

Kilconieran & Clostown Parish

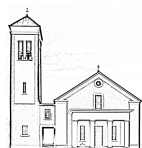
Carrabane, Athenry, Co. Galway



**Holy Family
Clostown**



**Holy Family Centre
Carrabane**



**Immaculate Conception
Kilconieran**

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Pope's Intention for Sept: For Our Relationship With All OF Creation: Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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Sunday 28th Sept. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Lectionary: Year C. Year of Luke Weekdays Cycle 1)

20-C. M.B-25

MASSES – Weekends & Special Intentions		Weekday
Sat: 27th Sept: Clostown: 7.30pm No Mass		Mon
Sun: 28th Sept: Kilconieran: 10am (A) Ethan Smyth Renton		9.30am
Sat: 4th Oct: Clostown: 7.30pm (A) Michael & Peggy Roche		Holy
(A) Bernie Spellman		Family
(1 st A) Michael Fallon		Centre
Sun: 5th Oct: Kilconieran: 10am (1 st A) Raymond Egan		Servers
Ministers of God's Word	Eucharistic Minister	Team B
		Team A
		Team D
		Team C
Sat: 27th Sept Mairin Spellman	Gerry Plower	
Sun: 28th Sept Emer Burke	Marian Hynes	
Sat: 4th Oct: Ann Dolan	Catherine McGrath	
Sun: 5th Oct: Marian Hynes	Emer Burke	

Weekly Offertory Collection- 21/09/2025: €650.

First Friday Calls: Fr. Lawless will visit the sick and housebound on Friday 3rd Oct.

Peace with Creation: This year's Season of Creation has as its theme 'Peace and Creation' inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18. In this time of deep unease, with pressure points at home, conflict zones in Europe and further afield, a sense of overwhelm and despair is felt/prevalent, even in our island of green fields

and abundant rain! It's quite a common mantra to be overwhelmed by all the challenging issues facing our communities, local and global.

Though for the Day: Why would a man leave his wife, aware, before his journey is even started, of the possibility of being tortured to death? Why would a woman put her kids in danger on an overcrowded boat, with no food or water?

Why would a young boy hide in the engine of a bus to cross a border?

Why would a young girl climb over a fence and risk being killed or shot at any time?

HOPE

Hope is the driving force that pushes all of us, the hope of surviving, hope for a better life, the hope of salvation.

Points to Ponder: Today's Gospel is about how we live today. Jesus is telling us that how we live today has consequences for tomorrow, not just for ourselves but for others too. Jesus is asking us, regardless of our income, to face the poverty in ourselves and the world.

Lazarus doesn't just represent poverty in the world, he also represents the rich man's impoverishment. I suspect that's one reason why we set gates between the rich and the poor. We don't want to look in the eyes of Lazarus and see ourselves. If we did, if we ever truly saw impoverishment in the world and in ourselves, it would ask something of us.

Look at all the ways we set gates between ourselves and others; between the rich and the poor, the powerful and the powerless. What if we opened the gates of compassion and concern for others, generosity and sharing, healing and wholeness, forgiveness and reconciliation, justice and peace, vulnerability and love? What would that take? And what would it mean for your life?

Look at your life and world. What are the closed gates in your life today? What gates are separating you from yourself or another? What is impoverishing you today? It might be fear, anger, resentment, jealousy, indifference, guilt, grief, old wounds, loneliness, cynicism, prejudice, or a thousand other things.

Our gates are being rattled. Every day our gates are being rattled.

Lazarus is knocking, rattling your gate and my gate. Lazarus is knocking.

ATU St Angelas: Is inviting applications for Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery, beginning Autumn 2025. The programme is open to Qualified Primary and Post-Primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation on teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for applications is Friday 15th August 2025. Further info. Contact Mary Kearns at mary.kearns@atu.ie website www.atu.ie

Senior Alert Scheme Grant: If you are 65 or older: and would like to apply for a personal alarm under the Seniors Alert Scheme Grant, for your safety and peace of mind, please call Galway at 091 867892 or email galwaycontact@gmail.com.