

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - 18 March 2018

Messes:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Nora Kilkenny
	L. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	K. Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Mass
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Joe, Mary and Marty Walsh (Annaghcallow)
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Paddy and Bridie Kenny
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Florrie, John and Willie Coughlan
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Michael and Kitty O'Brien
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Phyllis O'Connor

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

We welcome bishop Kirby to our parish today (Sunday) for Confirmations. In this year's Confirmation classes are: Amanda Brien, Jack Egan, Sophie Flynn, Joseph Freehill, Andrew Hynes, Rebecca Hynes, Caoimhe Kilkenny, Martin Mannion, Gearóid Markham, Adam Roche and Keith Winters from Kiltormer school and Katie Cahill, Shane Corcoran, Caoimhe Craughwell, Luke Donnelly, Mairéad Gately, Michelle Gately, Alisha Hanlon, Gavin Kilkenny, Mark Kilkenny, Tomás McCann, Ryan McDermott and Martin Tully from Lawrencetown school and Alanna Hogan from Eyrecourt school. We congratulate them, their parents and their teachers, and we pray that the grace of Confirmation will stay with them always. Please keep them in your prayers.

Hearing Aids: 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—Rebecca Hynes, Andrew Hynes, Sophie Flynn, *Leah Campbell*; Lawrencetown—Caoimhe Craughwell, Sarah Craughwell. Next week: Joseph's and Alisha's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Alisha Hanlon, (K)—Gerard Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)—Pauline Hanley-Lynch.

Lenten Stations: If you would like to have a Station please get in touch with me to arrange the date. Stations should not be on Saturdays, Sundays or first Fridays. Stations will normally be at 8.00 p.m. Station dues (€6) and Fuel collection (€14) will be taken up at the Stations. Thanks to the following who has arranged her Station. The station during the coming week is in **heavy print**.

Betty Casey **Killeevy** **Friday March 23rd 8:00 p.m.**

Next Sunday is the Passion (Palm) Sunday. The reading at the procession is Mark 11:1-10 and the readings at Mass are Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€202.10 (L), €243 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€69.81 (L), to the Lenten collection—€496 (L) (31 envelopes), €410 (K) (28 envelopes) and the WMOF2018 collection—€224.40 (L) (27 env.), €290 (K) (22 env.).

WMOF. A Prayer & Petition Box is being brought to every parish in the diocese. It will be in this parish from March 23rd – 26th. You are invited to write your petition on a petition paper which will be provided and put it in the box. Please do NOT put money in the box. Each week the petitions will be brought to the Carmelite nuns in Loughrea for inclusion in their daily prayers. All the petitions will be collected in July and brought to Dublin for inclusion in the final WMOF2018 Mass in August. The original WMOF icon will be in our diocese between May 11th and May 22nd.

Earth Hour 24th March 8.30pm-9.30pm. Each year Earth Hour is a time when we are invited to switch off all lights for one hour. Earth Hour is now celebrated in over 180 countries and millions of people take part each year. This is a gesture of our care for creation and is the world's largest demonstration of support for action on Climate Change. Put the date in your diary! www.earthhour.org

EWTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (not Sunday) and 11:00 p.m., *Holy Rosary* at 1:30 p.m. (2:00 p.m. on Sunday) 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 - Generosity* on Monday, *The Sorrowful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *John Paul II - Be Not Afraid* on Wednesday, *Saint Bernadette of Lourdes* on Thursday and *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday. *Called to Communion* is today (Sunday) at 6:00 a.m. and Saturday at 4:00 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 9:00 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. *Thirst for Truth* is today at 4:00 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:00 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 9:30 p.m., Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. and Thursday 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. *Web of Faith* is Monday at 5:00 p.m. and Friday at 10:00 a.m. *Battle Ready* is Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m. *Household of Faith* is Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is 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. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Diamonds from Daniel* is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. *Scripture and Tradition* is Friday at 6:00 a.m.

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Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 17th March until Mon 19th at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Bank Holiday Mon 19th from 9:30 a.m.: Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063, 9685714, 9685645; Fri night 23rd until Sat 24th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Sat 24th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 25th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 29, 32, 19, 7. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Mai Burke, Frankie Hopkins, Andy, Ann & Enda Fenton, Mossie Larkin, Declan Kilkenny. Seller's prize: Damien Curley. House prize: Charlene Mitchell. The draw this Saturday for €4,800 is in The Hill Bar.

Kiltormer GAA Club Membership is due by the 31st March. Same can be given to any club officer or Enda Fenton, Register

Asincere thanks to everyone who supported the Cake sale last weekend. Thanks to all those who made and bought items for the sale and bought lines for the raffle. The raffle will take place Easter week. All money made will go towards this years Parish Party on the 25th March.

The Parish Party is next Sunday. Dinner will be at 2pm followed by music, dancing and entertainment from 4pm to 7.30pm. Invitations were delivered last week. Please return replies to the box in the Church porch by this Wednesday . If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend the party please drop a note with your name on it into the reply box or contact Mary Nee or Marie Dolphin.

The 44th Eucharistic Loreto Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on 24-25 March at 8.30pm with Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction & Veneration of the Precious Relic from the Holy House of Loreto. Mass at 11.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with celebrant Fr Brendan Walsh, SAC.

Quiet Days for Busy People: Day Retreat Sat 24 March. This retreat is entitled 'Looking towards the Light', as we journey through Holy Week towards Easter we see the hurt and shame transformed by the light of God's love. Taking place 11am-3pm in the Prayer Guidance Centre. Fee €30 includes lunch. To Book. (094) 93 75355 E: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie <<mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie>>

Féileacáin (stillbirth and neonatal death association of Ireland) Spring Remembrance Service in The Church of the Holy Family Mervue, Galway on Sunday 25th March at 4:00 pm. Info: 085 2496464.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER for WMOF2018
God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen**
Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.