

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 Feb-For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

To view the Newsletter online visit www.clonfertdiocese.ie

Sunday 1st Feb. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Brigid Patron of Ireland

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

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MASSES – Weekends & Special Intentions		Weekday
Sat: 31 st Jan: Kilconieran: 6.30pm		Mon
Sun: 1 st Feb: Clostoken: 10am		9.30am
Mon: 2 nd Feb: Clostoken 6.30pm The Presentation of the Lord		Holy
Tue 3 rd Feb: Kilconieron 6.30pm St Blaise		Family
Sat: 7 th Feb: Kilconieron: 6.30pm		Centre
Sun: 8 th Feb: Clostoken: 10am		
Ministers of God's Word	Eucharistic Minister	Servers
Sat: 31 st Jan: Matt Loughnane	Marguerite Martin	Team I
Sun: 1 st Feb: Eabha Doherty	Eddie Kenny	Team J
Sat: 7 th Feb: Patricia Reidy	Bridie Martyn	Team A
Sun: 8 th Feb: Marcus Doherty	Brigid Ryan	Team B

Parish Church Envelopes 2026: The 2026 parish church envelopes have been distributed to every household. If you have not received your envelope box, please contact the parish office. Sincere thanks to those who distributed the envelopes.

St. Brigid Patron of Ireland-Sunday 1st February: St. Brigid crosses will be blessed at all masses this weekend.

Presentation of the Lord-Monday 2nd February: Mass in Clostoken church at 6.30pm and blessing of candles.

Candlemas Day-2nd February: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, known as Candlemas Day. Candles for home and church use will be blessed on the day. Mass in Clostoken church at 6.30pm. We welcome candles for use in our churches.

St. Blaise-Tuesday 3rd February: Mass in Kilconieron church at 6.30pm and blessing of throats.

Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking-Sunday 1st February:

Our Lady of Lourdes-World Day of the Sick-Wednesday 11th February:

First Friday Calls to the Sick and Housebound: Fr. Lawless will visit the sick and housebound on Friday 6th February.

Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena: Takes place between Monday the 2nd and Tuesday 10th February 2026. For further information

www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena.

Though for the Day: Once Brendan the Navigator stood on a cliff top watching two whales engaging in fierce combat. Suddenly, the smaller whale, in a human voice, cried out for help not to Brendan but to Brigid, who was not even present. Immediately, the combat ceased. Brendan was puzzled as to why he had been ignored. 'Do you always think about God?' Asked Brigid, when the two met. 'Yes' replied Brendan, except at times when my boat is caught in a storm at sea and I have to concentrate on keeping it afloat.' 'That's the explanation,' Brigid answered. 'From the moment I first knew God, I have never let him out of my mind, and I never shall.'

Points to Ponder: Each of the beatitudes describes an aspect of Jesus. Jesus is poor in spirit. He was born in a stable to poor, humble parents (cf. Luke 2). Jesus mourns when his friend Lazarus dies (cf. John 11:35). Jesus is 'meek and humble of heart' (Matthew 11:29). Jesus hungers and thirsts for righteousness when he cleanses the temple (Matthew 21:12). Jesus is mercy itself: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice' (Matthew 9.13). Jesus is clean of heart, conceived immaculately, and born of an immaculate mother (cf. Luke 1:26-36). He undoes Adam's sin with his own sinlessness (cf. Romans 5:12-21). Jesus is peace itself, and he offers us his peace, which the world cannot give us (cf. John 14:27). Jesus was and is still persecuted, and many evil and false accusations were made against him at his trial (cf. Mark 14:56). He was persecuted until death, 'even death on a cross' (Philippians 2:8). We who are his disciples are called to imitate the beatitudes in imitation of him, the example par excellence of all virtues. Jesus is the source of all virtues. When we practice imitating Christ and pray to the Holy Spirit to bless us with his gifts, we will joyfully bear fruit and glorify God (cf. John 15:8). The things that will make us happy are the things that will bring us closer to God. What Jesus is teaching us is that holiness will lead to our happiness.