

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Second Sunday of Lent - 25 February 2018

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Dylan Larkin
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Patsy Shiel (first anniversary)
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Bennett family
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Bridget, Mick, Barney & Eileen Larkin (Ballydonagh)
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Florrie, Jack and Willie Coughlan
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Hobbins family
	K. Friday:	8:00 p.m.	Christy Higgins (first anniversary)
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Eileen Markham
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Private intention

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 Friday is the first Friday of March. First Friday Holy Communion calls will begin as usual at 9.30 a.m.

Confirmation for children in both Kiltormer and Lawrencetown schools will be celebrated this year at an 11:00 a.m. Mass in Kiltormer Church on Sunday 18th March. The regular weekend Masses in both churches will be at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will not be Mass in Lawrencetown on Sunday 18th.

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 next weekend (L)–Michelle Gately, (K)–Geraldine Curley. Eucharistic minister (K)–Margaret Egan. Altar Ladies for March (K)–Anna Flynn and Bernie Campbell. Door collector for March (K)–Mary Muldoon.

Parish workers for Lawrencetown in March: Thanks to all who help so generously.

Altar Society:	Mary Nee & Anne Lucas
Door Collectors:	Sunday: Jimmy O'Dowd & Gerard Gately
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sunday: Mary Nee

Thanks very much to Mary Whyte and Kay Colohan for volunteering to serve as Eucharistic ministers in Lawrencetown and I congratulate them on completing a course of training to prepare them for this ministry. There will be a short commissioning ceremony for them at the Mass this Sunday.

Lenten Stations: Lent has already begun and it is time to plan for the 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. Thanks to the following who has arranged her Station:
Betty Casey Killeevny to be arranged 8:00 p.m.

Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering taking place in Scoil an Chroí Naofa Ballinasloe, today (Sunday Feb. 25th), 2.30 - 5.15 pm. Guest presenter: *Fr. John Harris OP*. Topic: *Blessed are those who know their need of God*. All welcome. No charge but raffle to raise funds for youth ministry initiatives.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. The readings at Mass are Exodus 20:1-17, I Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25 or John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42.

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. For flyers on the crusade, please contact: Human Life International (Ireland) on 094-9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€229.20 (L), €243 (K) and to the church refurbishment collection—€62.31 (L). Contributions to the Lenten collection next week.

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish this weekend (24 & 25 February). Pope Francis personally chose Dublin to host the World Meeting of Families from 22-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is at an advanced stage. A dedicated office and support team has been established and they are working hard to bring to life the different elements of the WMOF2018 which include (i) A National Opening in each diocese; (ii) A Pastoral Congress from 22-24 August; (iii) the Festival of Families on 25 August; and, (iv) the Closing Mass on Sunday 26 August. The WMOF2018 has also rolled out the 'Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's be Family' programme which is a conversation about the family with an emphasis on Pope Francis' teaching and reflections. The World Meeting of Families promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well as on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life.

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 - Purity* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *The Donut Man* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *The First Saturdays for Kids* 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. *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. *Lenten Reflections* is today at 3:30 p.m., Monday at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.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. *Lent – a Season of Grace* is today at 10:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday 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. A series: *Spiritual Direction for Lay People* is Monday to Friday at 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday to Saturday at 8:00 a.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Battle Ready* is Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.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. *Rosary Procession from the Holy Land (Nazareth)* is on Saturday at 12:00 noon. *First Saturday Devotion* is on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

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 paid for before the end of March. Call Emmanuel House on 057 915 1552 for details or booking.

The First Saturdays Devotion is being hosted in Knock on Saturday 3rd March. Starts at 11.00am concluding with Holy Mass at 12.00 noon and Enrollment of the free brown scapulars. Everyone is invited to attend to benefit from Our Lady's heavenly promises. Follow the signs on entrance...

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 24th Feb. & Sun 25th: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412; Fri night 2nd March until Sat 3rd at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Sat 3rd from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267; Sat 3rd from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 4th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 1, 22, 23, 32. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Michael Dolan jnr, Noleen Manning, Crissie Cox, Mary Callaghan, Máiread Gately. Seller's prize: Tony Larkin. House prize: Aaron Mannion. The draw this Saturday for €4,500 is in Mother's Bar.

Lawrencetown's New **COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND'S OFFICIAL OPENING** will coincide with the **LET'S GET ACTIVE FINALE** is on this SUNDAY 25th (To-day). Day kicks off at 1pm with a 5km Fun "COLOUR" Walk/Run in aid of Pieta House - wear the brightest colours you can find in your wardrobe!! Followed by light snacks and refreshments in the hall with announcements of the Mr & Mrs Motivator winners. At 2.30pm the Official Opening of your PLAYGROUND by "Special Guests". All members of the community and the surrounding areas are formally invited to join us and enjoy this very exciting event. Lots of fun for all the family - All Welcome - Any queries ring/text 087-7646530

Ballinasloe Cancer Support Centre Main St. Ballinasloe would like to thank the people of Ballinasloe and the surrounding area for the generous donation to our recent collection at Tesco:—€2,542.51

Men on the move fitness programme – a running group and a walking group –at the astro turf in Killimor on Wednesday 28th Feb. at 7.30. All welcome, just turn up on any Wednesday. Queries to Sean 087 2242445.

Free 5 week health & wellbeing course for mothers of school age children starts at Loughrea Family Resource Centre Tuesday Feb. 27th. The course will be for 5 Tuesdays, 10.30am-12.30pm. Call 091871149 to secure a place