

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 November 2018

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Jerry Coen
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Bennett and Hobbins families
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Jim and Mai Brien
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Markham
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	All who are buried in Lisheen and Calvary Cemeteries
	K. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Michael Kilkenny
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Lena Kennedy (first anniversary)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of Hanlon and Canniffe families (Belview)

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: Lawrencetown—Alisha Hanlon, Ellen Hanlon, Micheál Hanlon, Lily Poland; Kiltormer—Adam Roche, Louis Markham, Isaac Markham. Next week: Caoimhe C's and Caoimhe K's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Colette Breheny, (K)—Mary Curley. Eucharistic minister next weekend (K)—Pauline Hanley-Lynch.

Next Sunday is the thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are I Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€105.10 (L), €211 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€120.62 (L), to the Mission collection—€331 (L) (29 envelopes), €294 (K) (24 envelopes) and to the All Souls collection—€305 (L), €195 (K).

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for November 2018 is: **Universal Intention: In the Service of Peace** – That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

EWTVN TV (Sky #588). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (not Sunday) and 11:00 p.m. (not Sunday), *Holy Rosary* at 12:30 p.m., *The Angelus* at 1:00 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, *When Children Adore* on Tuesday, *St. Patrick* on Wednesday, *We Are Catholic* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *I Believe in the Holy Spirit* on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. *EWTVN Pro-Life Weekly* is today (Sunday) at 7:30 a.m., Monday at 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:00 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. *Matthew's Testimony to Jesus* is today at 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St. Columbanus* is Monday at 8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. *Praying as a Family* is Monday at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is Monday at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. *St. Vincent de Paul Society* is Monday at 11:00 a.m. and Friday at 7:00 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. and Friday at 10:00 a.m. *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary* is Monday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 2:30 p.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. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Dr Phil Boyle* is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. *Battle Ready* is Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Scripture and Tradition* is Friday at 6:00 a.m. *The Acts of God* is Friday at 9:30 a.m. *Stations of the Cross* is Friday at 2:30 p.m. Underlined programmes are by Frances Hogan, a lay, Irish Scripture scholar.

Congratulations to Marian Kelly and Shane Finnerty who were joined in Marriage last Friday week and to Sarah Staunton who was married to Ray McManus three weeks ago. We wish both couples every blessing and many happy, healthy years together.

National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Please support the Fifth National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish next weekend (10 & 11 November 2018). Thank you for your generosity to date.

October Stations. Thanks to all who hosted the Stations – Lent and October – this year, to all who attended the Stations and to all who contributed to the Station dues (€6) and the fuel collection (€14). If you did not attend a station this year, and have not contributed to these collections, please put €20 in an envelope with your name and station area and hand it in as soon as possible.

Next Friday (Nov. 9th) is the feast of the dedication of the basilica built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill, which is said to have taken place on this date. The Lateran Basilica is called the Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World and the feast is celebrated in the whole of the Roman Catholic Church as a sign of unity and respect towards the Holy See.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 5, 8, 13, 20. The jackpot was not won. Lucky dip: Mickey/Mark/Abbi Cox, Brendan O'Grady, Thomas Glynn, Mary Callaghan, Martina Curley. Seller's prize: Edel Quinn. House prize: Marian Finnerty. Draw this Saturday for €4,400 is in Mother's.

In November We Remember Community Remembrance Walk. Sunday 4th November Gullanes Hotel, Ballinasloe. Registration at 2:30 Reg Fee Adults €5 (charitable donation). Short Candle-lighting ceremony followed by 3k walk & refreshments. In memory of all our loved ones who have passed.

The Enneagram part 1 will be delivered by Fr. Benny Mc Hale, Athenry on November 10th/11th in Esker Retreat Centre. Further details 091-844549

The Sunflowers Chernobyl appeal annual church gate collection for special need orphans takes place on Saturday the 3rd November. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Family Carers Ireland will hold its annual Church Gate Collection next weekend, November 10th/11th at Laurencetown and Kiltormer. All funds raised will be used to provide emergency respite services and supports for family carers in the local area.

Ballinasloe WW1 Heritage Group will host the launch of their book "Ballinasloe & District Remembers 1914-1918" on Tuesday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Ballinasloe Library. The book will be officially launched by Irish Times journalist Ronan McGreevy. There will also be a military exhibition on the evening and throughout the week. All welcome.

St Raphael's College proudly presents 'Back to the 80's' in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea on 7th, 8th and 10th November at 8pm. Adults €12 and Students €8. Tickets available from the school.

MUSINGS

Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. These ancient and sacred words are for the faithful Jew the key source of individual identity and social cohesion... Those of us who are older remember a time when we Catholics derived a similar confidence in our personal identity and our community belonging from the private piety and public worship of the tradition handed down to us. I remember too as a child being truly impressed at the sight of Belfast Jews, the men and boys sporting their skullcaps, as they took the bus to the Synagogue on Saturday mornings. Nowadays it is our Moslem brothers and sisters who take the prize in our cities for an easy, unselfconscious fidelity to their religious practices.

(by Fr James O'Kane, Shortish Homilies for 2017/18 (Year B))

The greatest commandment of all

Today we hear a very famous Gospel passage which we might dismiss easily because we feel we know it so well. Love God. Love your neighbour. It sounds simple, yet it can be so difficult. Loving God in our world today means being counter-cultural; often we are afraid to even admit that we are believers. Finding time for God can be impossible due to our hectic lifestyles; we are addicted to 'busy' and have become 'time poor'. Yet we can learn to see God in the everyday, right before us, in each task, in nature, in our friends and family. We might ask ourselves today, what prevents me from loving God, for making time for God in my life? For nourishing my relationship with God?

The love of neighbour which Jesus speaks of is a controversial love. It involves a love of people we don't know or like. It is a radical love of those that society wants to dismiss: love of the migrant, love of the homeless family, love of the drug addict, love of the prisoner, love of the earth, love of the climate refugee. Love God and Love Neighbour – it sounds so simple yet these are the toughest, most radical lines in the Gospel. It sounds like two commandments and yet they are one, interconnected and inseparable, for to love God we must love our neighbour. And by loving our neighbour we are loving God. Today let us all ask ourselves how we can live more fully this great commandment and be a shining example of Christ's love in the world. (from The Deep End by Jane Mellet in Intercom)