

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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## Second Sunday of Advent - 9 December 2018

<b>Masses:</b>	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	John Joe Hanley
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mary and Patrick Walsh (Doores)
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Johnny Lynch
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Michael and Mary Ward and Mary Keogh
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Noel Brennan
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Downy family
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Marcella Donnelly

**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 I will visit the house-bound for the First Friday Holy Communion calls next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> Dec.), beginning as usual at 9.30 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Lawrencetown—Caoimhe Craughwell, Sarah Craughwell, Patrick Daly; Kiltormer—Sophie Flynn, Amanda Brien. Next week: Darragh's and Adam's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Corrina Goode, (K)—Gerard Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)—Ailish Glynn.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€186.60 (L), €202 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€149.96 (L) and to the Mission collection—€498 (L) (39 envelopes), €394 (K) (30 envelopes).

**Clonfert Diocese's Advent Adult Faith Development Gathering** taking place on Sunday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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.

EWTVN TV (Sky #588). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. on Sunday and Wednesday) 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. Also this week, children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. include *What is Advent* on Monday, *The Sorrowful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *San Diego of Guadalupe* on Wednesday, *We Are Catholic* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Esther* on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. *EWTVN Pro-Life Weekly* is today (Sunday) at 7:30 a.m. and Monday at 8:00 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. *Advent Reflection* is today at 2:30 p.m., Monday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. *Guadalupe: Miracle and Message* is today at 4:00 p.m., Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:00 p.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 More* 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. *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. *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. *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary* is Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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 for musicians and choir. All members of the Community are really welcome and encouraged to come along! Kiltormer Christmas party December 16th at 2pm with Mass and meal, music etc.

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

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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. & Sun 9<sup>th</sup>; Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Fri night 14<sup>th</sup> Dec until Sat 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217; Sat 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063; Sat 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 16<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 4, 14, 20, 30. The jackpot was not won. Lucky dip: Carmel O'Grady, Imelda Kenny, Michael Flynn, Nora Lyons, Monica Cormican. Seller's prize: Fahy's Shop. House prize: Tom Duffy. The draw this Saturday for €4,900 is in Pardy's.

Kiltormer GAA Club AGM will take place in sports complex on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Mass at 6 for deceased members of club followed by AGM Please Attend

Lawrencetown Community Development Group invite you to their annual Christmas party in the Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 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.

Presentation College Athenry will close its doors in 2019 and end 70 years of secondary education at the heart of Athenry. All Cairde Pres are welcome to a Final Farewell at the school on Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup>. 6pm to 8pm. Reconnect with days past. Facebook: Cairde Pres"

Mary Immaculate College will hold its January Open Day on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2019 (10am-1pm). The MIC Open Days showcase the wide range of programmes that the College has to offer. You will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, mingle with current MIC students and take a tour of the campus. You can find out about the range of accommodation options and student supports. Visit [www.micopenday.ie](http://www.micopenday.ie).

**THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS:** A concert featuring Soprano Rachel Goode with friends: Tenor Tom Smith; Baritone Conor O'Meara; Bass Baritone: Kevin Neville – accompanied by Marie Power, Ballinasloe Town Band & Ard Scoil Mhuire Choir in St. Michael's Church, Ballinasloe on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30p.m. sharp. Adm: Free – donations to East Galway & Midlands Cancer Support Centre.

**CHRISTMAS EVENING WITH "Garadice"** Featuring Eleanor Shanley & Friends, and Rachel Goode -Soprano in Gullanes Hotel Ballinasloe On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 8pm, Tickets at €20 available now from Gullanes or On the Door. In Support of The Ballinasloe Says "NO" campaign Banagher College Coláiste na Sionna presents "Little Red Riding Hood" on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8pm in the School Hall. Admission: Students €5; Adults €10. All welcome.

### Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall in detail the time and the circumstances of particularly significant moments in your life?
2. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc.
3. Behind the quotation from Isaiah lies the practice of preparing festival routes for religious celebrations. Isaiah visualises such a celebration to celebrate the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem. Can you recall a particularly memorable Advent? What happened? Think of what you can do this Advent.

(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)

Message of Our Lady to the parish of Medjugorje and to the world:  
*November 25, 2018:* "Dear children! This is a time of grace and prayer, a time of waiting and giving. God is giving Himself to you that we may love Him above everything. Therefore, little children, open your hearts and families, so that this waiting may become prayer and love and, especially, giving. I am with you, little children, and encourage you not to give up from what is good, because the fruits are seen and heard of afar. That is why the enemy is angry and uses everything to lead you away from prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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