

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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First Sunday of Advent - 2 December 2018

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Edward and Agnes Geoghegan & their son Edward
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Michael and Attracta Dolan
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Margaret (Peg) Murphy (Co. Cork)
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Patsy Larkin and deceased members of the Larkin family
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Friday:	8:00 p.m.	Josephine Guinan
	L. Saturday	11:30 a.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	John Joe Hanley
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mary and Patrick Walsh (Dooros)

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.

Next Friday is the first Friday in December. First Friday Holy Communion calls will be on Friday week (December 14th), NOT next Friday, beginning as usual at 9.30 a.m.

Next Saturday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. Masses: Kiltormer-Friday, 8:00 p.m., Lawrencetown-Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer-Caoimhe Kilkenny, Kate Kilkenny; Lawrencetown-Alisha Hanlon, Ellen Hanlon, Micheál Hanlon, Lily Poland. Next week: Caoimhe's and Sophie's groups. Readers on the holy day (L)-Claire Whyte, (K)-Ailish Glynn and next weekend (L)-Catherine Gately, (K)-Brendan Glynn. Eucharistic minister on the holy day (K)-Mary Hayes and next weekend (K)-Margaret Lynch. Altar Ladies for December (K)-Mary Hayes and Ann-Marie Hayes. Door collector for December (K)-Jim Curley

Parish workers in Lawrencetown for December: Sincere thanks to all who help in the parish.

Altar Society:		Patti Cullinane and Veronica Walsh
Door collectors:	Sunday:	Donald Pardy and Michael Whyte jnr
Eucharistic Minister:	Sunday:	Mary Kenny

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:3-6.8-11, Luke 3:1-6. The readings for the feast of the Immaculate Conception are Genesis 3:9-15.20, Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12, Luke 1:26-38.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend-€339.10 (L), €352 (K), to the church refurbishment collection-€68.70 (L) and to the Mission collection-€473 (L) (37 envelopes), €394 (K) (30 envelopes).

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December 2018 is: **Intention for Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith** - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

The annual All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Friday 7th - Saturday 8th December. Ceremonies will commence with Confessions from 10pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation and Vigil at 12 Midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr Brendan Walsh SCA. Concelebrated Mass will take place at 4am with His Excellency Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Concelebrants are Fr Brendan Walsh, Pallotine, Thurles and Fr Lawrence CFR, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Information on organised coaches travelling to the vigil can be found at www.knockshrine.ie

We welcome Bella May Broderick, baptised last weekend, into the parish community, and we congratulate her parents Rúairí and Leona and big sister Ally.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Monica Brennan and her family on the death of her mother Mary Reamsbottom. Please pray for the happy repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

EWTN TV (Sky #588). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (not Sunday, 5:00 p.m. on Saturday) and 11:00 p.m. (not Sunday), *The Angelus* at 12:00 p.m., *Holy Rosary* at 12:30 p.m. and *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* at 3:00 p.m. (not Saturday). Also this week, children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. include *The Joyful Mysteries* on Monday, *It's Great to be Alive* on Tuesday, *St. Nicholas* on Wednesday, *Purgatory* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Daniel* on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. EWTN *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 and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. *Advent Reflection* is today at 2:30 p.m., Monday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. *Sunday Best with Fr Groeschel* is today at 8:00 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: St. Thomas Aquinas* is Monday at 8:30 a.m. & 9:30 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. *Catholics Come Home* is Monday at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Praying as a Family* is Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Matthew's Testimony to Jesus* is Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 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 2:30 p.m. *St. Vincent de Paul Society* is Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Forgotten Heritage: Lourdes* is Saturday at 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. *Homage to the Immaculate Conception with Pope Francis* is Saturday at 3:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Clonfert Diocese's Advent Adult Faith Development Gathering taking place on Sunday Dec. 9th, 3 - 5 pm, in Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Society St., Ballinasloe (beside Barrett's Hardware). Guest Speaker: Fr. Benny McHale. Topic: The Holy Land as the Fifth Gospel. All welcome.

The Lawrencetown Community Prayer & Carol Service will take place on Tuesday, 18th December at 7pm. We will be having practice for the Carol Service on Tuesdays in the Church at 7pm (starting this Tuesday, 4th December) for musicians and choir. All members of the Community are really welcome and encouraged to come along!

A course for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers will take place in St. Cuan's College, Castleblakney, on four consecutive Monday evenings 8 - 9.30 pm, beginning January 14th. Course open to practicing Catholics who are willing to join their own Church's rota and /or willing to bring Holy Communion to persons who are housebound / living in Nursing homes. If interested please contact me.

Ladies of the Lawrencetown Altar Society are asked to come to the church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 10th December to set up the crib and clean the church for Christmas. Anyone else who is free is welcome.

If you did not attend a station this year, please put €20 (station dues €6, fuel €14) in an envelope with your name and station area and hand it in as soon as possible. Thanks to all who have already done so.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 1st Dec & Sun 2nd: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Fri night 7th Dec until Sat 8th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Andrew Sargaison ☎ 089 4322267; Sat 8th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 9th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 3, 13, 32. The jackpot was not won. Lucky dip: Christine Gately, Ann Donnelly, Ann-Marie Finnerty, Frances Curley, Ella & Jack Scannell. Seller's prize: Rose Muldoon. House prize: Frank Finnerty. The draw this Saturday for €4,800 is in Mother's.

Lawrencetown Community Development Group invite you to their annual Christmas party in the Community Hall on Sunday 9th December at 5 p.m. D.J. Declan and of course Santa and his elves will be there to get everyone into the festive spirit and to turn on the Christmas lights. Refreshments provided and admission is free.

Lawrencetown Tidy Towns/ Heritage meeting at 9pm in the Beautiful Bird on Monday 3rd December. All welcome. Main item for discussion is the improvement works to the village green and projects for 2019. Come and have your say and put your ideas forward.

Family Carers Ireland would like to thank most sincerely the people of the parish for their generosity at their recent Church Gate Collection. The total raised in Kiltormer was €175.63 and in Lawrencetown was €328.96. The proceeds of this collection will be used to provide emergency respite and supports/services for family carers in the local area.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Declan Kelly's talk which was due to take place at the Woodford Heritage Centre on the 7th December 2018 is cancelled until further notice.

Portumna Credit Union offices will be closed for renovations from Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th Dec. for renovations. Grand opening on Friday 7th with business as usual. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.