

Lawrencetown & Kiltormer


St. Mary's Church
Lawrencetown H53 DC80
Fr. Christy O'Byrne P.P.

St Patrick's Church
Kiltormer H53 DK33
☎ (090) 968 5613
086 3449345

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 August 2015

Masses:	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Martin and Bridget O'Brien
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Alice Staunton
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Private intention.
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Doorley family
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Annie Donnelly (Dooros)
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Christy and Maisie Glynn
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Patrick Hoban (Belview)

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 next 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—Alison Markham, Gearóid Markham, Erin Kilkenny, Lawrencetown—Ailbhe Hanlon, Emily Hanlon, Mark Kilkenny. Next week: Martha's and Conor's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Corrina Goode, (K)—Breda Turley. Eucharistic minister (K)—Frances Cullen.

Intercession for Priests, is in All Hallows College, Dublin each year in August. In All Hallows College Chapel there is a Thursday prayer meeting at 7.30 p.m. on 27th August. All are invited to attend the Thursday prayer meetings. Please pray for priests.

Next Sunday is the twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass are Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8, James 1:17-18,21-22,27, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection—€79.50 (L), €150.55 (K) on the holy day and €131.42 (L), €174.04 (K) last weekend, and to the church refurbishment collection (L)—€62.24.

WTVN TV (Sky #589). Programmes this week include Children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. with *My Little Angels: Guardian Angels* on Monday, *The Sorrowful Mysteries* on Tuesday, *The Glorious Mysteries* on Wednesday, *The Donut Man* on Thursday and *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday. *The Choices We Face* is today (Sunday) at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Catholics Come Home* is today at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.m. *Grandparents* is today at 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. *Defending Life* is today at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Catholicism* is today at 4:00 p.m. *Virtue, Freedom and Faith* is today at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. *Web of Faith* is on Monday at 5:00 p.m. *St. Luke's Gospel* is on Monday at 9:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. *Apostolate for Family Conversion* is on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. *Word for a Wounded World* is on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Door of Faith* is on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. *The Catholic Faith Explained* is on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Friday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 5:00 p.m. *Handing on the Faith* is on Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Savouring Our Faith* is Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Esker Monastery will host an **8 week MBSR (Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction) training course** with Michael Lally. Tuesday nights from 7.30-10.00 from 1st September to 20th October with one full day on the 11th October. The MBSR is practical introduction to mindfulness, proven to help with stress, pain and depression. *Mindfulness is about paying attention, on purpose in the present moment with no judgment.* The MBSR is a basic requirement for further training in mindfulness. For further information contact info@redemptoristsesker.ie

We welcome Aisling Niamh O'Dowd, baptised last weekend, into the parish community, and we congratulate her parents Peter and Anne-Marie and her big sister Ella.

Congratulations to Anne Marie Hayes on her recent marriage to Francis Hardiman. We wish them every blessing and many happy, healthy years together.

Clonfert Foróige will hold an AGM on Saturday, August 29th at 4pm. Anyone interested in becoming a leader please contact Declan Dunican: 087 099 4874

The National Grandparents pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock takes place on Sunday 13th September. Blessing of the sick 2.30pm, Mass at 3pm. Chief Celebrant - Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick. Guest Soloist, Fr. Liam Lawton Everyone welcome. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their Grandparents and send it to CGA office, Castlebar St, Westport, Co Mayo. All prayers will be blessed during the Mass. For further information please phone 09824877 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

Doctor on call for emergencies this weekend (Sat 22nd Aug & Sun 23rd): Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783; Fri 28th Aug until Sat 29th at 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Mary B. Murphy ☎ 086 2533063, 9685714; next weekend (Sat 29th Aug from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 30th): Dr. Killian Darcy ☎ 085 1457444.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 5, 12, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Eamon McLally, Joseph McEvoy, Aoife Gallagher, Ted Larkin, Breda Jennings. Seller's prize: Sean McKeigue. House prize: Joe Campbell. The draw this Saturday for €15,000 is in Parly's Bar.

Karate Classes will recommence in Kiltormer Sports Complex on Friday 4th Sept. Class time 6.30 - 8pm. Classes include Traditional & Sport Karate, Self Defence and Fitness training. Suitable for adults & children over 7yrs. Club Instructors are qualified National Coaches and Black Belts. Beginners welcome to start any Friday. Contact 087 3082323 at any time or call in to the club any Friday evening.

Re Opening Dates for post-primary schools: **Banagher College Coláiste na Sionna**—Friday 28th August: 1st Years Induction Day; Monday 31st August: Leaving Certs / LCA2 / Junior Certs & JCA3 Return; Tuesday 1st September: LC1 / LCA1 / 2nd Years & JCA2 Return; Monday 7th September: TY Students Return. **St. Joseph's College, Garbally** and **Ard-Scoil Mhuire**—Wednesday 26th August, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: 1st years. Existing pupils have been notified by post.

St. Rynagh's Hurling Club Facilities Development Fund THE HIGH KINGS in Banagher College on Friday August 28th 2015. Tickets €20. Doors open at 8p.m. Tickets available @ 087 1894778.

The East Galway Family History Society at the Woodford Heritage Centre are looking for old school photographs, particularly between the 1911 and 1926 censuses for publication in their 2016 bilingual black and white calendar. All donors will be accredited accordingly, anyone interested please email galwayroots@eircom.net or telephone Monica at 0909749309 for more details.

The Burren Peaks Weekend of Walking Festival Friday Sept 11th to Sunday Sept 13th, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare: The festival offers guided hill and lowland walks varying in distance and grade catering for all walkers – choose from Ultra, Strenuous, Moderate or Easy walk. Groups, Clubs, and Individual Walkers welcome. Pre-Booking of walks essential. Entry fees from €5, closing date for entries 4th Sept. Nightly Entertainment. For more information www.burrenpeakswalkingfestival.com or Telephone 087 7779714.

Business Administration Information Technology Level 5 PLC Course. Applications for our Business Administration/Information Technology PLC course that starts in September at St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea are now being taken. Information available at 091 841919/0877469038. Email principal.stbrigidsvs@gretb.ie

Taking the rough with the smooth

'Does it seem to you that churches these days just expect too much from their people? Try us! We are the new and improved lite church. We have 24 per cent fewer commitments than other churches. We have only eight Commandments – you choose which ones apply each week. We are everything you want in a church... and less!' (*Anon*)

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not conform to his followers' expectations. His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and to follow. They are annoyed and offended. 'This is intolerable language,' they grumble, 'How could anyone accept it?' Though they were happy to accept his healings and miraculous feeding, they find his claims about eternal life confusing and upsetting.

Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow him. It's a free choice. Some of those in today's Gospel are not ready. Many of his disciples leave him. But, seeing what he has to offer, the twelve hang in there. 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life,' realises Peter.

What is our reaction to some of the more difficult sayings of Jesus? Do we brush them aside and focus only on the ones that suit us? Or, like Joshua in our Old Testament reading, are we ready to boldly declare: 'As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord'?

(from 'The Deep End' by Triona Doherty in Intercom)