertainment. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed at the 7.00 p.m. Mass in Lawrencetown and at the 8.00 p.m. Mass in Kiltormer. If you wish to celebrate St. Valentine's Day I strongly recommend that you follow the guidance of the American bishops who gave permission for the feast of Saint Valentine to be celebrated this year on Tuesday Feb. 13th instead of Wednesday Feb. 14th. Please arrange any celebrations you wish to have for Saint Valentine's Day for Shrove Tuesday, February 13th or at the weekend.

Lenten Stations: Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year 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 March 23rd (Friday before Palm Sunday), but not on Saturdays, Sundays or first Fridays. Stations will normally be at 8.00 p.m.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Kathleen Callanan and her family on the death of her mother Julia Leahy and also to Carmel O'Grady and her family on the death of her mother Mary (Maureen) Hehir. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€275.80 (L), €291 (K) and to the Lourdes Invalid Fund collection—€115 (L), €163 (K).

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, *The Meaning of Holy Mass* on Tuesday, *Paul in a Basket* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Receiving Jesus* 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. *EWTN Pro-Life Weekly* is today at 7:30 a.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m. *Holy Mass from Lourdes* is today at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 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 Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: Knock* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Frank Carson* is Monday at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday at 10:00 p.m. *NET Ministries* is Monday at 2:30 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday (not Wednesday) at 4:30 p.m. *Household of Faith* is Monday at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Battle Ready* is Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. and Friday at 7:30 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. *Holy Mass with Pope Francis* is Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and 11:00 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. *The Choices We Face* is Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Diamonds from Daniel* is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. *Threshold of Hope* is Friday at 6:00 a.m. *Called to Communion* is Friday at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Join with people all over Ireland in the Lenten Crusade for Life. Why not offer up your prayer and fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn? Perhaps you may like to say the rosary each day, do some form of fasting or have Mass offered for the protection of Life. Starting February 14th finishes April 1st. For flyers on the crusade, please contact: Human Life International (Ireland) on 094-9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie

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Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie.

Emmanuel House of Providence pilgrimage to Medjugorje has been arranged for Wednesday September 19th to September 26th. The cost per person sharing is €709 with a discount of €50 if booked before the end of March. Call Emmanuel House on 057 915 1552 for details or booking.

Western Alzheimers are holding their annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th February 2018. Please support and help in SHARING THE CARE. If you would like to volunteer with Western Alzheimers please call Dee on (086)3494720

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 10th Feb. & Sun 11th. Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri night 16th Feb until Sat 17th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063, 9685714, 9685645; Sat 17th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 18th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 30, 31, 13. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Michael Dolan jnr, Joe Hayes, Paul Glynn, Eamonn Curley, Dympna Curley. Seller's prize: Fahy's Shop. House prize: Brian McManus. The draw this Saturday for €4,300 is in The Beautiful Bird.

Kiltormer GAA Club are hosting a Health & Wellbeing Seminar on February 16th at 8pm in Kiltormer Sports Complex. Guest speakers on the night are former hurlers Iggy Clarke and our very own Justin Campbell. They will talk about the impact of social media, health and wellbeing in GAA clubs and the pathway to addiction. This Seminar is open to EVERYONE in the community. Promising to be a very informative evening we look forward to a large attendance on the night.

Kiltormer juvenile registration in the Complex next Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. €10 per person.