

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - 23 December 2018

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Margaret and Liam Tierney
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Damien Hanlon
	K. Monday:	10:00 p.m.	Jenny and Frank Campbell
	L. Tuesday:	10:00 a.m.	Private intention
	L. Wednesday:	No Mass	
	K. Thursday:	No Mass	
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Eddie Kilkenny
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Jack Markham

Confessions: On request

I hope that you and your loved ones have a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas and I pray that 2019 will be a blessed year for you in every way. I extend a warm welcome to all who have come home to the parish for Christmas and I remember especially those who had to emigrate from our country and are not coming home for Christmas.

 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—Caoimhe Kilkenny, Kate Kilkenny. Lawrencetown—Oisín Donnelly, Emelia Donnelly, Luke Kelly; Next week: Alisha's and Sophie's groups. Readers for Christmas (L)—Michael Healy, (K)—Phyllis Ryan and next weekend (L)—Ailbhe Hanlon, (K)—Mary Curley. Eucharistic minister (K) Christmas Eve—Mary Muldoon, next Saturday—Mary Fahy.

I will be away from after Mass on Tuesday until Friday December 28th. If you need a priest, please call a priest from neighbouring parish or ring Ballinasloe presbytery (9643916). If there is an emergency, call my mobile number or 01 8491452.

Next Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family. The readings at Mass are I Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28, I John 3:1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52. The readings for Christmas are 10.00 p.m. Monday Mass: Isaiah 9:1-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, day Mass: Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€340.20 (L), €104 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€100.18 (L) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection—€1,170 (L) (30 envelopes), €438 (K) (14 envelopes).

EWTVN 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 Tuesday) 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 Tuesday) Also this week, children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. include *The First Christmas* on Monday, *The Donut Man* on Wednesday, *The Joyful Mysteries* on Thursday, *Martin the Cobbler* on Friday and *The Chimes* on Saturday at 9:30 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. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today and Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. *Advent Reflection* is today at 2:30 p.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is Monday to Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Solemn Mass with Pope Francis* is Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. *Midnight Mass from the Holy Land* is Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. *Urbi et Orbi: Message and Blessing* is Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. *Mysteries of the Rosary* is Tuesday to Thursday at 7:00 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. *Keep Christ in Christmas* is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Battle Ready* is Friday at 7:00 a.m. *Web of Faith* is Friday at 10:00 a.m. *Stations of the Cross* is Friday 2:30 p.m. *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul* is Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Joan Hayes on his recent marriage to David Gilroy. We wish them every blessing and many happy, healthy years together.

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.

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.

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, www.roundtower.org, 083 899 4560, 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. Further inquiries email: info@roundtower.org, telephone 083 899 4560. www.facebook.com/roundtowerassociation.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 22nd Dec. & Sun 23rd: Dr. David Ross ☎ 087 6623308; Further details not available at time of printing.

Lawrencetown Community Development Group are hosting a Texas Hold'Em Poker Night on 29th Dec at 8pm in The Beautiful Bird in aid of the school car park project. Entry fee: €20. Raffle on the night.

Lawrencetown's "LET'S GET ACTIVE" 2019 Launch is on Friday 11th January at 7pm in the Hall with Cathy Hopkins' Energetic Hip Hop kids class opening the event. Activities include an adult's cycle-athon, kids skip-athon & lots of info on the 8-week LGA event. Any queries contact 087-7646530 or find us on Facebook. All are welcome - there's something for all ages.

Irish Heart Foundation's Mobile Health Unit is in Lawrencetown from 11-3pm on Saturday 12th January. Two fully qualified nurses will be on site to give heart health info & blood pressure checks. This simple, quick & non-invasive test could prove life-saving. One-to-one advice offered by nurses is vital. FREE services. All welcome.

We are delighted to announce that LCDG officially received its 3rd and last grant yesterday for the School Parking and MUGA Project - LEADER funding contract worth €145k was signed... This means that between the auction and grants €300k has been raised. Only €57k more to go... so please continue to support the project at the POKER Night ♠♥♦ on 29th December, MIKE DENVER on 27th March and other fundraisers along the way. As always your support is so very much appreciated and you can see the results of your efforts already at the school. Happy Christmas to all in Lawrencetown and beyond and here's hoping 2019 will be as good as 2018!

Mass & Blessing of St. Dominic's Well will take place in Esker on the 5th & 6th January 2019 at 11am. This is a tradition for many years where people come to take home the blessed water to sprinkle on their homes and farms. Everyone welcome.

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: 2, 4, 19, 32. The jackpot was not won. Lucky dip: Glynn Family, Frank Larkin, Helen Kilkenny, Seamus Walsh, Paul Griffin. Seller's prize: Mother's Bar House prize: Michael Stapleton. The draw this Saturday for €5,100 is in The Hill Bar.

anam Cara Galway, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 2nd of January at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Old Monivea Road, Ballybrit, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Woodlawn Heritage Group is holding it's Annual Turkey Trot on St. Stephen's Day. Meeting at the main entrance to Woodlawn Woods near the PO at 11am. There are different trails for different fitness levels and this is a great way to get out and walk off the excesses of the Christmas dinner with friends and family. (Not fully wheelchair accessible) No turkeys will be present! Wishing all our members and friends a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas.

Final Farewell Party at 'Pres' Athenry on December 27th 6pm to 8pm Open invite to all diaspora of the 'Pres' to attend a reunion and celebrate the school before it closes due to relocation. Three generations have been educated at the school. Come join friends. Free event. Facebook @CairdePres