

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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## Third Sunday of Advent - 16 December 2018

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Downy family
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Marcella Donnelly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Johnnie & Hubert Hardiman and dec. mem. of Hardiman fam
	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.	Noel O'Shea
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Margaret and Liam Tierney
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Damien Hanlon

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.

Christmas night Mass: Kiltormer, Monday, 10:00 p.m. Day Mass: Lawrencetown, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

Mass servers this week: Lawrencetown—Darragh Quinn, Ruth Kilkenny, Hannah Kilkenny; Kiltormer—Adam Roche, Louis Markham, Isaac Markham, Amanda Brien. Next week: Oisín's and Caoimhe's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Aoife Dolan, (K)—Mary Muldoon. Eucharistic minister (K)—Pauline Hanley-Lynch.

Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are II Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection on the holy day—€106.25 (L), €123 (K) and last weekend—€198.30 (L), €199 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€63.38 (L) and to the Mission collection—€498 (L) (39 envelopes), €394 (K) (30 envelopes).

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.

EWTN 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), *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 *Christmas on Monday, Hermie and Friends* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *We Are Catholic* on Thursday, *My Time with Jesus* on Friday and *The First Christmas* 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. *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. *Sunday Best with Fr Groeschel* is today at 8:00 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. *Mysteries of the Rosary* is Tuesday at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and Friday at 8:30 a.m. *Keep Christ in Christmas* is Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 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. *Stations of the Cross* is Friday 2:30 p.m.

LCDG's annual Christmas Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 18th December at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Lawrencetown. The theme of the service this year is: Family. Please come along to pray and sing with your own family members and also to reflect on the importance of the family unit, particularly the Holy Family, at this most special time of year.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Sarah Glynn and her family on the death of her brother Gerry Langry and also to Theo Hanley and his family on the death in Canada of his nephew Damian Hanley and also to Oliver Coughlan and his family on the death of his cousin Pauline Flannery. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

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 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.

If there are any Transition, 5th or 6th Year students interested in the John Paul II Award Scheme, please contact your local priest or Ms Marie Burke 083 879 1745.

There will be a Rosary Rally in Eyre Square, Galway City, on Tuesday 1st January 2019 at 12 noon, the Feast of the Mother of God. There we will join spiritually with the "All Ireland Rosary Rally for Faith and Life" which is being held outside Dail Eireann at the same time. Further inquiries: [info@roundtower.org](mailto:info@roundtower.org), [www.roundtower.org](http://www.roundtower.org), 083 899 4560, [www.facebook.com/roundtowerassociation](http://www.facebook.com/roundtowerassociation).

There will be a conference on the Catholic Family entitled "The Family: Tasked to unleash the Good found in Christ" in the Salthill Hotel Promenade, Galway City from 10:30am on Saturday 12th January 2019. Tickets can be purchased through the website: [roundtower.org](http://roundtower.org). Further inquiries email: [info@roundtower.org](mailto:info@roundtower.org), telephone 083 899 4560. [www.facebook.com/roundtowerassociation](http://www.facebook.com/roundtowerassociation).

Kiltormer Christmas party December 16th at 2pm with Mass and meal, music etc.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. & Sun 16<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412; Fri night 21<sup>st</sup> Dec until Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308.

Kiltormer Camogie Club Annual Table quiz The Hill Bar Kiltormer @ 8.30pm 27th December 2018. A social and enjoyable night out. All Welcome.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 5, 10, 23, 31. The jackpot was not won. Lucky dip: Barry Glynn, Martin Larkin, Cathal Larkin, Geraldine Fahy, Andy/Anne/Enda Fenton. Seller's prize: Doreen Glynn. House prize: Peter Campbell. The draw this Saturday for €5,000 is in The Bird.

Kiltormer NS Christmas Variety Show is in the Complex on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

### The reason for the season

In his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis issues a warning that might resonate with us as we continue our Advent journey. Caught up in consumerism, he says, it is easy for us to forget what is truly important:

'The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.'

In the lead-up to Christmas we often get caught up in a flurry of 'interests and concerns'. True, much of the joy of Christmas comes from giving to others, but there is so much focus on material goods and spending money that it can be difficult to remember the good news at the heart of the season. It is so easy to become distracted by the bright lights and advertising.

This Sunday is *Gaudete Sunday* – *Gaudete* means 'Rejoice'. It's the perfect time to recapture some of the 'quiet joy' that Pope Francis talks about. 'The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus,' he reminds us. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. This is the reason for our joy – the reason for the season! (from *The Deep End* by Triona Doherty in *Intercom*)

### Mary's Christmas Dream

I had a dream Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a *birthday celebration* for Our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks.

They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar though, because the presents were not for Our Son.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows, and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree Joseph, right in their house. They decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was so beautiful. Everyone was laughing and they were very happy. They were all excited about the gifts.

They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to Our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if Our Son had gone to this celebration, He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful Joseph, and everyone was so happy, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible Joseph, if it had been real!