

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist - 24 June 2018

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Annie Murphy (first anniversary) & her husband John Murphy
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Frank, Josie and Tommy Hynes
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Kitty and Dan O'Leary
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Thomas and Bridget Larkin
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Bridget Kelly (Kylemore)
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	John P. Curley
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Private intention.

Confessions: On request

 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—Gearóid Markham, Louis Markham, Amanda Brien; Lawrencetown—Katie Cahill, Ruth Kilkenny, Hannah Kilkenny. Next week: Adam's and Luke's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Catherine Gately, (K)—Amy Rocke. Eucharistic minister (K)—Margaret Lynch.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€297.80 (L), €315 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€50.22 (L), to the Priests' Retirement fund—€416 (L) (26 envelopes), €360 (K) (22 envelopes), to the Summer (priests' salaries) collection—€1,359 (L) (40 envelopes), €1,097.50 (K) (32 envelopes) and to the WMOF2018—€160 (L) (19 envelopes), €130 (K) (12 envelopes).

Next Sunday is the thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Wisdom 1:13-15. 2:23-24, II Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15, Mark 5:21-43.

A Prolife Mass will be celebrated in Emmanuel House on Wednesday June 27th at 7.00 p.m. Celebrant Fr. Pierre Pepper CC, Banagher. All those hurt by the outcome of the Referendum, Pro-Life Speakers, Canvassers and the huge number of NO voters are invited. Guest Speakers will attend and there will be time for discussion. Refreshments will be served.

EWTN TV (Sky #588). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (not on 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 *Donut Shop* on Monday, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *Fatima* on Wednesday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *The Annunciation* on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. *Matthew's Testimony to Jesus* is today (Sunday) at 7:00 a.m. and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. EWTN Pro-Life Weekly is today at 7:30 a.m., Monday at 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. *Battle Ready* is today at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *My Country, My Faith – First Holy Communion* is today at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. *The Angelus with Pope Francis* is today and Friday at 11:00 a.m. *Catholic View for Women* is on Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: Fatima* is on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Praying as a Family* is Monday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 5:00 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. *St. Vincent de Paul Society* is Monday at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. *Catholic Extension* is Monday at 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. *Catholics Come Home* is Monday at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Handing on the Faith* is Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary* is Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 8:30 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. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Holy Mass with Pope Francis for the Creation of New Cardinals* is Thursday at 3:00 p.m. *Scripture and Tradition* is Friday at 6:00 a.m. *Holy Mass with Pope Francis for the feast of Saints Peter and Paul* is Friday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

The Esker Monastery Family Fun day/ Dog Show will be held in the Monastery Grounds today (Sunday) starting at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Mass will be in the old Cemetery, Kiltormer on Friday July 13th at 8:00 p.m. Please tell anyone who would like to return to the parish for this Mass.

Lawrencetown Community Development Group Table Quiz. Join us on Saturday 30th June in Pardy's Bar at 9pm for the LCDG Table Quiz. Gather together your friend to make a table of 4 and the cost is €40. Lots of prizes on the night!

Lawrencetown Community Day Out. The annual day trip is happening on July 12th. It starts with Mass in Lawrencetown at 10am, bus departs at 10.45am. First stop is for Brunch in Raheen Woods Athenry followed by a guided tour of Athenry Heritage Centre. Next stop is the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis for a three course dinner. After this there is time for a stroll or shopping in Ennis. At 6.30pm we will arrive in Gullane's on the way home for dinner, drinks and dancing. Back in Lawrencetown at 10pm. Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis. The cost is €40 and full payment is required before the 30th June 2018. To secure your place please give your name, number and payment to: Jacqueline Nevin 087 6724842, Colette Breheny 087 641 8332 or Loraine Treacy 087 7646530.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 1, 5, 13, 14. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Fergus Reilly, John Burns, Mary McDonagh, Katie Callaghy, Clodagh/Emmer/Annette Glynn. Seller's prize: Sean Jennings. House prize: John Turley. The draw this Saturday for €6,200 in Pardy's Bar.

West Offaly Training's computer camps for children will be held in Banagher - 9th to 13th July, and in other venues. They are also running Irish Speaking summer camps for 6 to 9 year olds. For further details or to enrol call 057 9152003 or email carmel@westoffalytraining.com

Each parish will receive ten tickets for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th. These tickets are for a family (or two families, one from each end of the parish) who will represent the parish. If you are interested please contact me (Fr. O'Byrne) with details of your name, number of people who will go to the Papal Mass and a contact phone number. Getting to the Phoenix Park may entail walking up to four kilometres.

The Monday Women's Circle are having a Craft Exhibition and get together Monday 25th June 11am - 1pm. at Loughrea Family Resource Centre. All Welcome Refreshments will be served

Nativity of John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'

MICHEL DE VERTEUIL

(from The Deep End by Jane Mellett in Intercom)

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.