



Weekend Mass Schedule

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	Laurencetown	6.00pm	10.00am	
	Gifford		11.30am	
	Chare	7.30pm		

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.30pm	10.00am	7.30pm	10.00am	9.30am
Gifford	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am

ANNIVERSARIES

Laurencetown

Sat 16th 6.00pm Mary, Kathleen & Patrick Maguire
Bridie & Vincent O'Dowd

Sun 17th 10.00am James & Roseann Campbell, Tullylish
Elizabeth, Paddy & Janany Short
Thomas Brown

Wed 20th 7.30pm Eamon Mass

Sat 23rd 6.00pm Mary Larkin
Rosemary Ferris

Sun 24th 10.00am - - - - -

Gifford

Sun 17th 11.30am Mary Alice Hughes, nee Craigie (MM)

Thurs 19th 10.00am Margaret McCann

Sun 24th 11.30am Shane Dorn
Sean McCurtain

Chare

Sat 16th 7.30pm Paddy & Eileen Moore
Margaret & James Drainey
Mary Valley
Bridie & Vincent O'Dowd

Sat 23rd 7.30pm - - - - -

Tullylish Parish welcomes Internet members into the Christian Community

Mar. Stephen Gifford, Craigavon
and congratulates his parents and family

5 Year	Class	6 Year	Total
47614	62682	68881	628647

Trocials total to date \$4591.00
Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions

Laurencetown Sunday 5.15 - 5.45pm
Gifford Sunday 10.45 - 11.15 am

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Laurencetown	Gifford	Chare
Sat 16th P. Beatty		
Sun 17th J. Campbell	J. Kelly	J. O'Brien
Sat 23rd C. Campbell		R. Morgan
Sun 24th R. McCann	R. Cowan	

We send our prayers and best wishes to all who are travelling to Lourdes, especially those who will be staying at the Lourdes Hospital. For those who are not travelling on this year's pilgrimage, you can join in spirit, by reciting the following prayer each day from Sun 17th to Fri 22nd May.

Prayer to our Lady of Lourdes

Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God.
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
Mary, our Mother, have pity on us.
Our Lady of Lourdes, heal us, for the love and honor of the Holy Trinity.
Our Lady of Lourdes, heal us, for the conversion of sinners.
Heal the sick, pray for us.
Succour of sinners, pray for us.
O Mary conceived without stain,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3)

O God, through the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, send down to us the graces we need, so that we may celebrate the Apparition of this Immaculate Virgin, health of soul and body.
Through the name Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen

Congratulations to the girls and boys from St. John's Primary School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

Cemetery Sunday - Sunday 24th May 2009

Laurencetown 2.30pm & Chare 4.00pm

The ceremony begins inside the church with readings, homily and Benediction. After Benediction the Rosary will be recited and prayers recited for the deceased. You will then be invited to process to the graves for the blessing. The whole ceremony will be relayed through the outside speaker systems at our churches and cemeteries for the benefit of those who do not come inside the church.

We ask that you bring a bottle of water with you which will be blessed after the recitation of the Rosary and then members of your family may, at the appropriate time, sprinkle your family grave with the holy water.

To help our parish meet the increasing costs of the care and maintenance of our cemeteries, parishioners and visitors are asked to be generous to the Cemetery Collection. This year the graves of the Parish are in the process of being restored. In preparation for Cemetery Sunday relatives and visitors to our cemeteries are asked to help maintain the sacred character of our cemeteries by ensuring that all rubbish and discarded wreaths are put into the skips or taken away for disposal. To have discarded wreaths at the end of paths or on open spaces spoils the appearance of our cemeteries and increases the maintenance costs.

T.L.C. TABLE QUIZ

Sunday 24th May 2009
7.30pm
THE DEN
Admission £5.00
(includes light supper)
Proceeds in aid of Parish Funds

They are eagerly needed bowls, and other articles of clothing for premature babies, babies for froggies etc. We are asking for help with the project, so please drop in. If you have any odd bits of wool or knitting needles, they would be very good for them. Many thanks to all who have already sent in wool.

The T.L.C. Group meet every Tuesday maintaining cemeteries from 10.30am - 12.30pm

Laurencetown Church Appeal

I would like to thank those parishioners who have contacted me with promises of financial help. A personal appeal is made to the many, many, some of whom are young workers who, perhaps, could not contribute, to assist their fellow parishioners by giving a little to the weekly collection and therefore making the burden that little bit lighter for all. We also appeal to former parishioners living in other parishes or abroad. The following donations have been gratefully received: £1,420.00, £420.00, £1,420.00, £1,420.00 and 1 x £200, 11 x £100.00. Thank you.

The work will begin in the first week of June and will take ten weeks to complete. During that time the church will be closed. The weekend masses will be celebrated in St. Columba's Bawn Primary School and the weekday masses in the Den. Funeral and Baptisms will be celebrated at the Chare and Gifford.

Fr. Gerry Powell
Parish Priest

Anyone wishing to leave a donation can do so by contacting Fr. G. Powell or the Parish Office.

TULLYLISH G.A.C.
LOTTO Numbers: 6, 8, 10, 14
3 No winners; 2 McDermott, C Murphy, C Thompson
No Jackpot Winner next week £250.00

Football Training (now at Tullylish Club Hall)
Monday 11.00 to 6.00pm
Tuesday 10.00 to 6.00pm, Wednesday 10.00 to 6.00pm

The Traditional May Altar

Like the May devotions themselves, the custom of the May Altar stems from southern European countries. A report from France in 1842 speaks of Our Lady's Altar in May showing off in rich splendour, while the families also erected and decorated small house altars. "All of nature, awakened to new life in springtime, is presented to honor Mary, who has been 'in use of flowers, a May of the valleys'" (Song of Songs 2, 2).

To make a traditional May altar place a statue of Our Lady in your living room and make a little shrine. Place the statue on a pretty cloth and then decorate with flowers - carnations, primroses, the white mayflower and other wild flowers are traditional.

Fr. Powell will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 20th May in the Laurencetown at 7.30pm for all our young parishioners who are taking exams at this time.

Many of our young parishioners are preparing to take their exams. We wish them well and ensure them of our prayers at this stressful time.

O God of wisdom,
Come to you this day and ask you to illuminate my mind and heart.
Let your Holy Spirit be with me as I prepare for exams.
guiding my studies and giving me insight so that I can perform to the best of my ability.
Please grant me the strength to handle the pressure of these final days.
The confidence to feel secure in my knowledge,
and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all.
Help me to keep my mind on what is really important, even as I focus all my time and energy on these exams in the immediate future.
This I ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Laurencetown Pre-school Playgroup (LPP) is currently taking names for its September 2009 playing table which will operate on a Monday and Tuesday afternoons. To be considered for a place children must have been born between 2.7.06 and 1.4.07. The deadline for the submission of names is Friday 22nd May 2009. In addition, LPP have a couple of free places available for September in its pre-school provision (ie for children born between 2.7.05 and 1.7.06) - contact Robert on 4062 3770