

Kilconieran & Clostoken Parish

Carrabane, Athenry, Co. Galway



**Holy Family
Clostoken**



**Holy Family Centre
Carrabane**



**Immaculate Conception
Kilconieran**

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Pope's Intention for April-For Priests in Crisis- Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

To view the Newsletter online visit www.clonfertdiocese.ie

Sunday 12th April. Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

(Lectionary: Cycle A in Ordinary Time. Year of Matthew Weekdays Cycle 2)

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<u>MASSES – Weekends & Special Intentions</u>		Weekday Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre
Sat: 11th April: Kilconieron: 7.30pm (A) Paddy Burke (A) Bertha & Stephen Carthy (MM) Maureen Larkin		
Sun: 12th April: Clostoken: 10am		
Sat: 18th April: Kilconieron: 7.30pm (A) Ann Coye (A) Christy Callanan (A) Beth Harty		<u>Servers</u> Team E Team F Team G Team H
Sun: 19th April: Clostoken: 10am (A) Ben Corban		
<u>Ministers of God's Word</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	
Sat: 11th April: Matt Loughnane	Bridie Martyn	
Sun: 12th April: Catherine McGrath	Gerry Plower	
Sat: 18th April: Ann Brady	Marian Hynes	
Sun: 19th April: Bridie Martin	Emer Burke	

Though for the Day: In whatever state a soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it may rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer.

Points to Ponder: There are times when we seem to be all alone in the world. There are times when we wonder if God is really out there, during loss, illness: we long for some sign that he is out there, and that he cares about us. And we, like Thomas. Begin to doubt.

If you hang around skeptical, unbelieving people, then you are in trouble. Your faith is not fed, belief does not do well in faithless company any more than resistance to drugs rarely survives well among drug-taking friends. Faith is like a muscle in the body: if you do not use it, it begins to weaken. If you do not exercise your faith, it too dies.

The way you exercise your faith is by living it. First and foremost, you have to talk to God because you cannot have a relationship with anyone unless you communicate with them. When Death asks the question, 'Is there anyone out there' the answer is a firm 'Yes!'

If you are a person of faith, hold on to it. Exercise it, use it, it is a gift more precious than gold. You are indeed fortunate when you can say, and believe, the words of St. Thomas, 'My Lord and my God'.

Priests Easter Collection: Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that supports the payment of your Priest. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

2026 National Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 19th April. Starting at 9.45am.

Trocaire: The annual collection for Trocaire will be taken up at all masses the weekend of the 11th /12th April. Thank you for your support of those in need through this worthy charity. Ways to donate include using the Trocaire box or envelope or online at trocaire.ie.

Feast of Divine Mercy: Will be celebrated in the Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea on Sunday April 12th at 2.30pm.

Why Not: Offer the rosary on this Divine Mercy Sunday for peace and forgiveness in our own lives and in the wider world.

Calling Young Adults to Join the 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Between the ages of 18 and 25. Interested in joining the Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 as a member of pilgrimage staff?. Become part of the vibrant team assisting pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to travel. For those who have taken part in the past it has been an unforgettable and enriching experience. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 29th June to 4th July. For further information, staff rates, and application forms contact Darina at 085 2288043 or email dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie or contact your local priest.

Sincere Thanks: A very special word of thanks to all who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies and to all who planned them, to the Choir, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristan's. Altar Society. A very sincere word of thanks. May god bless you all.

