

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 13 January 2019

Masses:	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Marcella Campbell
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Mick and Agnes and Leo Donnelly
	K. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	
	L. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Rose and Bertie Canning
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	
	K. Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Paul and Eileen Jennings
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the O'Connor family (Oghil)

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-Darragh Quinn, Ruth Kilkenny, Hannah Kilkenny; Kiltormer-Caoimhe Kilkenny, Kate Kilkenny. Next week: Oisín's and Sophie's groups. Readers next weekend (L)-Marie Dolphin, (K)-Breda Turley. Eucharistic minister (K)-Mary Hayes.

Next Sunday is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 62:1-5, I Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend-€472.00 (L), €389 (K), to the church refurbishment collection-€68.04 (L) and to the Christmas (priests' salaries) collection-€2,665 (L) (60 envelopes), €1,761 (K) (48 envelopes).

EWTN TV (Sky #588). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 1:00 p.m. (12:30 p.m. on Friday), 6:00 p.m. (not Sunday or Friday), and 11:00 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, *The Angelus* at 12:00 p.m., *Holy Rosary* at 12:30 p.m. (not Friday) and *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* at 3:00 p.m. (not Friday). Also this week, children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. include *The Fourth Beatitude* on Monday, *First Communion* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *We are Catholic* on Thursday, and *Ruth* on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. *EWTN Pro-life Weekly* is today at 7:30 a.m., Monday at 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. *Solemn Mass with Pope Francis* is today at 8:30 a.m. & 9:00 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. *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 Therese of Lisieux* is Monday at 8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. *Praying as a Family* is Monday at 10:00 a.m. & Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is Monday at 10:30 a.m. *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul* is Monday at 11:00 a.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Thursday 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 9:30 a.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:30 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. *The Choices We Face* is Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Scripture and Tradition* is Friday at 6:00 a.m. *The Acts of God* is Fri at 9:30 a.m.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 8th - 10th February 2019. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie

There is a Church Gate Collection this weekend in aid of the Galway Pro-Life Campaign. Please be generous. The Pro Life Campaign promotes and defends human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. It also campaigns for resources to support and assist pregnant women and those in need of healing after abortion. There is a Church Gate Collection next weekend in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Pauline and Frances Curley and their families on the death of their sister-in-law Lucy Feighan (Cork). Please pray for the happy repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

Day of Prayer given by Fr. Kilian Byrne in Knock Shrine - St. John's Rest & Care Centre on Saturday February 2nd, 10am-5pm. **Theme:** "Lord to whom shall we go?" Includes: Talks, Rosary, Adoration, Mass. Further Info: Helen 086 1678027 / hellywilliams@gmail.com

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 12th Jan & Sun 13th: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Fri night 18th until Sat 19th at 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Sat 19th from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 20th: Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 18, 21, 27. The jackpot was not won. Lucky dip: Andy /Anne/Enda Fenton, Caroline Dolan, Linda & Melissa Finnerty, John Greaney, Corrina Goode. Seller's prize: Tony Larkin. House prize: Peter Nee. The draw this Saturday for €5,400 is in The Beautiful Bird.

Lawrencetown's "LET'S GET ACTIVE" kicks off this week in community hall: MONDAY@ 7pm-Walking/Running programmes with FREE professional trainers. WEDNESDAY -Kundalini Yoga - KIDS @ 7pm over 5 years €5 per class or €25/6 weeks & ADULTS @ 8pm €10 per class or €50/6 weeks. THURSDAY- Siel Bleu @7pm €8pp & Bootcamp Military Style @ 8.30pm €8pp. FRIDAY-karate @ 6.30pm Over 7years €6pp in Kiltormer Complex. Any queries ring/text 087-7646530. Everyone of all ages from everywhere is very welcome to join us.

Loughrea Macra na Feirme club meeting taking place on Fri Jan 18th at 9pm in the Family Resource Centre. Come along and meet the committee and find out about upcoming events and activities. Open to anyone aged 17-35. The resource centre is fully accessible. Further details from Debbie 086 780 8987.

GRETB Portumna College of Adult & Further Education: Places available on QQI* certified courses, Registrations ongoing. Employability Skills, Computers, Healthcare, Business with Tourism, Retail, Spanish, Horticulture, EOSL, Crafts Sewing, Genealogy Family History, Introduction to Sign Language QQI. *Speech & Drama, Singing.* *For 2019 -2020 NUIG has 200 places available in many degree for Adults with QQI/Fetac Level 5 or 6. Michael 0876258696/09097 41946 michael.cunniffe@greb.ie Patricia Geoghegan 9759092 irdheritageproject@eircom.net Lynne Morrissey 9759092 irdheritageproject@eircom.net

Places available on our Train the Trainer course which begins in Crank House on Friday 18th Jan. We are also taking bookings for Working with Autism, Understanding Dementia, Mindfulness, Hairdressing, Make-Up, Spring Gardening, Abrasive Wheel, Manual Handling, HR training, After School Coding. For further information or to secure a place call Carmel on 057 9152003 or email info@westoffalytraining.com

The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winning forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'
(from The Deep End by Jane Mellet in Intercom)

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you - either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?
(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)